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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
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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

PARTNERSHIP NETWORK
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+

- 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
- 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!