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International Profile

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Introduction to TSU

- Founded in 1918
- First Georgian University
- First Higher Education Institution in the South Caucasus
- University printing house opened in 1923
- University press opened in 1933
- First international agreement established in 1966 (Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany)
- Joined Bologna Process in 2005
- Adopted ECTS system
- 12 Campuses inside the city



Overview of TSU

7 Faculties:

- Faculty of Economics and Business ~ 4607
- Faculty of Humanities ~ 4507
- Faculty of Law ~ 3670
- Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences ~ 3494
- Faculty of Social and Political Sciences ~ 2921
- Faculty of Medicine ~ 1393
- Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences ~ 1348



Overview of TSU

- Current Student Body ~ 22,000
- Academic/Administrative Staff ~ 5,520 (2000/3000)
- Number of degrees offered (B.A., M.A., PhD): 199
- 14 Research Institutes
- 1 Research Library
- Active Bilateral agreements ~ 160
- Teaching Languages: Main language of instruction: Georgian + English, German, French



Degree programs in Foreign Languages at TSU

- **Computer Science**

Level of study: Bachelor

Language of Instruction: Georgian-French

- **Economics**

Level of study: Master

Language of Instruction: English

- **Eurasian and Caucasus Studies**

Level of study: Master

Language of Instruction: English

- **European Studies**

Level of study: Master

Language of Instruction: English

- **Public Administration**

Level of study: Master

Language of Instruction: English

- **Law**

Level of study: Master

Language of Instruction: German



International Networks

Membership of international professional associations and networks:

- European University Association
- EUA Council for Doctoral Education
- Black Sea Universities Network
- The European Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Agence Universitaire De la Francophonie
- International Association of Universities
- Magna Charta Observatory



Erasmus projects at TSU

- **1** - External Cooperation Window for Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan
 - **6** - Erasmus Mundus
 - **22** partner Universities within the framework of Erasmus+
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- WEBB – Whole Europe Beyond Borders, 20 partners, Coordinated by the University of Bologna (co-coordinated by TSU)
 - BACKIS – Between Black and Caspian Seas, 20 partners, Coordinated by the University of Montpellier 2
 - IANUS – Inter-Academic Network Erasmus Mundus, 20 partners, Coordinated by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
 - ELECTRA – Enhancing Learning in ENPI Countries through Clean Technologies and Research-related Activities, 20 partners, coordinated by University of Oldenburg
 - HERMES – Humanities Education Revitalized via Mundus Experiences, 15 partners, coordinated by the University of Athens (co-coordinated by TSU)
 - EMBER – Erasmus Mundus Broadening Educational Experiences, 20 partners, coordinated by the University of Seville (co-coordinated by TSU)



Exchange mobility statistics at TSU

- **754** outgoing exchange students/staff (EMECW, Erasmus Mundus, Bilateral Cooperation)
- **179** foreign incoming students/staff (EMECW, Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus+, Bilateral Cooperation)
- **165** new scholarship opportunities for outgoing students/staff within the framework of Erasmus+ (mobility periods: Spring 2016/Fall 2016/Spring 2017)



TEMPUS at TSU

35 TEMPUS projects in total since 1995

12 running TEMPUS projects:

- PACT - Project Actors Capacity Training in Caucasus
- PICASA - Promoting Internationalization of HEIs in Eastern Neighborhood Countries through Cultural and Structural Adaptations
- EMICVL - Establishment of Multidisciplinary Innovative Centres for the Development of Virtual Laboratories in Biology and Medicine
- INOTLES - Innovation Teaching and Learning of European Studies
- DESIRE - Development of Embedded System Courses with Implementation of Innovative Virtual approaches for integration of Research, Education and Production in UA, GE, AM
- EIGER - The organization of a common two-year master programme in three Georgian
- RETHINK - Reform of Education through International Knowledge exchange
- ADDIGE - The development of human resources, evidence base and quality standards
- SSRULLI - Strengthening the Specific Role of Universities as LLL Institutions
- DECERPH - The development of a curriculum and establishment of a regional training platform for hematology in life sciences and medicine
- ARMAZEG - Developing tools for lifelong learning in Transcaucasus region: e-Learning
- DIMTEGU - Development and Introduction of Multilingual Teacher Education Programs at Universities of Georgia and Ukraine



Internationalization at TSU

- Joined the Bologna Process (2005)
- International collaboration enhanced through Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window, Erasmus Mundus and Tempus projects
- Special internationalization grant awarded by the MSE of Georgia to reinforce TSU's academic performance by inviting the international academic staff
- Over 200 international cooperation agreements signed since 2004



Internationalization at TSU

Three main pillars of TSU's internationalization strategy:

- Ensure high quality of learning, research and teaching
 - *enhancing the internationalization process*
 - *supporting exchange and mobility programs for both, students and academic/administrative staff*
- Establish new strategic alliances and partnerships as well as reinforcing the existing ones
- Encourage and support bi/multilateral projects, research activities; share innovative management experiences with current and potential partners



Internalization and Development

Long term objectives

- Enhance cooperation with European counterparts
- Broaden the existing international network
- Initiate the bilateral agreements with new partners universities
- Increase the number of joint and double-degree programs
- Enhance the opportunities in Erasmus+, Mevlana and other cooperation frameworks
- Support students' international mobility
- Increase the number of international incoming students (exchange/degree seeking)
- Support faculty exchange programs through mobility opportunities



Thank You!

