

**Caucasus University
Caucasus School of Governance**

Program Name in English	International Relations and Politics 3-Year Joint Program (with New Jersey City University – NJCU, USA)
Program Name in Georgian	საერთაშორისო ურთიერთობებისა და პოლიტიკის 3-წლიანი ერთობლივი პროგრამა (ნიუ ჯერსის სითი უნივერსიტეტთან ერთად - NJCU, აშშ)
Level of Higher Education	Bachelor's
Type of Educational Programme	Academic
Language of Instruction	English
Awarded Qualification and code	0312
English:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caucasus University - Bachelor of International Relations 2. New Jersey City University (USA) - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
ქართულად:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. კავკასიის უნივერსიტეტი - საერთაშორისო ურთიერთობების ბაკალავრი 2. ნიუ ჯერსი სითი უნივერსიტეტი (აშშ) - პუმანიტარული მეცნიერებების ბაკალავრი პოლიტიკის მეცნიერებაში
Date of Program Approval and Renewal	Program is approved by the Caucasus University President Order N01/01-84, on 04.11.2025.
Program Director/Co-director	Eka Akobia, Affiliated Professor
Program structure and credits	<p>200 ECTS (120 US credits) are needed to achieve the results of the Joint Bachelor's Program in International Relations and Politics. Standard duration of the Program is 3 (three) academic years. The first two years (150 ECTS; 75 ECTS a year) are taught at Caucasus University and the last, 3rd year (50 ECTS/30 US credits) at NJCU.</p> <p>1 ECTS equals 25 study hours, which includes class hours and time spent on independent work (midterm and final examinations, as well as homework assignments).</p> <p>The program envisages courses from a narrow sphere of studies and the free component learning courses:</p>

Learning courses of the main field (155 ECTS):

- Mandatory learning courses - 140 ECTS;
- Elective learning courses - 15 ECTS.

Learning courses of the free component (45 ECTS credits):

- University Mandatory learning courses - 15 ECTS;
- English language (mandatory) - 10 ECTS;
- Second foreign language (mandatory) - 20 ECTS.

Program Admission Requirements

- Any person who has completed a full secondary education is able to enroll in the program.
- The pre-condition for enrolment in the program is passing the Unified National Examinations. Examinations are conducted by LEPL the National Examinations Centre. Any exceptions to the Law on Enrolment at Higher Education Institutions are allowed only in the cases prescribed by the relevant law.
- Passing the English Language as a foreign language exam in the Unified National Examinations is a mandatory requirement for the program enrolment.
- Prospective students eligible to the program without having passed the Unified National Examinations must attest English language B2 level of proficiency (IELTS-6.0; TOEFL-78; or other relevant international certificate confirming B2 level proficiency) or he/she has to pass a University administered English language B2 level exam.
- Mobility to the program is allowed in accordance to procedures set by the relevant law.

Precondition for granting a degree

The precondition for granting a degree is completion of the program components within the prescribed deadlines.

Description of the Program

Program Objective	<p>Joint program in International Relations and Politics aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Provide students with comprehensive knowledge of international relations and politics, and prepare them for further study at the Master's level or for professional engagement in public, private, and nonprofit sectors. II. Equip students with fundamental understanding of the theories, principles, and practices of governance, diplomacy, and global politics, enabling them to interpret and analyze domestic, regional, and international political processes and actors. III. In accordance with the University Mission, develop students' research, analytical, and professional communication skills in multiple languages, allowing them to critically evaluate complex policy challenges and contribute effectively to academic, governmental, or international organizational settings. IV. Prepare competitive, practice-oriented specialists with broad comparative knowledge and transferable skills who uphold universal democratic values and contribute responsibly to the advancement of humankind in diplomacy, governance, and international affairs at local or international level.
Program Learning Outcomes	<p>Knowledge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explains key concepts, theories, and subject matter of international relations and politics in Georgian, American, and global contexts. 2. Identifies major historical and contemporary trends, institutions, and events that shape domestic, regional, and international politics. 3. Distinguishes the roles, agendas, and interactions of state and non-state actors, including governmental, intergovernmental, and transnational organizations. <p>Skills</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Analyzes political and international issues using appropriate research methods, ethical standards, and evidence-based reasoning. 5. Communicates persuasively in academic and professional settings, both orally and in writing, including in at least one foreign language. 6. Applies critical reasoning, negotiation, and problem-solving skills in diverse institutional and cross-cultural environments. <p>Responsibility & Autonomy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Plans and implements individual and group projects responsibly, based on the principles of ethical norms and academic honesty.
Building a Career	<p>Graduates of the International Relations and Politics joint program pursue careers in diplomacy, public administration, and international organizations, as well as in policy analysis, research, and advocacy within government, think tanks, NGOs, and civil society. They are also well positioned for roles in multinational corporations, consulting, and media, where global awareness and cross-cultural competencies are in demand. With solid comparative knowledge, analytical skills, and commitment to democratic values, graduates are competitive in local and international employment</p>

	market.
Continuation of Education	Program graduates are able to continue their studies at the graduate level of education.

Teaching and Learning Methods

In the teaching–learning process, various methods are used that complement each other and ensure the achievement of results. Taking into account the specifics of the field, the following types of methods are applied:

- Verbal, i.e., oral method
- Working with books
- Laboratory method and demonstration method
- Practical methods
- Discussion/debate
- Group (collaborative) work
- Problem-based learning (PBL)
- Explanatory method
- Action-oriented learning
- Electronic learning (E-learning)
- Case study method
- Deductive method of teaching
- Method of analysis
- Method of synthesis, and others.

In the teaching–learning process, the methods complement and substitute for each other. The teaching–learning methods of a specific course are reflected in the corresponding course syllabus.

Program Curriculum

Nº	Course Code	Prerequisite	Course	Study Year			ECTS			
				I	II	III				
				ECTS Allocation						
				I Semester	II Semester	III Semester	IV Semester			
V Semester										
Learning courses of a narrow sphere										
Mandatory Learning Courses – 140 ECTS										
1.	JPHIL 1150		Fundamentals of Contemporary Thought	5						
2.	JCIVI 1150		Culture and Civilization	5						
3.	JPOLS 1250		Introduction to Political Science	5						
4.	JIR 2150		Introduction to International Relations	5						
5.	JCOMP 2250		Introduction to Comparative Politics	5						
6.	JDIP 1250		History of Diplomacy - XVII-XIX Century	5						
7.	JSTAT 1250		Statistical Reasoning	5						
8.	JSOCP 1150		Social Psychology	5						
9.	JPA 2150		Introduction to Public Administration	5						
10.	JCFP 0050		Comparative Foreign Policy	5						
11.	JQQDA 2151		Research Methods	5						
12.	JECON 2150		Introduction to Economics	5						
13.	JLAW 2251		Introduction to International Law	5						
14.	JIRT 3250	JIR 2150	Theories of International Relations			5				
15.	JIE 2250	JECON 2150	Introduction to International Economics			5				
16.	JDIP 2250		History of Diplomacy - XX-XXI Century			5				
17.	JINTS 3150	JIR 2150	Fundamentals of International Security			5				

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18.	JEUIP 3250		EU Institutions and Politics				5			
19.	POLI 102		United States Politics					5		
20.	POLI 116		Government and Business in United States					5		
21.	POLI 202		State and Local Government					5		
22.	POLI 250		International Political Economy					5		
23.	POLI 327	JIR 2150 JCFP 0050	UN and World Affairs					5		
24.	POLI 120		Global Challenges						5	
25.	POLI 310		Global Issues of Urgency						5	
26.	POLI 313		Civil Liberties in the United States						5	
27.	POLI 334		Issues of War and Peace						5	
28.	POLI 440	POLI 327	United Nations Workshop						5	
Optional learning courses -15 ECTS										
29.	JHRD 2250		Human Rights and Democracy							
30.	JDD 3150		Digital Diplomacy							
31.	JGPSD 3150		“Green Politics” and sustainable development							
32.	JGFDP 3250		Foreign and Defence Policy of Georgia							
33.	JLAPS 0050		Latin American Political Systems							
34.	JMEAS 0050		Politics of Middle East							

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35.	JIT 0050		International Terrorism					
36.	JWET 0050		Ethics of War - its Advantages and Limitations				5	
37.	JEVI 3250		European Values and Ideologies					
Learning courses of the free component								
University Mandatory learning courses - 45 ECTS								
38.	JCIS 1151		Information Technologies	5				
39.	JHIST 0003		History of Georgia	5				
40.	JACWR 0007		Academic Writing	5				
41.	JENGL 0009		General English C1.0	5				
42.	JESP 0001 JGERM 0001 JFREN 0001		Foreign language, I part (A1.0)	5				
43.	JENGL 0010	JENGL 0009	General English C1		5			
44.	JESP 0002 JGERM 0002 JFREN 0002	Foreign language, I part A1.0	Foreign language, II part (A1)		5			

45.	JESP 0003 JGERM 0003 JFREN 0003	Foreign language, II part A1	Foreign language, III part (A2.0)			5			
46.	JESP 0004 JGERM 0004 JFREN 0004	Foreign language, III part A2.0	Foreign language, IV part (A2)			5			
ECTS Credits			Per semester	35	40	35	40	25	25
			Per year	75		75		50	
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