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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.

## **TSU's main objective today:**

- to support and contribute to the development of a democratic society
- to foster affable relations with the international community via its students' accomplishments and international cooperation.

As TSU works to accomplish this objective, it has placed itself on a track leading towards joining the European Higher Education Area.

TSU is one of the primary driving forces behind Georgian higher education. Always looking towards the future, TSU realizes that it faces new demands and strives to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. It also seeks prepare its students to meet these demands as well through providing them with several opportunities to develop themselves on an academic and professional level.

As a university of great repute and tradition, Georgia's finest university entrants frequently name TSU as their first choice.



# Introduction to TSU

- ~ 22,000 Students, and 1,603 Faculty members, 213 degree programs at the Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level divided among the six following Faculties:
  - Economics and Business
  - Law
  - Social and Political Sciences
  - Humanities
  - Exact and Natural Sciences
  - Medicine
- Joined the Bologna Process in 2005



# Department of Foreign Relations

- The Department of Foreign Relations (DFR) serves as the interface between TSU and international institutions
- Staff of 10 people /three nationalities/
- DFR provides guidance and counseling to incoming and outgoing exchange students
- DFR forges partnerships with international organizations, embassies, and other universities
- DFR contributes to the university's goal of joining the European Higher Education Area
- DFR publicizes information about academic and scientific programs to universities abroad to TSU students, as well as students from other universities
- Promote understanding between cultures by means of nesting Japanese Center, Yunus Emre Institute Tbilisi Branch, Indian Chair, Polish Center etc. at TSU /upcoming project: Camoes Institute Tbilisi Branch/



# Department of Foreign Relations

## Agenda

- Increase the amount of outgoing TSU students who have studied abroad by 10%
- Increase the amount of incoming students to TSU
- Expand faculty exchange programs to increase faculty mobility opportunities



# TEMPUS

- TSU has been involved in 24 Tempus projects, some of our current projects include:
  - Development of Student Career Services in Georgia (CASEDE).
  - Leading and Managing Change in Higher Education (La MANCHE)
  - Internationalization in Central Asia and Eastern Neighboring Area (ICAEN)



# TEMPUS

- 10224-1996 Development and Restructuring of Higher Education in Immunology in Georgia (JEP)
- 10227-1996 Tbilisi: Student Services and Industry Liaison at TSU (JEP)
- 10833-1999 TSU: Ponts Vers L'UE - Former Des Juristes Internationalistes (JEP)
- 21058-2000 Former des Financiers - Aider la Réforme en Georgie (JEP)
- 21127-2000 A Georgian National Network of Universities for Biomedical Education (JEP)
- 23070-2002 Establishment of National Centres of Excellence in Biomedical and Veterinary Education in the Southern Caucasus (JEP)
- 23154-2002 Development of Occupational Therapy in Armenia and Georgia (Facilitate Participation of the Disabled in Armenia and Georgia) (JEP)
- 25033-2004 Establishment of Social Work Education in Georgia (JEP)
- 27200-2006 Application of Tuning Approaches in Georgian Higher Education System (JEP)
- 27218-2006 Developing new applied biosciences and biotechnology curricula (JEP)
- T026B05-2005 Development of an Accreditation System at Georgian Universities (SM)
- 144562-TEMPUS-2008-UK-JPCR - Advancing the three cycle system in social work education in six European countries (JP)
- 158627-Tempus-UK-Tempus-JPCR - Development of the e-learning and distance learning courses and assessment in Biomedical Sciences in the Southern Caucasus (JP)
- 159340-Tempus-ES-Tempus-JPCR – MAPB (JP)517002-Tempus-1-2011-GR-JPCR - Migration and Higher Education - Building skills and capacity
- 516663-Tempus-1-2011-1-ES-Tempus-SMGR - Internationalization in Central Asia and the Eastern Neighbouring Area
- 516664-Tempus-1-2011-1-UK-JPCR - Modernizing undergraduate medical education in EU Eastern Neighbouring Area
- 159340 - MAPB - Master in Applied Biology Programme
- 511303-TEMPUS-1-2010-1-UK-TEMMPUS-JPCR - Masters Programmes in Public Health and Social Services
- 158739 - E-learning-Weiterbildungszentrum im Tourismus
- 158627 - Development of the e-learning and distance learning courses and assessment in Biomedical Sciences in the Southern Caucasus
- 144562 - Advancing the three Cycle System in Social Work Education in six European Countries





# Erasmus Mundus

- TSU is currently involved in 4 Erasmus Mundus projects, and is serving as the Co-Coordinator for the WEBB consortium.
- WEBB – Whole Europe Beyond Borders, 20 partners, Coordinated by the University of Bologna
- IANUS – Inter-Academic Network Erasmus Mundus, 20 partners, Coordinated by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
- BACKIS – Between Black and Caspian Seas, 20 partners, Coordinated by the University of Montpellier 2
- ELECTRA – 20 partners, Coordinated by Carl von Ossietzky University
- Previously, TSU was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Country partner for the ALRAKIS Erasmus Mundus consortium.
- Incoming students, faculty members, or staff: ~5 through each EM project.



## Other Activities

- Through TSU's collaborations (2011-) with Leiden University, TSU professor Ramaz Kurdadze serves as the *Visiting Chair of Georgian Languages, Culture, and Society* at Leiden University.
- In 2012, the Ministry of Science and Education awarded TSU a 1,000,000 GEL internationalization grant, which has enabled the university to establish a visiting professor program. Through this program, TSU has invited approx. 100 professors from all over the world to lecture at TSU.



# English and German Degree Programs

International School of Economics  
Master Program in Economics  
[www.iset.ge](http://www.iset.ge)

Center for Social Sciences  
Master and PhD Programs in Social Sciences and Gender Studies  
[www.ucss.ge](http://www.ucss.ge)

International School of Tourism  
Bachelor, Master, and PhD Programs in Tourism and Tourism and Hospitality Management  
[www.tsu.edu.ge](http://www.tsu.edu.ge)



# English and German Degree Programs

Medical Molecular Biology MSc. Program

Flexible Learning with the University of Westminster, UK

[www.tsu.edu.ge](http://www.tsu.edu.ge)

Managing International Enterprises Joint Degree MBA Program

TSU/Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany

<http://www.mie.uni-jena.de/>

Institute for European Studies

European Studies Master Program

[www.ies.tsu.ge](http://www.ies.tsu.ge)



# Joint Degree Programs

- Joint LLM with the University of Cologne (Germany)
- Managing International Enterprises MBA program – Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Germany)
- DHV/TSU Master's in Public Administration Program - University of Speyer (Germany)



# Internationalization and Development

- Further align TSU with its European counterparts as a part of the process of joining the European Higher Education Area
- Establish bilateral (MoU) agreements with other universities
- Participate in cooperation opportunities in the framework of Erasmus Mundus and Tempus.

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## PARTNERSHIP NETWORK



**Thank You!**

