



SULKHAN-SABA ORBELIANI UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM

Name of program	Political Science
Head of program	Avtandil Jokhadze
Language of program	Georgian with English-speaking components
Qualification to be awarded	Bachelor of Political Science
Program volume with credits (ECTS)	240 ECTS (8 Semesters; 18 weeks per semester). An academic year consists of two semesters and 60 ECTS on average. Considering specifics of educational program and/or student's individual learning program, number of accrued credits per year may be more or less than 60 but no more than 75 (1 ECTS = 25 hrs)
Program approval date and act number	27.11.2019 №10-09
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Admission to the Program

Enrollment is based on the results of the Unified National Exams (ranking document), except for cases as provided for by the Law of Georgia on Higher Education (Enrollment without Unified National Exams is administered in accordance with the rules determined by Georgian legislation).

Students of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani Teaching University and other higher educational institutions who study at the same level of educational program can continue their studies at the undergraduate program of International Relations through mobility (Compatibility of the learning outcomes (competencies) with this undergraduate program will be determined according to the regulations on credit recognition determined by Georgian legislation).

Enrollment in the bachelor's educational program, or enrollment by transfer from a recognized higher education institution abroad is carried out on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

## Goal of the program

The goal of the BA programme of Political Science is to:

- a) Promote preparation of highly competent political science specialists, public servants and other staff with high civil liability;
- b) The graduate will be able to analyze and evaluate the characteristics of political institutions, political actors and their behaviour, both nationally and internationally;
- c) Equip the graduates with practical skills and instruments needed for political activity that will help them explore, design and manage different political processes in various governmental and administrative bodies;
- d) Grow in the graduate small-scale research skills on various actual issues of political science with directions of the supervisor, give him/her the opportunity to work on political problems and contemporary issues, further develop and deepen knowledge.

## Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding:

The graduate will know/understand:

- A) Basic concepts of political science, history of political doctrines, political ideologies, types of state, forms of government, political regimes and their characteristics; also, theories on liberal-democratic, totalitarian, Eastern and Western, homogeneous and fragmentary, market and statist subcultures, fundamentals of world, global and comparative politics;
- B) Theoretical and practical aspects of political marketing and election campaign, forms and functioning features of election systems, political parties and party systems;
- C) The trends of formation, actual problems and development of political system of contemporary Georgia; The latest aspects of the introduction and development of e-government in Georgia on central and local levels; The importance of the South Caucasus context, as well peculiarities and determinants of the policy of Georgia and other countries of the South Caucasus.

Skills:

The graduate will be able to:

- A) Evaluate and diagnose the current political systems and processes using the theories, concepts and institutions in the field of politics; identify in the programs and pre-election promises declared by political forces what values a political entity has and in case of its victory, what processes will take place in the country; prognosticate political processes; also, argue his/her conclusions regarding political marketing and election campaign, and communicate with specialists and non-specialists;
- B) Evaluate the challenges that may arise in various organizations, and offer changes based on theory and empirical analysis; Recommend to various public or private agencies, improve and develop e-services;
- C) Conduct empirical and other studies using various methods of social research both in public and private sectors, according to pre-defined guidelines, taking into account the standard of academic integrity and the achievements of information-communication technologies.

Responsibility and autonomy:

The graduate:

A) Is familiar with important academical and ethical issues characterizing the matter of politics and defending principles of professional ethics;

B) Identifies the need for further studies and can determine his/her own opportunities of professional development.

#### Teaching and Learning Method

Lecture  group working  practical working  seminar  Teaching with e-resources

e-teaching  other

#### Student's Knowledge Assessment System

The assessment of the level of achievement of the student in the educational component of the educational program includes the forms of assessment - intermediate (single or multiple) and final assessment, the sum of which is the final assessment (100 points).

Mid-term and final assessment (assessment forms) includes the assessment component / components, which determines the method / s of assessment of the student's knowledge and / or skills and / or competencies (oral / written test, oral / written survey, homework, practical / theoretical work, etc. .). The assessment component combines uniform assessment methods (test, essay / essay, demonstration, presentation, discussion, practical / theoretical assignment, working in a working group, participating in a discussion, solving a case, participating in a mock process, etc.). Assessment method (s) is measured by the assessment criteria or unit of measurement of the assessment method, which determines the level of achievement of learning outcomes.

Each form and component of the assessment is determined by the total grade point average (100 points) in the final grade, which is reflected in a specific syllabus and is communicated to the student at the beginning of the semester.

It is not allowed to grant credit using only one form of assessment (interim or final assessment). Credit is awarded to a student only upon receipt of a positive grade.

During the implementation of the educational program, the share of the minimum competency threshold of the student's intermediate and final assessment is reflected in a specific syllabus and is notified to the student at the beginning of the academic semester. The evaluation system allows:

##### Five types of positive assessment:

(A) Excellent	91-100 points;
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(B) Very good	81-90 points;
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(C) Good	71-80 points;
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(D) Satisfactory	61-70 points;
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(E) Sufficient	51-60 points.
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##### Two types of negative assessment:

(FX) Could not pass	41-50 points meaning that student is granted permission to re-take exam once, after preparing for that independently.
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(F) Fail	40 points or less meaning that student's work is not satisfactory and they need to study the subject again.
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### Forms and components of assessment

Forms and components of assessment	Highest point
Mid-term assessment, including:	70 points
Written/oral question	30
Mid-term written/oral exam	30
Individual homework/presentation	10
Final assessment	30 points
Final written/oral exam	30
total	100 points

In case of receiving FX in the curriculum component of the Bachelor of International Relations degree program re-take will be scheduled no less than 5 days after the announcement of the results from the final exam. The result received at the re-take will not be added to the points received at the final exam. The points received at the re-take is final and is reflected in the final assessment of the Programme. If student's final assessment, including additional exam result, is between 0-50 points, student is given F = 0 point

### Field of employment

A Bachelor of Political Science will have the opportunity to be employed in both the private and public sectors.

- Including In the legislative and executive bodies;
- In public administration; In local self-governments;
- In political parties;
- In the media;
- In non-governmental organizations;
- In lobbying organizations;
- In the business community;
- In international organizations accredited in Georgia, etc.

Also, a graduate of the course can be employed: in case of studying the management and specialty lobby program - both Georgian and foreign companies, administrative, economic, information and other offices, in firms and enterprises; In case of studying the additional specialty program of tourism - both in Georgian and foreign tourism companies, state and commercial sector tourism organizations, resort facilities and / or others. In case of studying the program of additional specialization in international relations - public institutions (ministries and other institutions of executive power), organizations of relevant profile in the non-governmental and private sector, international organizations, mass media.

### Opportunities for Continuous Education

The graduate is eligible to pursue a Master's Degree Programme in Georgia or elsewhere in corresponding specialty of social sciences or other specialty of any other field unless the prerequisite for admission to the Programme is not restricted to a bachelor's degree in another specialty.

### Material resource for implementation of the program

The material resources owned by the Teaching University ensure the realization of the goals of the undergraduate educational program and the achievement of the planned learning outcomes:

**Buildings** - The bachelor's educational program is implemented in the 24-hour owned buildings of the Teaching University, where sanitary-hygienic and safety norms are observed (alarms are installed in the buildings, there are fire extinguishers, video surveillance is carried out on the perimeter, the university maintains order). The building fully meets the technical requirements set for the higher education institution, is equipped with appropriate equipment (projector, chairs, desks, boards, etc.) for lecture and practical classes.

**Library** - The library of the Teaching University maintains a print and electronic fund of the undergraduate educational program, which is accessible to students, invited and academic staff. The library has a reading room equipped with proper equipment (chairs, tables, computers). The library has a multifunctional copier that the student can use with the help of a library staff. In the reading room students

have the opportunity to use the Internet and international electronic resources (Legislative Herald, EBSCO, HeinOnline, ELSEVIER: Scopus, Science Direct, Scival Funding). The Teaching University Library has an electronic catalog.

Academic staff work space - A working environment is created for the academic staff with appropriate inventory and equipment (chairs, tables, cupboards, computer connected to the Internet, x-ray multifunction device).

Information and Communication Technologies - In order to facilitate the implementation and administration of the undergraduate educational program, the Teaching University uses information and communication technologies. There is software relevant to the undergraduate education program, existing computer hardware meets modern requirements, is connected to the Internet and is available to students, academic, visiting and administrative staff. An electronic system for assessing students' knowledge assessment and organizing learning is used to provide access to assessments for students, to control student academic achievement by the administration, and to facilitate the learning process. Through the website of the teaching university, which contains a catalog of educational programs, related to the implementation of educational programs and the conduct of the educational process, etc. Information, Teaching University provides publicity and access to information.

#### Peculiarities of teaching organization

To complete the undergraduate program in Political Science, the student must accumulate 240 credits, which are distributed as follows: Compulsory university courses 24 ECTS, major specialty component 138 ECTS: compulsory specialization courses - 96 ECTS and elective specialty courses - 42 ECTS. English Language Component 24 ECTS (Foreign Language Component includes the following courses: English (A1), English (A2), English (B1.1), English (B1.2) English (B2.1), English Language (B2.2) To earn the remaining 54 credits, a student can choose subjects from the elective courses of any undergraduate program(s) of the University

A student enrolled in a political science undergraduate education program on a mobility basis may be admitted as a free component to other courses offered at another higher education institution.

The foreign language component includes the following courses: English (A1), English (A2), English (B1.1),

English (B1.2) English (B2.1), English (B2.2)

It is compulsory for the student of the undergraduate program to complete the English language level B2, which is in the program

Corresponds to the English language course (B2.2).

English language courses are distributed upon enrollment in the undergraduate program. The basis of the distribution is to write a level-determining test that is mandatory for the student.

Based on the results of the Level Assessment Test, students will be assigned to the following English language levels:

English language (A1) - 21 - 40 points

English language (A2) - 41 - 51 points

English language (B1.1) - 52 - 61 points

English language (B1.2) - 62 - 71 points

English language (B2.1) - 72 - 81 points

English language (B2.2) - 82 - 100 points

Note: A student who scores 0-20 points (A0) on the test will take an intensive course and start studying to earn credits from A1 level.

The undergraduate program includes 24 English language credits. In case of reaching the initial level of English with a level-determining test, the student accumulates the remaining 12 credits at the expense of the program elective subjects in order to achieve the completion of the program with a certain level of foreign language proficiency - English (B2.2)

Students who are at the stage of enrollment in the university and present the following international certificates certifying English language proficiency, with appropriate assessments, are released from the obligation to teach English at the university. The 24 foreign language credits provided by the structure of the program are collected at the expense of elective subjects. In particular, a student who

presents another certificate of English language proficiency at B2 or B2 level namely: FCE; IELTS- 5.5-6.5; TOEFL Paper 513-547; TOEFL CBT-183 - 210; TOEFL IBT- 65-78 Note: All of the above certificates must be valid at the time of application and the applicant must be able to submit them. An expired document will not be considered.

№	Precondition	Module/course	ECTS								Student's studying load	
			I year		II year		III year		IV year		Contact hours	Independent hours
			Semester									
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII		
Component												
Compulsory university courses												
1.	No prerequisite	Office computer programs	6/150								31	119
2.	No prerequisite	Communication, presentation and Discussion technique		6/150							31	119
3.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of Psychology	6/150								44	10
4	No prerequisite	Academic Writing						6/150			48	102
Foreign language component												
4.	No prerequisite	English Language - A1 <sup>1</sup>	6/150								84	66

<sup>1</sup> Note: semesters for English language levels are subjects to change in accordance with the competency tests passed by the students

5.	English language A1	English language - A2	6/150								84	66
6.	English language A2	English Language – B1/1*	6/150								84	66
7.	English language B1.1	English Language – B1/2*		6/150							84	66
8.	English language B1.2	English Language – B2/1*			6/150						84	66
9.	English language B2.1	English Language – B2/2				6/150					84	66
Major specialty compulsory courses:												
10.	No prerequisite	Governance and Administration in Georgia	6/150								31	119
11.	No prerequisite	Introduction to political science	6/150								31	119
12.	No prerequisite	Introduction to international relations			6/150						33	117
13.	Introduction to political science	Political ideologies			6/150				6/150		31	119
14.	No prerequisite	Elections and electoral processes		6/150							31	119
15.	Introduction to political science	South Caucasus in new geopolitical concepts		6/150							31	119
16.	Introduction to political science	World politics					6/150				31	119
17.	No prerequisite	Political communication				6/150					31	119
18.	No prerequisite	Political marketing			6/150						31	119
19.	No prerequisite	Research methods of social sciences				6/150					31	119
20.	Research methods of social sciences	Research methods of political science						6/150			31	119
21.	Introduction to political science	Comparative politics			6/150						31	119



22.	No prerequisite	Political theory		6/150								31	119
23.	Introduction to political science	Political parties and party systems					6/150					31	119
24.	English language B2.2	Business communication								6/150		44	106
25.	Compulsory learning courses in the specialty of I and VII semesters	Bachelor thesis									6/150	13	137
Major specialty elective courses			Selection available								ECTS		
26.	Introduction to political science	Public policy		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
27.	No prerequisite	Conflict, gender, peacebuilding	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
28.	No prerequisite	Gender and politics	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
29.	No prerequisite	Leadership and organizational behaviour	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
30.	No prerequisite	E-governance and cyber security	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
31.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of economic policy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
32.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of public administration	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	33	117
33.	No prerequisite, English language B2.2	City policy (in Georgian/in English) <sup>2</sup>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
34.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of nationalism studies	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
35.	No prerequisite	Energy policy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
36.	No prerequisite	Classical theories of elitism and political leadership	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
37.	No prerequisite	Political geography and fundamentals of geopolitics	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119

<sup>2</sup> Note: Prerequisite for English language B2/2 only for those students who will take this subject in English Language.

38.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of EU-Georgia relations	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
39.	Compulsory learning courses in the specialty of I and VII semesters	Practice								+	6/150	64	86
40.	No prerequisite	Ethno-political conflict in post-socialist world	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/175	31	144
41.	No prerequisite	Foreign policy of Georgia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
42.	No prerequisite	European Union: politics and institutions	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
43.	No prerequisite / English language B2.2	International organizations and institutions (in Georgian/in English) <sup>3</sup>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
44.	No prerequisite	Sports and politics	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
45.	No prerequisite	Comparative analysis of political culture	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	32	118
46.	No prerequisite	Prerequisites to liberalism in the history of Georgia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
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47.	No prerequisite	World civilizations and Georgia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	43	107
48.	No prerequisite	Religion and society	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	47	103
49.	No prerequisite	Fundamentals of business administration	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	31	119
50.	No prerequisite	Introduction to law	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/150	44	106
			Per semester	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		30	
			Per year	60		60		60		60			
			total	240									

<sup>3</sup> Note: Prerequisite for English language B2/2 only for those students who will take this subject in English Language.

Map of program objectives and learning outcomes

Program objectives	Learning outcomes							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Facilitate the training of highly competent political science specialists, civil servants and other highly civilized staff:				X			X	
The graduate will be able to analyze and evaluate the characteristics of political institutions, political actors and their behavior, both nationally and internationally;	X	X	X	X				
Equip graduates with the practical skills and tools needed for political activity to help them explore, design, and manage political processes in a variety of government and administrative bodies;		X		X	X			
The graduate will develop the skills of conducting small-scale research on various topical issues in political science at the direction of the supervisor, the opportunity to develop political problems and current issues, further development and deepen knowledge.						X		X

Map of mandatory courses and learning outcomes of the program

Module/course	Status of the course		Learning outcomes of the program								
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	
Office computer programs	D	P							X		
Communication, presentation and Discussion technique	D	P					X	X			
Fundamentals of Psychology	D						X				
Academic Writing	P							X			
English language - A1	D	P					X				
English language - A2	D	P					X				
English language – B1/1*	D	P					X				
English language – B1/2*	D	P					X				
English language – B2/1*	D	P					X				
English language – B2/2*	D	P					X				
Business communication	P									X	
Governance and Administration in Georgia	I	D		X	X						
Introduction to political science	D		X	X		X					
Introduction to international relations	I	D	X			X					
Political ideologies	D		X			X					
Elections and elective systems	D	P		X		X				X	
South Caucasus in new geopolitical concepts	D		X		X						
World politics	D		X			X					
Political communication	D	P		X	X	X				X	
Political marketing	D	P		X		X				X	

Research methods of social sciences	P	M					X	X	X	X
Research methods of political science	P	M					X	X		
Comparative politics	D		X	X						
Political theory	D		X			X				
Business communication	P	M				X			X	
Political parties and party systems	D	P		X		X				
Bachelor thesis	D	M					X	X	X	X

Status of the course

I – (Introduction)	D - (Developing)	P - (Practical)	M- (Master)

#	Subject			
		Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Responsibility and autonomy
1.	Office computer programs	X	X	
2.	Communication, presentation and Discussion technique	X	X	X
3.	Fundamentals of psychology	X	X	X
4.	Academic Writing	X	X	X
5.	English language A1	X	X	X
6.	English language A2	X	X	X
7.	English language – B1/1*	X	X	X
8.	English language – B1/2*	X	X	X
9.	English language – B2/1*	X	X	X
10.	English language – B2/2	X	X	X
11.	Business communication	X	X	X
12.	Governance and Administration in Georgia	X	X	X
13.	Introduction to political science	X	X	X
14.	Political ideologies	X	X	X
15.	Introduction to international relations	X	X	X
16.	Elections and elective systems	X	X	X
17.	South Caucasus in new geopolitical concept	X	X	X
18.	World politics	X	X	X
19.	Political communication	X	X	X
20.	Political marketing	X	X	X
21.	Research methods of social sciences	X	X	X
22.	Research methods of political science	X	X	X
23.	Comparative politics	X	X	
24.	Political theory	X		
25.	Practice	X	X	X
26.	Bachelor thesis	X	X	
27.	Political parties and party systems	X	X	X
28.	Public policy	X	X	X
29.	Conflict, gender, peacebuilding	X	X	X
30.	Gender and politics	X	X	X
31.	Leadership and organizational behaviour	X	X	X
32.	E-governance and cyber security	X	X	X
33.	Fundamentals of economic policy	X	X	X
34.	Fundamentals of public policy	X	X	X
35.	City policy (in Georgian/in English)	X	X	X
36.	Fundamentals of nationalism studies	X	X	X
37.	Energy policy	X	X	X
38.	Classical theories of elitism and political leadership	X	X	X
39.	Sports and politics	X	X	X
40.	Ethno-political conflicts in post-socialist world	X	X	X
41.	Foreign policy of Georgia	X	X	
42.	European Union - politics and institutions	X	X	X
43.	International organizations and institutions	X	X	X
44.	World civilizations and Georgia	X	X	X
45.	Religion and society	X	X	X
46.	Fundamentals of business administration	X	X	X

47.	Introduction to law	X	X	X
48.	Political geography and fundamentals of geopolitics	X		
49.	Fundamentals of EU-Georgia relations	X	X	X
50.	Comparative analysis of political culture	X	X	X
51.	Prerequisites to liberalism in the history of Georgia	X	X	X