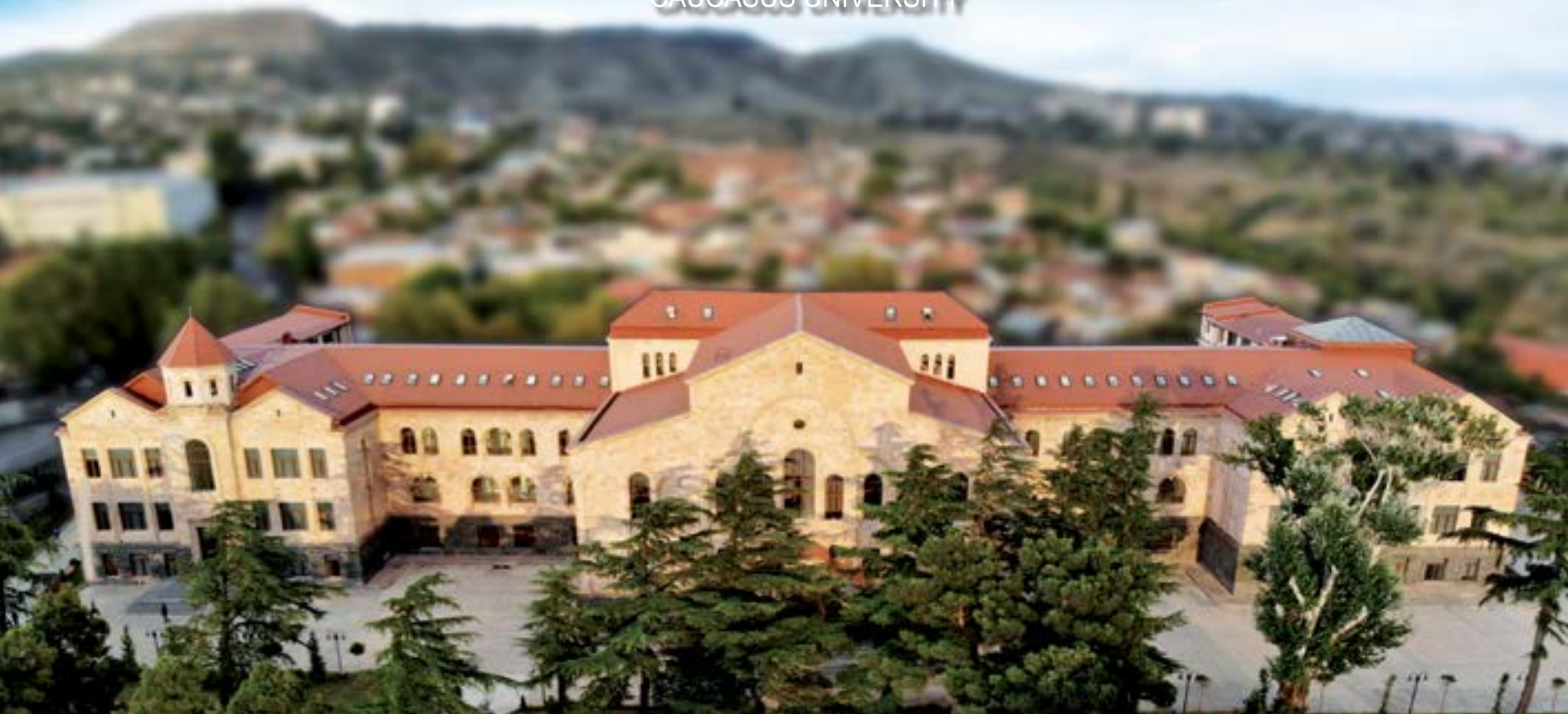


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CAUCASUS UNIVERSITY



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Caucasus University (CU) is one of the most prominent Higher Education Institutions in Georgia and Eastern Europe. The main priority of CU is to ensure a high quality education in order to equip students with the knowledge, skills and core competences they need to succeed after graduation.

The university offers a number of academic programs in English that are designed to meet the challenges of the competitive global market. The world-class curricula are designed and taught by experienced practitioners and academics from Georgia and from all over the world. We are committed to developing and enhancing international teaching and research partnerships.

Innovation and internationalization of the university are at the core of the strategic goals that we have defined for the coming years. Establishing a network between the universities and the business community is an essential component for Caucasus University to be connected to the corporate world. We are striving to create organizational and corporate linkages, and explore innovative ways to connect our students and projects with relevant universities, companies, professionals and experts. We are proud to have 11 cooperation agreements in more than 90 countries, a strong professional network with 45 institutions worldwide and up to 90 MoUs with industries.

As one of the leading private universities, well known for its quality and integrity, CU welcomes international students who are eager to challenge themselves with a demanding academic schedule that combines classroom study, field trips, excursions, social events, and more. Located on a historical campus, one of the best in the country, CU can contribute a great experience and allow you to meet new people and to experience the culture of Georgia.

We look forward to meeting you!

Kakha Shengelia

President

Caucasus University (CU)

International Association of University Presidents (IAUP)

HISTORY

The History of Caucasus University (CU) began in 1998, when the US Government via a grant from the Eurasia Foundation and the US Information Agency (USIA), in cooperation with Georgia State University (GSU), funded the Caucasus School of Business (CSB) and introduced the first Western Style business education in Georgia. Caucasus University was established in the year 2004, on the basis of Caucasus School of Business. After beginning its operation in 1999, CSB launched its first BBA, MBA and PhD programs followed by establishing Caucasus University as a private, higher education institution in 2004. The university grants Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees to its graduates in accordance with the rules and laws of Georgian legislation.

Nowadays, CU has ten Schools: Business, Law, Media, Technology, Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences, Tourism, Medicine and Healthcare Management, Economics and Doctoral and provides a high quality, world-class education through a combination of well-designed curricula and exceptional faculty with academic credentials and practical experience necessary for delivering an outstanding education. Its curricula are supported through participation in international programs and by visiting professors. Engaging teaching methods are used, which are buttressed with professional experience and exchange programs for both students and scholars. Courses are delivered by internationally qualified professional lecturers and professors, which ensures preparation of highly-qualified specialists in various fields.

Furthermore, we are proud to announce that CU has moved to a new, historically significant campus in one of the most pastoral locations of Tbilisi. A nationally covered opening of the campus attracted visits from the President, the Minister of Education and a number of international friends.

CAMPUS HISTORY

Caucasus University started 2017-2018 academic year in a new campus, which with its infrastructure and modern equipment is one of the largest higher educational institutions not only in Georgia but in the whole south Caucasus region.

This historical building, once a seminary that had been in possession of Caucasus University since 2005, was initially constructed in 1909. Before the relocation, reconstruction works were under way for several years to allow the preservation of unique culture and architecture. Consequently, all the parts of the seminary capable of being restored have been reconstructed.

The University has created a comfortable environment for the convenience of its students with a plethora of required modern facilities – media studio, start-up accelerator, peace study institute, moot court, modern library, literary café, sports field and professionally landscaped green territory.



VISION

The vision of Caucasus University is to become an internationally recognized and ethically grounded University in the Caucasus region and beyond by creating the educational space where every stakeholder will achieve his/her maximum potential.

MISSION

The mission of Caucasus University is to nurture competitive, highly qualified, morally sound specialists faithful to democratic values and principles of democracy. They will be specialists who design and implement research-oriented teaching and learning, as they go about satisfying the educational requirements of an open society.



DISTINCTIVE ELEMENTS OF CU EDUCATION:

- Internationalization
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Industry linkages
- Social responsibility
- Sustainability



ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its founding, CU has accumulated a significant reputation on both domestic and international markets. The most important factor in this development is a reliable, high-end education, close cooperation with various international partners, a number of dual degree and exchange programs and near complete alumni employment.

Attesting to its quality, the university was granted International Quality Accreditation by the Central and Eastern European Management Development Association (CEEMAN) in 2005 and Institutional Reauthorization and Reaccreditation by the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia in 2014. In addition, CU has received AACSB eligibility pass in 2018. CU is a member of CEEMAN, EFMD, AACSB, IAUP, IAU, NIBES, ELFA, GEM, EPLO, etc., as well as many other international and local networks.



Some of the achievements of CU and its schools include:

- The President of Caucasus University leads the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) 2017-2020 Presidency;
- CSB is an off-site campus of a Triple Crown (three international accreditation holder - AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA) University: Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM));
- CU-Grenoble MBA program was ranked 60th among the 100 best global programs for executive education by the Financial Times (Financial Times EMBA 2018 Ranking), a first for Georgian education, and called the highest riser of the year by the magazine. Moreover, CU-Grenoble MBA program took 28th place according to QS World University Rankings 2018;
- Caucasus School of Business was rated the best in the Caucasus and was given 1st rank by Eduniversal in the years 2011-2017;
- 8 CU MA/MBA programs were named as one of the best globally by Eduniversal Masters Ranking in the years 2013-2017;
- Caucasus University faculty are engaged in international teaching in more than 20 countries;
- Being one of the few universities in the Caucasus developing responsible social management, CU has been a member of the PRME since 2008;
- Students of Caucasus School of Law are World Vice-Champions;
- A short film made by Caucasus School of Media Graduates has been officially selected for the 14th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF).

KEY FACTS AND FEATURES

* 10 Schools

- Business
- Law
- Media
- Technology
- Governance
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Tourism
- Medicine and Healthcare Management
- Economics
- Doctoral

* 20 years of educational experience

* 220 Academic Personnel/Researchers

* More than 600 invited lecturers

* 47 programs including

- 21 Bachelor's
- 22 Master's
- 4 Doctoral

* Up to 4000 Students

* 98% of graduates employed

* 95 agreements and MoUs with employers

* Dual Degree programs:

- Undergraduate Double Degree with Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM), France
- Undergraduate Double Degree with ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal
- Undergraduate Double Degree with Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences, Austria
- Undergraduate Double Degree with Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Graduate Double Degree with Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM), France

* Partnerships with more than 130 international universities and institutions worldwide

* Erasmus+ International credit Mobility projects with 39 EU partner universities

* Jean Monnet Chair

* GEM Georgia National Team

Facilities:

- Library
- Media Studio
- Training Center
- Startup Accelerator C10
- Moot Court
- 10 Computer Labs
- Electronics Laboratory
- Laboratory of Histology/Clinical Skills

Research Centers:

- Institute of Peace Studies
- Economics Research Center
- Georgian Employment Research Center
- Scientific-Research Center of Caucasus School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Scientific-Research Center of Caucasus School of Law

SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS

Caucasus University is a progressive educational institution, with major emphasis on continuous scientific research and advancement. Hence, the Scientific Department is the arm that manages and conducts the bulk of conceptual and empirical research at Caucasus University. The aim of the academic department is to analyze research priorities and conduct appropriate studies so as to improve the comprehension of the role and impact of corporate business on society and environment and to develop managerial solutions to emerging problems.

The Scientific Department actively cooperates with various international and local organizations and conducts research as part of many global projects. The activities of the department also include the organization of annual scientific and international conferences, which attract experts from all over the world. The programs and projects of scientific importance that were vital to the development of CU are many, the most important of which are funded by such organizations as: EU International Cooperation

FP-7, INTAS, KOMNINOI, Mason University, Open Society Georgia, USAID, TACIS, DFID, the World Bank and UNDP, EC, H2020, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, etc.

By participating in the aforementioned projects, CU researches have gained wide experience needed for training public officials and carrying out reforms.

With a view of summarizing the works of CU academics and presenting their findings to the scientific community, with no outside funding involved, Caucasus University publishes “The Collection of Scientific works of Caucasus University Lecturers”. All the research done by CU academics as well as the findings of the conferences and other scientifically important news are published in this periodical. More recently, the Economics Research Center, which monitors and studies the Georgian economy, has been established; and CSB has become the national team for the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) for which it carries out research and provides it with data on the state of entrepreneurship in Georgia.

SCHOOLS

CU is one of the most prominent higher educational institutions, not only in Georgia but also in the Eastern Europe. Currently, CU provides Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral degree programs in its ten schools. The school curriculum, modules, syllabi and grading system meet the requirements of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).



CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Established in 1998, Caucasus School of Business (CSB) soon became a top business school in Georgia. CSB offers programs created according to international standards on undergraduate, graduate levels.

At the undergraduate level, CSB offers a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Program (with Specializations in Finance, Marketing, Management and Accounting) and a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business. Both programs are offered in the Georgian and English languages.

At the graduate level, we have four Master's programs: MSc in Management, MBA (with specializations in Finance, Management and Marketing), a Dual CSB-GEM MBA (joint venture between Grenoble Ecole de Management and Caucasus School of Business, leading towards two degrees) and MA in Agri-Business Management. The Master's programs are designed to deliver different specializations and reach different segments of students. The first program is for inexperienced young college graduates, while the second is for mid-level professionals with at least two years of working experience, and the last is for accomplished managers and executives.

The Dual CSB-GEM MBA is the only program from Georgia which reached the Financial Times's ranking list and is ranked as the 60th best Executive MBA in the world. Caucasus School of Business has been ranked as the top business school in Caucasus for the last seven consecutive years by Eduniversal accreditation body.

CSB has built a strong network of alumni, achieving 98% employment among its undergraduate and 100% among master level graduates.



CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF LAW

Caucasus School of Law (CSL) was founded in 2005, with the aim of creating appropriate conditions for the realization of the individual's potential and providing a three-stage education in Law, including a Bachelor's program (LLB), a Master's program and a Doctoral program (PhD).

Some of the achievements of Caucasus School of Law are as follows: CSL team became the vice-champion in an international student championship held at Nebraska University on April 20, 2015, the topic of which was Client Consulting. CSL won second place in the final round of the competition organized by the Educational Center of Justice on May 18, 2016 and ended up the winner in the category of "the Best Defense" in the contest on Family Violence organized by the High School of Justice on July 10, 2016.

CSL has a Moot Court, where students are encouraged to hold mock trials.

Among the priorities of the school are exchange and dual programs with foreign partner universities, high quality of learning/teaching, teaching in the English language with practice oriented curricula (with special emphasis on the research component) and the high employment rate of its graduates.

CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF MEDIA

Founded in 2007, the Caucasus School of Media (CSM) was created in accordance with the western experience. Fully meeting internationally recognized standards, the school offers Bachelor's and Master's programs in Media and Communication. Bachelor's degree students of Journalism and Mass Communication learn the basics of the new media, print and photo journalism, and the principles of advertising and public relations. In the program of Public Relations, students acquire a deep knowledge of Psychology and Social Sciences, which gives them a solid foundation for starting a successful career in any field of Mass Communication. Along with Journalism, we offer a Master's program in Strategic Communication, which is a novelty in the Georgian educational market. This specialization allows students to find employment opportunities in public relations and advertising and to enhance their expertise.

CSM programs, designed to meet modern market demands, are notable in Georgia for our primary concern for our students' future employment and their successful professional career. We keep in constant contact with potential employers operating in the media and communications market. In addition, CSM has a highly equipped Media Studio, which is divided into two parts - TV Studio and Online Radio.

CSM students start their professional careers by participating in various internship programs before graduating from the university. The process is facilitated by the school administration, and with instructors and professors with western education and appropriate qualification, who in many cases become our students' future employers and mentors. A near total employment rate of our graduates is a sure indicator of the school's success.



CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Established in 2008, Caucasus School of Technology (CST) has developed academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, meeting international standards and satisfying the demands of local and global labor markets.

Currently the school offers Bachelor's programs in Architecture, Electronics and Computer Technology, Informatics and Programming. CST also offers a Master's program in IT Management, which gives students a chance to be competitive in today's job market and take leading positions through gaining a strong set of technical and managerial skills necessary to succeed in the IT field.

The CST programs structure allows students to be "job ready" and offer opportunities for career advancement. Together with the general educational and English language courses, the programs provide theory based and practice oriented teaching. Among CST academic staff are academics and practitioners from leading companies who can share their practical experience with students.

CST students have opportunities to participate in many interesting activities and events, such as hackathons, programming contests, student conferences, sport competitions, field trips, hiking events, and so on. Students have an opportunity to join or start student organizations and through them plan and organize events of their interest.

CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE

Caucasus School of Governance (CSG) was established in 2009 and has been growing ever since in terms of new academic programs and research projects. Currently the school offers all three levels of higher education: Bachelor's programs (BA in International Relations, BA in Public Administration and BA in Political Science); Master's programs (MA in International Relations and MA in Public Administration) and a state-of-the-art PhD program in International Relations (since 2016).

These programs offer robust, inter-disciplinary teaching, including general education, professional training, foreign languages (including English, French, German, Turkish and others) and an integrated research and extracurricular activities.

CSG academic staff includes Georgian and foreign professors and practitioners who deliver both academic and practical skills training for students. CSG leads a number of important research and academic projects: since 2016 CSG holds a Jean Monnet Chair, hence the program includes a robust EU studies component with cutting edge courses on EU politics. Furthermore, CSG is a beneficiary of Erasmus+ research and teaching grant – “Creation of the Graduate Curricula in Peace Studies in Georgia” (PESTUGE) and has developed a unique Peace Studies Module as part of its structure.

At CSG, students lead a vibrant and full student life. They can draw on the unique CU foreign partnerships and go for a study abroad opportunity, participate in various extracurricular activities (research projects, conferences and workshop), attend invited lecture series, organize student events, etc. Notably, our MA and PhD programs' are held in the evenings to allow on the job study opportunity. The CU CSG is a student oriented unique teaching and learning environment for those who want to excel.



CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Founded in 2009, Caucasus School of Humanities and Social Sciences (CSH) has one Master's (Clinical Psychology) and five Bachelor's programs (European Studies, Psychology, Sociology, History and English Philology).

All the programs at Caucasus School of Humanities and Social Sciences are based on the experience of leading European universities and focused on preparing highly sought-after experts with professional qualifications, the ones most suitable to make a smooth transition to the modern-day job market. The aim of the programs is to provide students with applied knowledge and give them opportunities to embark on successful professional careers.

The school has a widely scaled international partnership network. Its students actively participate in various annual international exchange educational programs.

Our school graduates and students are employed by various government agencies, non-governmental organizations and research centers. The school actively cooperates with potential employers and permanently tries to expand the network of its partner organizations.

CAUCASUS TOURISM SCHOOL

The Caucasus Tourism School (CTS) was first established in Batumi, Adjara in 2010. Having successfully launched the Bachelor's program in Tourism Management, the school expanded and the program was launched in Tbilisi as well. In the meantime, the school offers two levels of higher education, a full-scale Bachelor's program in Tourism Management (BA) and a two-year Master's program in Tourism Management (MA).

Both programs were revised to meet international standards in 2014 and were successfully accredited in 2015. The programs contain both theoretical and practical components, including field practice and a full-scale research based thesis required for completion of the programs.

The main goal of the school is to help bring up high quality professionals ready for taking leading positions in the diverse tourism sector – one of the Georgia's key and most rapidly growing industries – and prepare them for local and international job markets.

CTS cooperates with a number of state, private and non-governmental organizations dealing with various fields of national and international tourism. Among the most important partners are the Georgian National Tourism Administration (GNTA), leading hospitality chains and touristic agencies as well as national and international universities. Our students successfully participate in annual scientific conferences and competitions. Many thorough researches have been published by the GNTA.

CTS has a near complete employment rate among its graduates and 70% employment rate among the current students.



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CAUCASUS MEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Caucasus School of Economics and Healthcare was founded in 2012 as the Healthcare School, which was renamed in December 2013 after program extensions and new content addition. In 2018 the School of Economics and Healthcare was divided into two and the School of Medicine and Healthcare Management was set up.

Caucasus Medicine and Healthcare Management School's (CMS) mission is to implement modern attitudes and modern values of healthcare system management, to prepare highly qualified specialists, who will successfully administer all aspects of the contemporary healthcare system and deal with social health issues.

The main objectives of the medicine program are to deliver an international standard education of evidence based medicine which is indispensable for practical medical work; to provide graduates with education in basic, clinical, behavioral and social sciences, which is necessary for practical activities in the field of medicine; to generate motivation for continuous medical education and professional development; to deliver knowledge of legislative basics of the health care system; to acquire clinical and communicative (with the patient, her/his family, colleagues and other representatives of the health care field) skills and patient-centered competences and to acquire the values of Medical Ethics (sense of respect towards patients, taking into consideration their interests despite their social, cultural, religious and ethnical background; work in accordance with the professional ethics).

CMS offers a Bachelor's program (BA in Health Management), Master's programs (MA in Health Management and MA in Public Health) and a one-cycle educational program of the Medical Education. CMS cooperates with a wide range of local and international organizations, offering excellent exchange and employment opportunities to its students, with near 100% employment amongst its graduates.

CAUCASUS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Caucasus School of Economics (CSE) was founded in 2018.

Even though it has been set up very recently, the Caucasus School of Economics already operates programs on two levels – Bachelor’s and Master’s - as it has been founded on the basis of Caucasus School of Economics and Healthcare.

Our academic programs have been created in cooperation with and/or in co-authorship with the faculty of the leading European and American Universities.

Caucasus School of Economics cooperates with private companies as well as state agencies in many dimensions. Our students are given an opportunity to participate in exchange programs around the world.

The Economics Research Center operating at the school examines and studies Georgian economics.

The educational courses are based on and adhere to international standards. Likewise, the modern campus and the best practitioner-lecturers whose teaching is relevant to the needs of the learners, allow our students to become excellent, competitive economists in Georgia as well as around the globe.



CAUCASUS DOCTORAL SCHOOL

After accomplishing two decades of efficacious academic journey, Caucasus University decided to accentuate a core importance and value of academic research, knowledge creation and scholarship of new academicians by establishing Caucasus Doctoral School.

With more than ten years’ experience of doctoral education, Caucasus Doctoral School was established in 2018 with purpose to support academic scholarship by connecting researchers and doctoral students. The purpose of Doctoral School is to put academic endeavor of all affiliated scholars at highest international standards.

Currently, Doctoral School is pursuing following academic programs: PhD in Management and PhD in Economics.

PhD in Management Program aims to train a researcher, who will possess deep theoretical knowledge and methodological skills necessary to conduct a research in the direction of Business Administration field of Management, more specifically in the areas of Organizational Behavior and Organizational Theory or Leadership.

PhD in Economics Program aims to train a researcher, who will possess deep theoretical and analytical skills to plan and carry out independent research in the field of Economics, with the specialization of macroeconomics, while ensuring that doctoral student also possesses well-rounded knowledge of microeconomics.

Across both PhD programs the goal is to train a researcher, who will be able to plan and conduct research independently for creating new knowledge. Program graduates will adhere to principles of academic integrity and will be able to advance themselves in the various fields of academic society internationally.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Caucasus University operates in the global environment and strongly believes, that being a part of the global market for knowledge requires having international experience and exposure to other cultures, which is an integral part of its education process.

Since the establishment of Caucasus School of Business in 1998, we have been working with a wide range of partner universities worldwide. CU is an internationally active university with numerous student and staff exchange and double and joint degree programs with leading universities worldwide. Developing strategic international partnerships and building high quality international cooperation with targeted universities is an important component of the CU strategic plan and is vital for the internationalization of the University.

CU cooperates with 130 universities around the world based on partnership agreements and MoUs. The main areas of cooperation with partner universities are student exchanges, faculty exchanges, internships, double and joint degree programs, summer and winter schools, international projects/grant projects, joint research, seminars, conferences and etc.

CU has gained an outstanding reputation for providing a high quality, sustainable education that will prove an asset for an educational institution for many years to come. CU places internationalization strategy at the top of its priority agenda and strives to achieve the following objectives:

- build a strong network of strategic partnerships around the world
- appear in the international university rankings
- obtain international accreditation of academic programs
- develop new double and joint degree programs
- be involved in international capacity development projects



- promote and support international research cooperations' and research activities
- internationalize the curriculum
- increase the number of visiting professors
- increase the number of outgoing and incoming exchange students
- attract international students from all over the world

Caucasus University has extensive experience in exchange programs. The university launched its bilateral exchange programs upon its foundation in 1998. Since then, hundreds of students have been sent to different universities throughout the world. Besides the above mentioned program, CU started its first Erasmus Mundus program – Humeria, which was funded by EC, in 2015. Meanwhile, the university continues its path to internationalization by involving in Erasmus+ ICM exchange programs, and sending students/staffs to various universities throughout Europe.

In the framework of CU Internationalization strategy, the University's curricula make foreign languages compulsory. CU students have possibility to learn two foreign languages, one of which is necessarily English. Teaching a third language is a part of the university's internationalization strategic plan.

In the framework of exchange programs, not only CU students are going to various universities throughout the world, but international students are visiting CU as well. International students are coming from Europe, specifically from France, Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Turkey, etc.; Besides Europe, students are coming from the USA and Asia.



Caucasus University is proud of having:

- strong professional network with 45 countries
- a high number of international students from the USA, Europe and Asia
- double degree programs with ISCTE-University institute of Lisbon, Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences, Grenoble Ecole de Management, Tallinn University of Technology
- executive MBA with Grenoble Ecole de Management
- Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility projects with 39 EU partner universities

Following such an international strategy, CU actively pursues programs and projects designed to advance the cause of higher education and bring HEI's together the world over. The most prominent projects include:

- Erasmus+ funds several projects in Georgia in which CU is a partner, particularly supporting capacity building in the field of higher education. Specifically, the Creation of Graduate Curricula in Peace Studies in Georgia (PESTUGE), Advocacy Establishment for Students Through Ombudsman Position (AESOP), Investing in Entrepreneurial Universities in the Caucasus and Central Asia (EUCA –INVEST), Academic Integrity for Quality Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutions in Georgia (INTEGRITY) and Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units (HERD). CU has also become one of the Jean Monnet Chairs, offering top quality courses on the European Union, taught by the leading lecturers and professionals.
- Horizon 2020 funds the following program: “Developing and Transferring an Innovative Energy Financing Mix in order to activate private sector finance for increased investments in sustainable energy projects (E-FIX)”.
- The Tempus Programme of the European Union funds modernization of the higher education in the partner countries of Eastern Europe. Namely, it introduces a two-year Master's program on European Integration and Employment Relations (EIGER) MS in Social Sciences), promotes quality and recognition of transitional education in Armenia and Georgia by building capacity and developing the HEIs in both countries through the TNA_QA project, and facilitates the

modernization and development of the HEI management and governance capabilities via Leading and Managing Change in Higher Education (LA MANCHE).

- COBERM is an apolitical, impartial and flexible programme funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In the framework of COBERM, Caucasus University is a grant holder in the project: “Promoting confidence between ASU and CU academics and building elements of Peace Studies curriculum in ASU”, which aims at developing the resource base for peace education and creating four new undergraduate curricula at the Abkhaz State University.
- Netherlands based Nuffic – TMT Programme, funded by Netherlands Fellowship Programme strives to develop a sustainable Agri-business and Agri-tourism base, by creating a Master's program in Agri-tourism and Agri-business Management at CSB.
- Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation funded five research programs: “Are Georgian Private Sector Entities Engaged in Financial Information Manipulation?”; “Development of Spatial Modulation Schemes for Modern Wireless Telecommunications Systems”; “Catalog of Cultural Monument's of Historically Georgian Parts, Tao-Klarjeti and Kola-Artani, Located in Turkey”; “How Country Wealth Relates to Controlling-usefulness and Valuation-usefulness of Accounting Information? International Evidence”; “Financial Information Quality across the Capital Markets Positioned at Different Levels of Development”.

Key Donors:

The European Union, the European Commission, UNDP, USAID, International Visegrad Found, GIZ, Nuffic, Horizon2020, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, etc.



TRAINING CENTER

The CU Training Center was created in 2012 and is one of the leading educational centers in the Caucasus, which employs experienced, qualified trainers from the schools of CU.

The aim of the Training Center is to introduce trainees to the newest approaches and trends, allow them to develop skills and deepen knowledge in special fields, which will allow them to achieve better performance and results.

Among trainers and lecturers of the CU Training Center are experienced lecturers of the CU schools and leading professionals of the functioning local corporations with decades of experience in their corresponding fields. Thus, the Training Center gives an opportunity to take the courses, know-how and training required for future advancement.

The CU Training center actively collaborates with various government and private institutions, including, but not limited to various Georgian ministries, banks, medical establishments, private companies, etc. Trainings have already been conducted in the fields of Finance, Marketing, Hospital Management, Human Resource Management, Logistics and Export Management and Corporate Banking, with 1500 participants receiving certificates and 35 trained company employees. Furthermore, CU Training Center operates certificate programs.



UNIVERSITY RESOURCES/FACILITIES

Caucasus University has access to various resources available for both local and international students and lecturers.

INSTITUTE OF PEACE STUDIES

“To reach peace we need to teach peace”

A group of dedicated universities in Georgia (Caucasus University, Ilia State University, Tbilisi State University, Sokhumi State University) and leading academic institutions in Europe that specialize in Peace Studies (University of Innsbruck, Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin and the University of Ulster) joined forces in the PESTUGE Erasmus + project with the objective of designing, developing and advancing the cause of Peace Studies in Georgia. The resulting brainchild of the project, the Institute of Peace Studies currently operates under Caucasus School of Governance at Caucasus University. The institute aims at advancing research in Peace Studies and involves the students and faculty in its everyday activities.

Due to its special history and geostrategic location, ethnically and religiously diverse population and protracted conflicts, as well as the history of international conflict with Russia, Georgia provides the perfect backdrop for researchers and students to learn about the conflict and peacemaking in the region and to study concepts of peace from various perspectives.

In this regard, Georgia represents a living classroom and deserves special attention as well as to have its own, context-specific graduate curricula in peace studies.

PESTUGE project and Institute for Peace Studies incorporate the local context and experience in the internationally accepted academic body of knowledge and studies examples of war and peace as an academic discipline.



CREATION OF THE GRADUATE CURRICULA IN PEACE STUDIES IN GEORGIA
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C10 STARTUP ACCELERATOR

The CU Creative Business Lab has been established to assist progressive CU students with establishing their own startup businesses. According to a recent study conducted by the World Bank and Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, new startups and entrepreneurship are becoming increasingly crucial and highly-demanded in the Georgian economy.

Responding to these changes and striving to further develop the educational infrastructure, CU has established a technical and research center that helps students study the market, plan and model strategy and business plans and have necessary technical and educational facilities. The students receive a free working space and access to CU E-resources, to mentors and guest speakers and a chance of collaborating with peers.

Furthermore, the lab gives the mentors and invited speakers from educational and business sectors an opportunity to work with distinguished students on a one-to-one basis, communicating the know-how and skills with increased efficiency and providing connections and contacts required for raising funds for promising projects.

In addition, the memorandum has been signed and the lab is actively collaborating with Georgia Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA), a primer financier of the innovative startups in Georgia. Furthermore, CU students and alumni were amongst the winners at the 2016 Startup Georgia event, chosen amongst hundreds by the team of experts, attended by the prime minister of Georgia, the minister of Sustainable Development and other prominent figures.

In 2018, Caucasus University organized a series of competitions and hackathons for students. Participants were trying to develop an effective business model and to create prototypes for their business ideas. Among the participants, 10 winners were revealed, who went to the Czech Republic and Portugal, in order to attend the training course, organized by Masaryk University and the University of Minho. The above mentioned visit was fully financed by the Erasmus+ Capacity Building Project – "Investing in Entrepreneurial Universities in the Caucasus and Central Asia (EUCA-INVEST)".



Below is a short list of the activities which C10 offers to start-ups:

- Start-up promotion - planning activities of various kinds with the view of promoting a start-up culture and getting more people involved in it, such activities include meeting successful and interesting entrepreneurs, activities of different kinds, conducting master classes, workshops and so on.
- Forming start-up teams - in numerous instances a group of people have an idea but do not have the right people in their surroundings needed for setting up an efficient team and to start working on the start-up idea. Therefore, one of the chief aims is to support setting up a proper team.
- Start-up acceleration - validation of the idea, refining the prototype, meeting deadlines, etc. with the view of enabling start-ups to meet deadlines and create a prototype, or set up an adequate service and delivering it to the first customer within the prescribed time limits.
- Pitching the start-up ideas - presenting the start-up or Pitching is vital for getting into the Global Accelerator or for getting the first funding. The process is facilitated by a network of our professionals.
- Additional activities - Hackathones, Jankthones, outings, entertainment, excursions, etc. are important as these activities enable people to meet and get to know one another in an informal setting, get additional inspiration and exchange views and ideas.



LIBRARY



Caucasus University's library collection contains every required textbook and reference book in the English, Georgian, Turkish and French languages in various fields. Students also gain access to different on-line databases and libraries. The main reading-area of the library is very cozy, equipped with dozens of modern desktop PCs, providing access to electronic resources and reading spaces. It also hosts exhibitions and university events of various kinds.

The university library also offers access to the following electronic resources: bibliographic and full-text databases on the Internet and electronic periodicals. Students and researchers also have an access to online databases, among which are the following:

- EBSCO HOST
- JSTOR
- Taylor & Francis Journal
- Routledge Database
- Cambridge Journal Online
- Oxford Journal Online
- Emerald
- BioOne Complete
- e-Duke Journals Scholarly Collection
- Edward Elgar Publishing Journals and Development Studies e-books
- IMechE Journals
- New England Journal of Medicine
- Royal Society Journals Collection
- SAGE Premier

The main database which is in frequent use is the EBSCO. The EBSCO host is a powerful reference system; it offers a variety of proprietary full text databases and popular databases from leading information providers. Students also try free trial databases. CU has made close contacts with the following publishers: Prentice Hall, South-Western College Publishers, The Dryden Press, Thomson Learning, Worth Publisher, Addison Wesley, Blackwell, Crystal Ball, Duxbury, Harcourt College Publishers, John Wiley & Sons Inc., Irwin McGraw-Hill.

Caucasus University Library is a member of The Georgian Library Association. The Association stimulates the intellectual and creative potential of the members of the Association, and encourages innovations and strengthens the dialogue and exchange of ideas between the libraries.

MEDIA STUDIO

Established in 2013, the media studio is designed to improve technological support for the students of Caucasus School of Media. It is equipped with a number of photo and video cameras, lighting systems, microphones, voice recorders, editing suits, etc. Students of undergraduate and graduate journalism programs use the lab for practical exercises and homework.

The lab serves its purpose to improve students' practical skills, helping them to be prepared for the real newsroom working process. Using the resources provided, students are free to prepare creative programs for their projects and work on various educational and university news. The studio is further involved in reporting various CU activities and preparing promotional material.

The lab area is divided into two parts - TV studio side for making video recordings/editing and an online radio area where the students' radio is located. Radio CSM was launched in the year 2015 with the support of SIDA and Open Society Institute in Georgia.



ELECTRONICS LABORATORY

The Electronics Laboratory operating under the umbrella of the Caucasus School of Technology is used in a variety of courses for developing and honing practical skills of students and promoting innovation and a cooperative spirit. The laboratory is widely used in the following list of regular courses:

- Electronics
- Electric Circuits
- Computer Architecture
- Sensors
- Microprocessors

The laboratory is equipped to fully handle and support modern electronics classes. The lab currently houses 9 workstations designed to accommodate 2 students each. Each pair of students working in the laboratory has access to the latest equipment, including oscilloscopes, spectrum analyzers, signal generators and power supplies together with electrical components and circuit boards to facilitate a deep understanding of electronic principles. The laboratory is fully operational and in active use by Caucasus University students.



MOOT COURT



Law is practiced in the courts, according to this, Moot Court is one of the key extracurricular activities in Caucasus School of Law. Our qualifying Law degree concentrates on giving our students a good grounding in substantive law, but we complement this by offering a variety of activities in our mock courtroom, where students can develop skills they will need in practice. The courtroom, is very realistic and looks like a Crown Court, and even has the Royal Coat of Arms placed above the judge's seat, reflecting that justice is administered on behalf of the Crown. There is a witness stand and a space for jurors, together with a "dock" for defendants. A distinctive feature of the courtroom is the provision of four ceiling mounted cameras. We can therefore film student advocates, download the film and use it as a tool to show the student what went wrong – and what went right!

These skills are very transferable and relevant in many other roles, which our graduates are likely to fill. The ability to speak well – and persuasively – in public is a useful attribute in so many different careers. It is no accident, that many people in public life had legal training which included advocacy.

BOOK SHOP



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STUDENTS' SERVICE LAB

The Students' Service Lab the aim of which is to combine all the services necessary for students in one space was set up in 2018.

The center employs managers of universal qualification who within their competencies give all the required information to the local and international students. In addition to providing the students with opportunities of registering for courses and signing agreements with the University, the managers furnish them information on the University regulations.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Caucasus University has highly effective and fruitful relations with both local employers and CU alumni. To begin with, one of the main goals of the university is to provide employment for its graduates. Thus, CU has invested in maintaining close and regular contacts with the largest local employers, including signing memoranda and making informal arrangements, which provide CU students and graduates with a steady supply of scholarships, employment and internship opportunities. Thanks to these efforts, the rate of employment for CU students stands at 98%.

At the same time, CU graduates maintain long and mutually beneficial contact with the university. As many of our students are entrepreneurs maintaining their own businesses, they look to CU for highly qualified employees and act as guest speakers and lecturers for CU. In return, CU keeps records and contact info of the alumni, notifying and promoting them if a request for highly qualified professionals comes from one of the partner companies. In addition, CU organizes annual Alumni reunion meetings.



Some of the institutions that work with the CU career center include:

Deloitte, EY Georgia, PwC, KPMG Georgia, Philip Morris Georgia, JTI Caucasus, BDO, Schulze Global Investments Limited, Heidelberg Cement Caucasus, BAT (British American Tobacco Georgia), Red Bull Caucasus, Rompetrol, Carrefour Georgia, Holiday Inn Tbilisi, NESTLE, Diplomat Georgia, Toyota Center Tegeta etc.

Also all of the leading banks in Georgia: Bank of Georgia, TBC Bank, National bank of Georgia, ProCredit Bank, Basis bank, Liberty Bank, Finca Bank, Credo Bank, Pasha Bank and VTB Bank.



CAMPUS LIFE

Caucasus University has a lively and active student life, directed and managed by the students' self-governance in cooperation with the university administration. CU considers community life as one of the cornerstones of the education it provides.

In addition, student clubs play a vital role in creating the social, cultural and intellectual environment of the university. It is run by students for students with the support of Caucasus University. Clubs help to sharpen students' leadership skills and enables them to explore and pursue new interests. By joining clubs, students have an opportunity to learn more about themselves, their goals and strengths.

The various activities in fields such as sports, culture and advocacy provide an opportunity for the students to be engaged in different activities, promoting and developing personal skills as well as creating a student society. Student clubs serve as a centerpiece that brings together a multitude of students with similar interests, backgrounds and ambitions. As of now, there are eleven clubs functioning at the university.

The university is not only an educational institution. Here, each student gains life experience as well as knowledge. At Caucasus University students make professional and private connections. The university itself is obligated to promote students' personal development with every possible activity.

As students' involvement is a very important element in the University life Caucasus University has established several traditional activities in order to boost students' well-being and morale:

CU Welcome – campus BBQ

Halloween Costume Celebration/Fall Festival

Christmas/New Year Market

Final Festival of the Academic year

CSR ACTIVITIES

The Caucasus University fully supports corporate social responsibility and responsible management of business and institutions.

Caucasus University's new campus is remarkable for its open, green territory and fresh air. Environmental cleanness is of vital importance in the modern world. In addition, Caucasus University processes waste paper used on campus.

Caucasus University employees and students participate in one of the most comprehensive sporting events: "Wings for Life World Run"; the funds raised are handed to the Spinal Cord Research Foundation.

Caucasus University is involved in building a social enterprise "The Knowledge Café". It organizes and runs public lectures and meetings with them. The Knowledge Café is located in the town of Tsnori, Signaghi Municipality, providing the locals with a modern library service, a bookstore, a café and an informal educational space.

Caucasus School of Business has a long standing commitment to the Principles of Responsible Management Education and strives to develop a learning environment that promotes appropriate corporate and ethical values among the students and alumni. Being the first University in Georgia to introduce a course on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in 2011 and a course on Ecology Law, CSB continues teaching CSR in accordance with global standards. Furthermore, CSB continues its cooperation with representatives of JSC Alliance Group Holding, which provides scholarships for those students who successfully pass the course "Corporate Social Responsibility" under the framework of the project. Taking into account the lack of required textbooks in the Georgian language, a Caucasus University Lecturer of CSR with the support of CSB Faculty and Center for Strategic Research and Development created and since then updated a textbook on corporate social responsibility.







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