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Bachelor Program

Title of the Program	Political Science
Program Director	Avtandil Jokhazde
The language of instruction	Georgian, with English-language components
Qualification Granted	Bachelor of Political Science
Volume of the educational Program in credits	180 ECTS (6 semesters. A semester is composed of 16 weeks. One academic year is divided into two semesters and includes an average of 60 ECTS; however, due to the unique characteristics of the educational program and/or the student's individual study program, the number of credits per year may be less than 60 or more, but not more than 75 (one credit = 25 astronomical hours).
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Program Objectives

The objective of the Bachelor Program in Political Science is to prepare highly competent specialists in political science, public servants, and other professionals with high civic responsibility. Graduates will be able to analyze and evaluate the characteristics of political institutions, political actors, and their behavior both at the national and international levels. The program equips graduates with the skills and tools necessary for political activity, enabling them to research, develop, and manage political processes in various governmental and administrative bodies. Graduates will also acquire the ability to conduct small-scale research under supervision on current issues in political science, process political problems, and deepen their knowledge for further development.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Graduates will know and understand: the basic concepts of political science, the history of political thought, political ideologies, types of states, forms of governance, political regimes and their characteristics; theories of liberal-democratic, totalitarian, Eastern and Western, homogeneous and fragmented, market and statist subcultures; foundations of world, global, and comparative politics; theoretical, legal, and practical aspects of political marketing and election campaigns; the nature and functioning of electoral systems, political parties, and party systems; the political system of modern Georgia, its legal components, existing problems, and development trends; the latest

perspectives on the introduction and development of e-governance in Georgia at both central and local levels; the importance of the South Caucasus context, as well as the peculiarities and determining factors of the politics of Georgia and other South Caucasus countries.

Skills

Graduates will be able to: evaluate and diagnose political systems and ongoing processes both socio-politically and legally using theories, concepts, and institutions of political science; analyze declared programs and pre-election promises of political figures to determine their values and the processes that may be triggered by their victory; forecast political processes; argue their conclusions about political marketing and election campaigns; communicate with specialists and non-specialists; assess risks faced by organizations and propose appropriate changes based on theory and empirical analysis; provide recommendations to various state and private institutions; refine and develop electronic services; conduct empirical and other types of social research using modern methodologies in both public and private sectors, following predetermined instructions, academic integrity standards, and advances in information and communication technologies.

Responsibility and autonomy

Graduates will be familiar with important academic and ethical issues characteristic of political science and will adhere to professional ethics principles. They will identify the need for further study and be able to determine their own professional development opportunities.

Program Admission Requirement

Admission to the Bachelor Program is carried out based on the results of the Unified National Examinations (ranking document) or in cases defined by the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, in accordance with established procedures, administrative registration, and rector's order. Admission to the Bachelor Program in Political Science through mobility is possible twice a year, within the deadlines set by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Youth of Georgia, following mandatory procedures and university regulations. Admission or transfer from a recognized foreign higher education institution is carried out based on the decision of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Youth of Georgia.

Teaching and learning methods

☐ Lecture ☐ Working in group ☐ Practical work ☐ Colloquium ☐ Teaching by electronic resources

☐ e-learning ☐ other

Evaluation system for student's knowledge

In the learning component of the educational program, the evaluation of the level of achievement of learning outcomes by the student includes following assessment forms - Midterm (one-off or multiple) and final examination, the sum of which is the final mark (100 points).

Midterm and final evaluations (evaluation forms) include the evaluation component/components, which determine the evaluation means of a student's knowledge, skills and/or competences (oral/written examination, oral/written testing, homework, practical/theoretical work, etc.). The evaluation component combines the unified evaluation methods (test, essay, demonstration, presentation, discussion, performance of practical/theoretical task, working in a working group, participation in discussions, solving cases, participation in mock trials etc.). The evaluation method/methods are measured by the evaluation criteria, i.e. by a measurement unit of the evaluation method, which determines the level of learning outcomes achievement.

Out of the total score (100 points), a certain share is assigned for each form and component of assessment in the final evaluation, which is envisaged in the specific syllabus and notified to the student in the beginning of the academic semester. Credit should not be granted using only one form of evaluation (midterm or final evaluation). Credit is earned, if the student receives a positive assessment.

During the implementation of the educational program, the share of the minimum competence threshold of the student's midterm and final evaluations are reflected in the specific syllabus and notified to the student in the beginning of each academic semester. The evaluation system includes:

Five types of positive evaluation:

(A) Excellent	91-100 points of maximum evaluation;
(B) Very Good	81 - 90 points of maximum evaluation;
(C) Good	71 - 80 points of maximum evaluation;
(D) Satisfactory	61 - 70 points of maximum evaluation;
(E) Sufficient	51 - 60 points of maximum evaluation.

Two types of negative evaluation:

(FX) Unsatisfactory	41-50 score of total evaluation, meaning that a student requires more work to pass and is given the right to attempt an additional examination by means of independent work;
(F) Failed	40 and less points that means the work of the student is not sufficient and he/she has to retake the course.

Evaluation forms and components

<i>Evaluation forms and components</i>	<i>The maximum score</i>
<i>Midterm Evaluation, including:</i>	<i>70 points</i>
Written/oral testing	30
Midterm Written/Oral Exam	30
Individual homework/presentation	10
<i>Final Evaluation</i>	<i>30 points</i>
Final written/oral exam	30
<i>Total</i>	<i>100 points</i>

In the learning component of the educational program, in case of getting the FX, an additional exam will be appointed within no later than 5 calendar days after announcing the final exam results. The amount of points received in the final evaluation is not added to the evaluation received by a student for the additional examination. The evaluation obtained during the additional exam is the final one and it will be reflected in the final evaluation of the teaching component of the educational program. Considering the evaluation at the additional exam, if a student receives 0-50 points in the final evaluation of the educational component, a student will have F-0 points assigned.

Field of employment:

Graduates of Political Science will have the opportunity to work in both private and public sectors, including legislative and executive bodies, public administration, local self-government, political parties, media, NGOs, lobbying organizations, business, internationally accredited organizations in Georgia, and more. Additionally, graduates may be employed in management, tourism, or international relations fields if they pursue additional specializations

Continuous Learning Opportunities

Graduates may continue their studies at the next level of higher education (Master's programs) in Georgia or abroad in Political Science or other programs that do not require a Bachelor's degree in another field as a prerequisite.

Material resources necessary for the program implementation

The university's material resources ensure the realization of program objectives and achievement of planned learning outcomes. Facilities include university-owned buildings meeting sanitary, hygiene, and safety standards, equipped classrooms for lectures and practical sessions, a library with printed and electronic resources, reading rooms, multifunctional copiers, internet access, and international electronic resources (Legislative Herald, EBSCO, HeinOnline, ELSEVIER: Scopus, Science Direct, Scival Funding). Academic staff have appropriate workspaces with necessary equipment. Information and communication technologies support program implementation and administration. The university uses electronic systems for student assessment and learning organization, and ensures public access to information via its website.

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Characteristics of Organizing Studies

To complete the Bachelor Program in Political Science, students must accumulate 180 credits, distributed as follows: University compulsory courses – 30 ECTS, compulsory courses in the main field – 84 ECTS, elective courses – 48 ECTS, English language component – 18 ECTS.

Mobility and English Language Component: A student enrolled in the Bachelor Program in Political Science through the mobility procedure may have other courses recognized as free components, provided they were completed at another higher education institution.

The English language component includes the following courses:

- Intensive English Course (A1–A2)
- English Language (B1.1)
- English Language (B1.2)

- English Language (B2)

Placement in English language courses is carried out immediately upon admission to the Bachelor Program. The basis for placement is a mandatory placement test taken by the student.

According to the results of the placement test, students are distributed into the following levels:

- English Language (A1–A2): 21–51 points
- English Language (B1.1): 52–61 points
- English Language (B1.2): 62–71 points
- English Language (B2): 72–100 points

Note: Students who score 0–20 points (A0 level) will first complete the Intensive English Course and then begin credit accumulation from the English Language Intensive Course (A1–A2) level.

English Language Credits and Exemptions

The Bachelor Program structure includes 18 credits in English language. If a student is placed at the initial level of English through the placement test, the remaining 6 credits are accumulated through elective courses, in order to reach the required level of foreign language proficiency for program completion – English Language (B2).

Students who, at the stage of university admission, present one of the following international certificates confirming knowledge of English at the B2 level — FCE, IELTS, TOEFL PBT, TOEFL CBT, TOEFL IBT, VERSANT, CERTUS, PEARSON — with appropriate scores, are exempted from the obligation to study English at the university. In such cases, the 18 credits allocated for foreign language in the program structure are accumulated through elective courses.

Note: All of the above certificates must be valid at the time of application and the applicant must be able to present them. Expired documents will not be considered.

№	Precondition	Module / subject	ECTS credits						Academic workload	
			1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year		Contact hours	Independent hours
			Semester							
				I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
Leaning Component										
Compulsory university training courses										
1.	Without Prerequisite	Business Communication and Digital Technologies	6/150						29	121
2.	Without Prerequisite	Fundamentals of Psychology		6/150					42	108
3.	Without Prerequisite	Academic Writing					6/150		41	109
4.	Without Prerequisite	Special Course in Georgian Language		6/150					28	122

5.	Without Prerequisite	Introduction to Law			6/150				28	122
Foreign Language Component										
6.	Without Prerequisite	English Language Courses(A1-A2) English Language (A2)	6/150						107/81	43/69
7.	English Language Courses(A1-A2)	English Language (B1.1)		6/150					81	69
8.	English Language (B1.1)	English Language (B1.2)			6/150				81	69
9.	English Language (B1.2)	English Language (B2) / English Language (B2.2)				6/150			81	69
Compulsory courses of the core field of study										
8.	Without Prerequisite	Governance and Administration in Georgia			6/150				29	121
9.	Without Prerequisite	Introduction to Political Science	6/150						30	120
10.	Introduction to Political Science	Political Ideologies			6/150				29	121
11.	Without Prerequisite	Elections and Electoral Processes					6/150		29	121
12.	Without Prerequisite	Political Marketing and Communication					6/150		29	121

13.	Without Prerequisite	Research Methods in Social Sciences			6/150				28	122
14.	Introduction to Political Science	Comparative Politics				6/150			29	121
15.	Without Prerequisite	Political Theory		6/150					29	121
16.	Introduction to Political Science	Political Parties and Party Systems						6/150	28	122
17.	Fundamentals of Psychology Prerequisite: English Language (B1.2)	Social Psychology				6/150			41	109
18.	Without Prerequisite	E-Governance and Cybersecurity						6/150	28	122
	English Language – B2	Business Communication (in English)					6/150		42	108
	Introduction to Political Science	Public Policy				6/150			29	121
19.	Academic Writing. Political Theory. Research Methods in Social Sciences	Bachelor's Thesis						6/150	12	138
Elective courses of the core field of study										
1.	Without Prerequisite	Fundamentals of Public Administration	6/150					6/150	30	120

2.	Without Prerequisite	World Civilizations and Georgia	+	+		+	+	6/150	41	109
3.	Without Prerequisite	Political Geography and Fundamentals of Geopolitics	+	+		+	+	6/150	30	120
4.	Introduction to Law	Human Rights				6/150			40	110
5.	Without Prerequisite	Introduction to Philosophy		6/150					29	121
6.	Without Prerequisite	Introduction to Sociology	6/150						29	121
7.	Without Prerequisite	European Union – Politics and Institutions	+	+		+	+	6/150	29	121
8.	Without Prerequisite/English language B2	¹ International Organizations and Institutions (Georgian/English)	+	+		+	+	6/150	29	121
9.	Without Prerequisite	Preconditions of Liberalism in Georgian History	+	+		+	6/150	+	28	122
10.	Without Prerequisite	Religion and Society	+	+		+	+	6/150	41	109
Semester			30	30	30	30	30	30		
Year			60		60		60			
Total			180							

¹ შენიშვნა: წინაპირობა ინგლისური ენა B2 მხოლოდ იმ სტუდენტებისთვის, ვინც აღნიშნულსასწავლო კურსს ინგლისურ ენაზე გაივლის.

Map of the program objectives and learning outcomes									
The Goals of Educational Program		Program Learning Outcomes							
		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
To promote the preparation of highly competent specialists in political science, public servants, and other professionals with strong civic responsibility.					X			X	
Graduates should be able to analyze and evaluate the characteristics of political institutions, political actors, and their behavior at both national and international levels.		X	X	X	X				
Graduates will be equipped with practical skills and tools necessary for political activity, enabling them to research, design, and manage political processes within various governmental and administrative bodies.			X		X	X			
Graduates will develop the ability to conduct small-scale research under supervision on various current issues in political science, as well as the capacity to address political problems, engage with contemporary topics, and pursue further academic development and knowledge enhancement.							X		X

Map of mandatory training courses and program learning outcomes

№	Module/Subject	Course status		Program Learning Outcomes							
				<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
	Business Communication and Digital Technologies	D	P					x			

	Fundamentals of Psychology	D		X							
	Academic Writing	P					X				
	Special Course in Georgian Language	I		X							
	Englisch Language (B2)/ (B2.2)	D	P					X			
	Business Communication (in English)	P	X				X				
	Governance and Administration in Georgia	I	D			X					
	Introduction to Political Science	D		X							
	Political Ideologies	D				X					
	Elections and Electoral Processes	D	P					X			
	Political Marketing and Communication	D	P					X			
	Research Methods in Social Sciences	P	M			X					
	Introduction to Law	I	M			X					
	Comparative Politics	D					X				
	Political Theory	D		X			X				
	Political Parties and Party Systems	D	P						X		
	Public Policy		P			X					
	Bachelor's Thesis	D	M					X			
	Social Psychology		D		X						
	E-Governance and Cybersecurity		D						X		

Course status

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

№	Subject	Learning outcomes		
		Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Responsibility and Autonomy
1	Business Communication and Digital Technologies	X	X	X
2	Fundamentals of Psychology	X	X	
3	Academic Writing	X	X	X
4	Special Course in Georgian Language	X	X	X
5	Intensive English Course (A1–A2)	X	X	
6	English Language (B1.1)	X	X	X
7	English Language (B1.2)	X	X	X
8	English Language (B2) / English Language (B2.2)	X	X	X
9	Business Communication (in English)	X	X	X
10	Governance and Administration in Georgia	X	X	X
11	Introduction to Political Science	X	X	X
12	Political Ideologies	X	X	
13	Elections and Electoral Processes	X	X	X
14	Political Marketing and Communication	X	X	X
15	Research Methods in Social Sciences	X	X	X
16	Introduction to Law	X	X	
17	Comparative Politics	X	X	
18	Political Theory	X	X	X
19	Bachelor's Thesis	X	X	X

20	Political Parties and Party Systems	X	X	X
21	Public Policy	X	X	
22	Human Rights	X	X	
23	Introduction to Sociology	X	X	X
24	Introduction to Philosophy	X	X	X
25	Fundamentals of Public Administration	X	X	
26	European Union – Politics and Institutions	X	X	X
27	Religion and Society	X	X	X
28	Preconditions of Liberalism in Georgian History	X	X	X
29	Political Geography and Fundamentals of Geopolitics	X	X	X
30	Social Psychology	X	X	X
31	E-Governance and Cybersecurity	X	X	
32	World Civilizations and Georgia	X	X	
33	International Organizations and Institutions (Georgian/English)	X	X	