

# **Caucasus International University**

## **Annual Report 2021**

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## Quantitative Data – 2021

### Programs

#### **Accredited Undergraduate Educational Programs - 8**

1. Undergraduate Educational Program in Management;
2. Undergraduate Educational Program in Finances;
3. Undergraduate Educational Program in Tourism;
4. Undergraduate Educational Program in Law;
5. Undergraduate Educational Program in Journalism;
6. Undergraduate Educational Program in International Relations;
7. Undergraduate Educational Program in Pharmacy;
8. Undergraduate Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking.

#### **Accredited One-Cycle Educational Programs – 4**

1. Educational Program in Medicine offered in Georgian language;
2. Educational Program in Medicine offered in English language;
3. Educational Program in Dentistry offered in Georgian language;
4. Educational Program in Dentistry offered in English language.

#### **Accredited Postgraduate Educational Programs - 6**

1. Postgraduate Educational Program in Law;
2. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Business Management;
3. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Marketing;
4. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Relations and International Security;
5. Postgraduate Educational Program in Media Studies and Multimedia Production;
6. Postgraduate Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking.

#### **Accredited Doctoral Educational Programs – 4**

1. Doctoral Educational Program in Law;
2. Doctoral Educational Program in Political Sciences;
3. Doctoral Educational Program in Business Administration;
4. Doctoral Educational Program in Mass Communication.

#### **Authorized Undergraduate Educational Programs - 1**

1. Undergraduate Educational Program in Business Administration offered in English language;

## Authorized Postgraduate Educational Programs – 2

1. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Marketing offered in English language;
2. Postgraduate Educational Program in Global Policy and Security Studies in English language

## Students

The number of students with active status in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs at Caucasus International University has been defined by **3154** students according to the data of September 1, 2021.

In 2021, 447 students were qualified.

In 2021-2022 academic year, a total of 427 students were enrolled as a result of the unified national exams 172 students as a result of unified master's exams, and 51 students were admitted to doctoral programs (with internal exams).

### Enrollment as a Result of Unified National Exams

#	Educational Program	Enrolled by National Exams Center List
1.	Finances	8
2.	Management	16
3.	Tourism	15
4.	Law Studies	64
5.	International Relations	40
6.	Journalism	35
7.	Medicine	109
8.	Dentistry	30
9.	Pharmacy	16
10.	Medicine (offered in English)	6
11.	Georgian Viticulture-Winemaking	84
12.	Business Administration (offered in English)	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>

### Enrollment as a Result of Unified Master's Exams

#	Program	Number of Enrolled
1.	MA program in Law	70
2.	MA program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English	4
3.	MA program in International Relations and International Security	32
4.	MA program in International Business Management	15

5.	MA program in International Marketing	18
6.	MA program in Georgian Viticulture-Winemaking	29
7.	MA program in Media Studies and Multimedia Production	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>172</b>

### Admission of Students to Doctoral Educational Programs

#	Program	Number of Enrolled
1.	PhD Program in Law	15
2.	PhD Program in Political Sciences	17
3.	PhD Program in Mass Communication	12
4.	PhD Program in Business Administration	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>51</b>

### Academic Personnel

Academic Personnel Implementing Educational Program Components	Number
<b>Academic Personnel</b>	<b>190</b>
- Professor	33
- Associate Professor	115
- Assistant Professor	37
- Assistant	13
<b>Affiliated Academic Personnel</b>	<b>144</b>
- Affiliated Professor	23
- Affiliated Associate Professor	83
- Affiliated Assistant Professor	33
- Affiliated Assistant	5
Foreign Personnel (if applicable)	1
- Number of foreign academic/visiting personnel engaged in academic process	1
- Number of foreign academic/scientific/visiting personnel engaged in research	0
<b>Visiting Personnel</b>	<b>172</b>

### Quality Assurance

In 2021, the Quality Assurance Service of Caucasus International University was working in the following directions:

- Preparing existing programs for reaccreditation and new programs for accreditation;
- Preparing programs, syllabi, self-evaluation reports and accompanying documents to be submitted for accreditation;
- Raising the quality of educational programs and bringing them closer to international standards;
- Learning outcomes of courses prepared by the program supervisors using the Gaussian method and their analysis;
- Training professors in order to bring programs and syllabi into compliance with the new qualification framework;
- Training of professors in modern methods of teaching and learning and updating syllabi in this direction;
- Updating syllabi with the latest Georgian and foreign language literature and study materials;
- Creating learning outcome mechanisms for new programs;
- Preparing evaluation reports of the learning outcomes of the current programs;
- Developing special survey forms for effective management of the online teaching process by the Quality Assurance Service and analysis of survey results of interested parties involved in the program (students, professors and teachers);
- Surveying and analyzing faculty employees to evaluate the online learning process;
- Evaluating and analyzing the results of online surveys of students;
- Organizing accreditation visits;
- Implementing and developing internal quality assurance mechanisms;

The main task of the Quality Assurance Service of the university still remains valid:

The Quality Assurance Service at the university and faculty level ensures the quality of teaching, research, and institutional effectiveness. Its goal is to involve all structural units operating in the university in the smooth operation of the internal mechanisms of quality, which will contribute to the establishment of a culture of quality in Caucasus International University.

**The results of 2021 are the following:**

- Undergraduate Program in Law was re-granted accreditation for 7 years;
- Postgraduate Program in Law was re-granted accreditation for 7 years;
- Educational Program in Medicine offered in Georgian language was re-granted accreditation for 7 years;
- Doctoral Program in Mass Communication, as a new program, was granted accreditation for 4 years;
- New Postgraduate Program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English has been granted authorization for the remaining university authorization period (until November 20, 2024).

The Accreditation Council of Higher Education Programs positively evaluated the following programs:

Dentistry offered in Georgian; Reports on the implementation of recommendations for Postgraduate Program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in Georgian and administrative proceeding ended.

The Accreditation Council of Higher Education Programs positively evaluated the materials submitted by the university as a result of planned and unplanned monitoring of Undergraduate Programs in Management,

Finance and Pharmacy, and based on the conclusions of accreditation experts, the administrative proceedings were stopped.

For the purpose of re-accreditation in 2021, the following were prepared and submitted to the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement:

1. Undergraduate Program in Tourism, syllabi, self-assessment reports and accompanying documentation;
2. Undergraduate Program in Journalism, syllabi, self-evaluation reports and accompanying documentation;
3. Undergraduate Program in International Relations, syllabi, self-evaluation reports and accompanying documentation.

### **Distance, E-Learning Process**

In February 2020, due to the epidemic situation created in the country, Caucasus International University shifted to online learning mode. Accordingly, the rule of online learning was developed. In the mentioned rule, the policy of quality assurance in e-learning was defined in detail, which includes:

- a) Institutional support;
- b) Development of e-courses;
- c) Structure of e-courses;
- d) Teaching and learning process during the e-learning period;
- e) During the e-learning period, depending on the characteristics of the specific study course, transparent grading of students with the prompts and rubrics planned by the professor, agreed with the Quality Assurance Service and the program supervisor; as well as the process of conducting midterm and final exams;
- f) Providing support to academic, visiting personnel and staff involved in the implementation of programs and their mandatory training regarding e-learning from the faculty side;
- g) Offering students necessary instructions and rules regarding support and e-learning;
- h) Ensuring the smooth and proper functioning of technological infrastructures;
- i) Electronic security measures. E-learning process in the university is evaluated by: a student, professor, program supervisor, quality assurance service. Special questionnaires were developed and students, program supervisors and professors were surveyed.

## **Scientific Researches**

### **CIU Scientists' Grants Obtained from International Foundations and Prepared Projects**

- ✓ Vakhtang Maisaya, Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences, has obtained grant funding for the implementation of the postgraduate program. The donor organization is the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine "STCU" <http://www.stcu.int/>, duration of the project: 2 years - 1/08/2020- 01/08/2022. Project budget: 66525 euros. Master's Degree Program in Global Policy and Security Studies implemented within the framework of the project.
- ✓ Giorgi Kepuladze, Affiliated Professor of the Faculty of Business, participated in a study-research project at the Faculty of Management and Economics of Tomas Bata University in the Czech

Republic, funded by the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic and co-financed by CIU, in February-March 2021. The grant funded research and living expenses in the Czech Republic, and Caucasus International University provided co-funding for travel expenses.

- ✓ Beka Kantaria, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Law, won a 1-month DAAD scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service in the field of constitutionalism, within the framework of which he went on a research visit to the University of Jena on July 1-30, 2021. It should be noted that constitutionalism is a research priority of the Faculty of Law, within which Beka Kantaria is one of the co-authors of the trilogy published by the university. In this direction, the development of international contacts contributes to the internationalization of the university with advanced research centers in the field.

### **Grants Obtained by CIU Scientists from Local Foundations**

- ✓ YS-21-1302 - Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business - Shorena Kurdadze won 2021 Research Grants for Young Scientists Competition announced by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation with a research project - The Influence of Cultural and Geographical Distance on the Identification of International Opportunities in Georgian Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. The budget of the project is 5,3750 GEL; the implementation period is 2021-2023.
- ✓ MR-21-498 - Sandro Sabashvili, a master's student of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking, won the 2021 funding competition for Master's students study and research projects announced by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation with the topic – “Ampelographic Description of Georgian Selection of Grapes and Study of Economic Characteristics”. The budget of the project is 6000 GEL, of which CIU co-finances 500 GEL. Implementation period 2021-2023 years.

### **CIU Scientists' Articles Published in Journals Indexed in Scopus, Web of Science and ERIHplus**

In 2021 14 articles were published in journals indexed in SCOPUS and ERIH+.

In 2021, the second, thousand-page volume of the Trilogy was published – “Constitutional Ideas and Processes in Georgian Journalism - Struggle for Constitutional Democracy (1990-1995)”. The conceptual comprehension of the collection, the introductory letter and the scientific editorial belong to the professor of Caucasus International University - Mindia Ugrehelidze, and the author and principal investigator of the project is the Associate Professor, Beka Kantaria.

### **Events and Implemented Activities Facilitating Internationalization of Scientific Activities**

- ✓ On October 1, the International Conference “Regulation of Online Disinformation: Comparative Perspectives” was held in an online format, organized by Caucasus International University and Dublin City University. The main speakers were: Dr. Andrey Richter, Senior Advisor of the OSCE Representative on Media Freedom, and Sesili Gogiberidze, Head of the Scientific Research Department of Caucasus International University;
- ✓ The following speakers presented at the conference: Dr. Clara Iglesias-Keller, Leibniz Institute for Media Studies, Germany; Dr. Giovanni Zagni, Director of Fact-Checking Project Pagella Politica, Italy; Eileen Culloty, Assistant Professor, School of Communication, Dublin City University, Ireland;
- ✓ Sergi Jorbenadze, Associate Professor of Tbilisi State University, Ushangi Bakhtadze, Professor of Sulkhani-Saba Orbelian University - Nini Shengelia – PhD student of CIU Law Faculty presented

reports at the conference in a round table format. The conference was moderated by Professor Edoardo Celeste (Dublin City University, Ireland) and Mariam Sharangia (Master of the University of Sussex (England));

- ✓ In 2021, an institutional cooperation agreement was signed with the New York University Abu Dhabi branch within the framework of the project funded by the Fundamental Research Grant competition of Caucasus International University – “Determination of Epileptic Foci and Ways of Spreading Epileptic Excitation in Neuronal Networks during Drug-Resistant Epilepsies using Janashia-Lagvilava Algorithm - Initial Research”. The principal investigator of the project is Associate professor Sophio Kasradze. The research is implemented within the framework of cooperation between Caucasus International University and the Institute of Neurology and Neuropsychology. The researchers involved in the project are: Professor Ilya Spitkovsky, Professor of the Department of Science and Mathematics of the New York University Abu Dhabi Branch (United Arab Emirates), an international expert in matrix theory. Professor Mukesh Dhamala - Associate Professor of the Physics and Astronomy Department of the University of Atlanta (Georgia). Professor, Head of the Technical Center for Behavioral Neurosciences and Whole Brain Imaging at the Georgia Institute of Neurosciences. Professor Lasha Epremidze - a mathematician, our compatriot, who is currently actively working in the Department of Mathematics of the New York University in Abu Dhabi;
- ✓ A number of measures were taken to establish institutional cooperation with Beijing University in China. The Georgian Embassy in China and CIU Advisor to Chancellor, Professor Zviad Gabisonia, are involved in the planning of the project. The Scientific Research Department prepared a presentation about the scientific activities of CIU faculties. Business correspondence between CIU faculties of medicine, business and social sciences and prospective partner faculties of China University was held.

## **Scientific Journal of University**

An international peer-reviewed journal was founded - an International Journal in Social Sciences, boasting an authoritative local and international editorial board. Its primary goal is to publish scientific articles adhering to high academic standards and being circulated among the international scientific community. The journal has already joined Crossref. It is planned to gradually index the journal in international electronic scientific databases. The materials of the conference held jointly by CIU and Dublin City University of Ireland were uploaded in the first issue. The journal website [www.journal.ciu.edu.ge](http://www.journal.ciu.edu.ge) was created.

## **Other Scientific-Academic Events Implemented by University Scientific Personnel and Scientific Research Department**

- ✓ Ms. Sophio Kasradze’s presentation on the topic: “Determination of Epileptic Foci and Ways of Spreading Epileptic Excitation in Neuronal Networks during Drug-Resistant Epilepsies using Janashia-Lagvilava Algorithm” was presented by Caucasus International University at the event “The Best Achievement of the Year” held by the National Science Library;
- ✓ Publication of the textbook by Roin Migriauli, Associate professor of the Faculty of Law was funded by the university;
- ✓ The second, thousand-page volume of the Trilogy was published – “Constitutional Ideas and Processes in Georgian Journalism - Struggle for Constitutional Democracy (1990-1995)”. The conceptual comprehension of the collection, the introductory letter and the scientific editorial belong to the professor of Caucasus International University - Mindia Ugrehelidze, and the author

and principal investigator of the project is the Associate Professor, Beka Kantaria. On March 15, 2021, a book presentation dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the first Constitution of Georgia took place in the Hall of the First Republic of the Parliament of Georgia organized by the Legal Affairs Committee;

- ✓ In cooperation with the Caucasus International University and the Iranian Embassy, international conferences have been held since 2015, the purpose of which is to deepen mutual cooperation, share knowledge and experience in the direction of political, economic and cultural relations between Georgia and Iran;
- ✓ The proceedings of the IV and V conferences “Political, Economic and Cultural Relations between Georgia and Iran” held in 2018 and 2020 with the funding of Caucasus International University and the Embassy of Iran was published;
- ✓ The VI conference: “Political, Economic and Cultural Relations between Georgia and Iran” was held with the financial support of Caucasus International University and the Embassy of Iran;
- ✓ The article COLLECTIVE TRAUMA IN REFUGEE LITERATURE (BASED ON ALMANACS – 14 GIGABYTES AND HALLELUIAH) by Associate Professor Nino Mindiashvili was published in the International Journal of Innovative Technologies in Social Science with the funding of the university.
- ✓ Shorena Kurdadze, coordinator of scientific projects of the Department of Scientific Research, participated in the Horizon Europe Info Day Georgia online meeting, which was specially designed for Georgia. The meeting covered such important issues as the overall structure of Horizon Europe, various funding schemes and opportunities for participation; Global challenges and industrial competitiveness; Marie Skłodowska Curie (MSCA) activities such as Innovative Teaching Networks (ITN), Individual Fellowships (IF), Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) or Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programs (COFUND), etc.;
- ✓ Sesili Gogiberidze, Head of the Scientific Research Department of Caucasus International University, participates in the activities of the CALIPER project funded by Horizon 2020. Within the framework of the project, meetings were held, where the persons involved in the working group introduced the working version of the plan for gender equality in the academic space to the interested parties, which included internal institutional and external activities.

## Internationalization

Caucasus International University, based on its mission, actively works to introduce and strengthen the international component in educational and scientific activities. A number of events are implemented in this direction, in which every CIU student and professor can join and participate.

In terms of internationalization, the activities carried out in 2021 were grouped in the following directions:

- I. Attracting a professor/researcher from international partner universities for educational purposes;
- II. Preparation and submission of projects for participation in the Erasmus+ program in cooperation with partner universities and organizations;
- III. Implementation of mobility and exchange programs of students, academic and administrative personnel;
- IV. Care for the development of the international cooperation network;
- V. Internationalization of research.

## **I. Attracting a Professor/Researcher from International Partner Universities for Educational Purposes**

In order to engage the maximum number of students and staff in the process of internationalization, the Department of International Relations actively invites foreign professors and researchers from partner universities for educational purposes. Within the framework of the visits, intensive courses and trainings are held, after successful completion of which the participants are awarded English language certificates.

In 2020, as a result of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, it was not possible to invite a foreign professor, researcher to the university, but CIU students had the opportunity to engage in the following activities online:

1. The international education week was organized by Mendel University (Czech Republic), a partner of Caucasus International University, within the framework of which CIU students of all faculties had the opportunity to attend a series of English-language courses (30 courses in total);
2. An international summer university was organized by Tartu University, a partner of Caucasus International University, within the framework of which students of CIU Faculty of Social Sciences had the opportunity to participate in various modules;
3. CIU partner Tehran Medical University (Iran) organized a series of webinars on the topic – “International Online Congress on Minimally Invasive Surgical Oncology”, in which CIU students of the Faculty of Medicine participated;
4. An online international summer session was organized by CIU partner, Chonnam National University (South Korea). The event was attended by students of the Faculties of Social Sciences, Business and Law.

## **II. Preparation and Submission of Projects for Participation in the Erasmus+ Program in Cooperation with Partner Universities and Organizations**

International Relations Department, in order to promote internationalization in the university, facilitates, prepares and submits projects in partnership with universities and organizations for participation in Erasmus+ program. Caucasus International University has submitted mobility and institutional development projects in partnership with the following universities and organizations:

1. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – University of Alcalá (Madrid, Spain);
2. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Wrocław Medical University (Wrocław, Poland);
3. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Siauliai State College (Siauliai, Lithuania);
4. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – West Attica University (Greece);
5. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – University of Peloponnese (Greece);
6. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences (Klaipėda, Lithuania);
7. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – University of Burgos (Spain);
8. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Tartu University (Estonia);
9. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – University of Veliko Turnovo (Bulgaria);
10. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – War Studies University (Poland);
11. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Business and Entrepreneurship College (Poland);
12. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Mazovian University in Plock (Poland);

13. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu – National Louis University (Poland);
14. Erasmus+KA107 (Mobility Program) – Mendel University (Czech Republic);
15. Erasmus+ Youth Project (Youth Summer School) - Break the wall of differences, Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania);
16. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE (Institutional Collaboration Project) - Technology and Innovation in Management of Education and Research at Georgian HEIs (TIMER), UDIMA University (Spain);
17. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE (Institutional Collaboration Project) - Enhancing University Capacities in Armenia, Belarus and Georgia for international Mobility, University of Nis (Serbia);
18. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE (Institutional Collaboration Project) - University Industry Links in Applied Bio Sciences in Georgia and Ukraine: from Undergraduate to Doctorate, University of Teramo (Italy);
19. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE (Institutional Collaboration Project) - One health. Food Safety Based on European Experience, Odesa State Agrarian University (Ukraine).

### **III. Implementation of Mobility and Exchange Programs of Students, Academic and Administrative Personnel**

On the basis of international collaboration, CIU students were offered 11 exchange and internship programs based on Erasmus+ and University Agreement. The competitions for exchange programs are held with full transparency protection. Information about mobility and exchange programs is sent every semester via the University corporate email, and is posted on website and social media pages.

The following students, academic and administrative personnel mobility and exchange programs were announced and implemented in 2021:

Announced university exchange programs:

1. Wroclaw Medical University, Poland;
2. University of Lodz, Poland;
3. Jagiellonian University, Poland;
4. Vytautas Magnus University, Lietuva;
5. Chonnam National University, South Korea;

Announced Erasmus+ exchange programs:

1. Wroclaw Medical University, Poland;
2. University of Alcala, Spain;
3. Nowy Sacz School of Business - National Louis University, Poland;
4. Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences, Lithuania;
5. Siauliai State University of Applied Sciences, Lithuania;
6. University of Burgos, Spain.

Due to the Covid pandemic, students, as well as administrative and academic staff refrained from participating in international mobility programs. Partner universities were often forced to cancel exchange programs due to state regulations.

In total, 5 students were involved in various international mobility projects in both directions (inbound and outbound) in 2021.

- 1) In 2021 Fall Semester, one Caucasus International University student visited Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences (Klaipeda, Lithuania) for academic purposes within the framework of Erasmus+ program.

#	Name	Surname	Sex	Field of Study	Year of Study
1	Lika	Kukhilava	Female	BA Educational Program in Management	3

- 2) In 2021 Spring Semester, one Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences (Klaipeda, Lithuania) student visited Caucasus International University for academic purposes within the framework of Erasmus+ program.

#	Name	Surname	Field of Study
1	Joy Chidinma	Opara	BA Educational Program in Business Administration

- 3) In 2021 Spring Semester, four Siauliai State University of Applied Sciences (Siauliai, Lithuania) student visited Caucasus International University for academic purposes within the framework of Erasmus+ program.

#	Name	Surname	Field of Study
1	Tadas	Balaišis	BA Educational Program in Business Administration
2	Mantas	Staponas	BA Educational Program in Business Administration
3	Mantas	Arbačiauskas	BA Educational Program in Business Administration
4	Sandra	Šimukaitė	BA Educational Program in Business Administration

- 4) In summer, 2021 one Caucasus International University student went to a two-month internship at Wroclaw Medical University (Wroclaw, Poland) within the framework of Erasmus+ program.

#	Name	Surname	Sex	Field of Study	Year of Study
1	Irakli	Glonti	Male	Educational Program in Medicine	6

#### IV. Care for the Development of the International Cooperation Network

Caucasus International University has a wide and diverse international network of partners. As of 2020, Caucasus International University signed memoranda of understanding and cooperation agreements with 70 universities of 23 countries, and was implementing 10 mobility and exchange programs of students, administrative and academic personnel. The number of memoranda of understanding and cooperation agreements has increased during 2021 and the total number reached 80 (Please, see the list of international partner universities in Appendix 1).

In 2021, memoranda of understanding were signed with the following universities and organizations:

1. Ukrainian State University of Chemical Technology, Ukraine;
2. Polonia University in Cziestochowa, Poland;
3. University of International Business, Kazakhstan;
4. Valahia University of Targoviste, Romania;
5. Yerevan Haybusak University, Armenia;
6. National Agency of Academic Cooperation NAWA, Poland;
7. Global Wine Tourism Organization, Spain;
8. Escuela Superior de Enoturismo De Castylla y Leon, Spain;

9. Winery Alvar de Dios, Spain;
10. FH Joanneum Gesellschaft mbH University of Applied Sciences, Austria;
11. North-West Institute of Management of RANEPa, Russia;
12. Caucasus Study Institute, Iran.

In 2021, in order to develop internationalization and expand cooperation network, CIU International Relations Department staff participated in the following events:

1. Online conference: Internationalisation beyond IRO – Cooperation with IT for digital Erasmus; Organizer – University of Lodz, Poland;
2. International Week Spring 2021 - Quality Assurance in Higher Education; Organizer – Mendel University (Czech Republic);
3. France-Eastern Partnership Seminar; Organizer – Campus France;
4. "Micro-Credentials in the EHEA: Small Learning Units - Big Opportunities?"; Organizer – German National Agency for EU Higher Education Cooperation;
5. CBHE Virtual Fair; Organizer – - Erasmus+ National Offices and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

## **International Partners**

### **Armenia**

1. Russian-Armenian University
2. Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia
3. Yerevan Haybusak University

### **Austria**

4. FH Joanneum Gesellschaft mbH University of Applied Sciences

### **Azerbaijan**

5. Qafqaz University
6. Azerbaijan State Economic University
7. Odlar Iurdu University
8. Sinergiya University

### **Bulgaria**

9. Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar"
10. St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo
11. Agricultural Academy

### **Cyprus**

12. University of Cyprus

## **Czech Republic**

13. Brno University of Technology

## **Germany**

14. Oldenburg University Clinic of Carl Von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg

15. Diakonissen-Stiftung-Krankenhaus Speyer

## **Indonesia**

16. Stekom University

## **Iran**

17. University of Tehran

18. Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences

19. Caucasus Study Institute

## **Italy**

20. Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco - Life Beyond Tourism

## **Kazakhstan**

21. El Almaty Management University

22. University of International Business

## **Kyrgyzstan**

23. OSCE Academy

## **Latvia**

24. Riga Technical University Faculty of Engineering and Economics

25. University of Latvia

26. Baltic International Academy

## **Lithuania**

27. Siauliai State University of Applied Sciences

28. Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences

## **Moldova**

29. State Agrarian University of Moldova

## **Poland**

30. University of Gdansk

31. University of Information Technology and Management

Caucasus International University

32. University of Business and Administration
33. University of Lodz
34. Wroclaw University of Economics
35. Silesian University
36. University of Ecology and Management
37. Jagiellonian University
38. Nowy Sacz School of Business - National Louis University
39. Wroclaw Medical University
40. University of Economics and Human Sciences
41. College of Business and Entrepreneurship
42. University of Commerce and Services
43. University of Rzeszow
44. Adam Mickiewicz University
45. Polonia University in Cziestochowa
46. National Agency of Academic Cooperation NAWA

### **Romania**

47. Ovidius University of Constanta
48. University of Oradea
49. Valahia University of Targoviste

### **Russia**

50. North-West Institute of Management of RANEPA

### **Serbia**

51. University of Nis

### **Slovenia**

52. Pan European University
53. University of SS Cyril and Methodius
54. Trnava University

### **South Korea**

55. Chonnam National University

### **Spain**

56. Centro Espanol De Nuevas Profesiones
57. University of Alcala
58. University of La Rioja
59. University of Burgos
60. Municipal Training Institute and Wine Tourism of Catalonia Professional Training School 61. Global Wine Tourism Organization
62. Escuela Superior de Enoturismo De Castylla y Leon
63. Winery Alvar de Dios

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## **Turkey**

64. Suleyman Demirel University / Isparta University of Applied Sciences
65. Kafkaz University
66. Giresun University
67. University of Turkish Aeronautical Association
68. Bilecik Seyh Edebali University
69. Istanbul Aydin University

## **Ukraine**

70. Kyiv University of Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
71. European University
72. Lviv Regional Institute of Public Administration
73. National Transport University
74. V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University
75. Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine Under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
76. Vinnytsia National Agrarian University
77. Berdiansk State Pedagogical University
78. National Aviation University
79. Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev
80. Ukrainian State University of Chemical Technology

## **Life-Long Learning and Career Development Service Career Support Service**

Career Development Service has been operating at Caucasus International University since 2012. In 2021, a structural change was implemented, as a result of which Career Development and Life-Long Learning Services were merged. One of the main activities of the Service is to provide career support services for students and graduates.

Due to the pandemic situation in the world during the reporting period, the main service of Life-Long Learning and Career Development Service has switched to remote mode. Information about 160 vacancies from partner organizations and other companies were sent through corporate emails of students and graduates and posted on FB pages.

In addition, career counseling was provided on the following issues:

- Writing CV;
- Writing a cover letter;
- Job search methods and others.

About 250 individuals were offered individual career counseling online.

During the reporting period, the following free short-term courses were implemented to promote students' career advancement:

- “CV/Resume Writing Techniques”, led by Gvantsa Antidze, Company Redco HR Generalist;

- Ways of Searching for a Job, was led by the head of employment platform “Hirosa” and training center “Erudio” - Tamar Meskhidze;
- A Step towards Success, led by Nato Durglishvili, Human Resource Management Manger of Company “Neopharm”;
- How to Use LinkedIn during Job Seeking Process, led by Tsira Shanava, Education Development Professional, Career Consultant;
- CV/resume writing and successful interview techniques, led by the head of HR Management Service of Caucasus International University, Maya Martiashvili and Senior Specialist of HR Management Service, Mzia Gogiashvili;
- SPSS Statistical Data Processing Program, led by Tatia Bregvadze, the Head of the Marketing Research Laboratory Marketing Lab of Caucasus International University;
- Electronic Databases and Search Mechanisms, led by the representative of the Georgian Library Consortium - Marika Zhorzholiani.

It is important that the service actively cooperates with potential employers. In particular, signs memoranda, holds job fairs, career days, organizes professional holidays, professional tours and maintains close communication with employers within the framework of various work formats. In this direction, the following activities were carried out during the reporting period:

- Meeting on the topic: “Career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia”. The meeting was chaired by Ana Jebirashvili, Advisor of the Department of Human Resources Management of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia;
- Career Day at the Faculty of Medicine. The meeting was chaired by “Evex Hospitals” personnel selection specialist (recruiter) - Mariam Chantladze and “GEPHA” company selection specialist, coordinator of relations with medical schools - Diana Peikrishvili;
- Meeting on the topic: “Career in the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia”. The meeting was chaired by the consultant of the Professional Development and Career Management Center (Division) of the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia - Sophio Shengelia;
- In connection with the Day of Georgian Diplomacy, a public lecture on the topic: “Recent History of Georgian Diplomacy since the Day of Restoration of Independence”. The meeting was chaired by the researcher of the Levan Mikaladze Diplomatic Training and Research Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia - Ambassador Mikheil Ukleba;
- Prospects for Future Representatives of the Field of Hospitality. The meeting was chaired by the Sales and Marketing Manager of “Holiday Inn Telavi” hotel - Tamar Akhalbedashvili;
- Meeting with PSP. The meeting was chaired by head of PSP Academy – Eka Pruidze;
- Meeting with Liberty Bank. The meeting was led by Head of Liberty Bank Human Resources Management and Administration Department – Maya Bliadze and Senior Specialist of the same department – Tamar Khaindrava;
- Profession Pharmacist - a meeting was held in connection with the International Day of Pharmacists. The meeting was chaired by representatives of “GEPHA” company;
- Meeting with Lika Kvirchishvili - Head of the Human Resources Management Service of the National Public Registry Agency.

Virtual Career Day 2021 was also held during the reporting period – students and graduates were given opportunity to meet both public and private sector representatives within the framework of a remote meeting.

### **Activities Implemented in the Direction of Life-Long Learning**

Life-Long Learning and Career Development Service implements the university continuing education programs for the university community. Continuing professional development action plans in 2021 for

academic as well as administrative personnel were worked out with the engagement of Life-Long Learning and Career Development, Human Resources Management and other Services. Within the framework of these plans, a number of staff training courses were held in order to improve professional/personal development and qualification.

A training program was introduced for the administrative personnel, which envisages retraining employees, raising their awareness and competence. The following trainings were developed within the framework of the program:

- Preparing/retraining administration personnel in English;
- Introducing/teaching internal regulatory documents of the university to new staff;
- Familiarization/teaching existing functions of the academic process management system (GONI) to both new and old staff;
- And other;

The following trainings were implemented for the continuing professional development of the academic personnel:

- PBL Problem Based Learning;
- OSCE – Objectively Structured Clinical Experience;
- Training cycle to align educational programs and syllabi with the “National Qualifications Framework and Classifier of Study Fields”;
- Modern Teaching Methods;
- Methodology of creating curricula and syllabi;
- Research methods;
- Main characteristics of the structure of a scientific paper;
- Citation styles, in-text citations and references;
- Using scientific databases (ELSEVIER and other bases);
- Publishing-searching scientific papers in foreign language journals, formatting guidelines;
- Methods of improving the citation index and the awareness of the researcher in the international space;
- Statistical processing of data;
- Attracting scientific grants, preparing and submitting project proposals.

Based on market requirements in Georgia, the service introduces and administers training programs for the general public.

During the reporting period, the following courses were implemented together with the language center functioning under the Service:

- English language course;
- Polish language course;
- Latin language course.

In total 8 courses were implemented in this direction.

In addition, the Spanish Education and Culture Center “Iberia”, which was founded on the basis of Caucasus International University (CIU), in Madrid in 2008, has been operating for years and currently cooperates with leading Spanish universities and language training centers. Within the framework of cooperation with this center, 2 courses were held.

Wine tourism training was conducted during the reporting period. The training was carried out within the framework of cooperation between Caucasus International University (CIU), the Georgian Eno Tourism

Association (GETA) and the Global Wine Tourism Organization (GWTO). The training was administered by the Life-Long Learning and Career Development Service.

## Contribution

### School-Educational /Cognitive Projects

Caucasus International University constantly carries out various educational/cognitive activities useful to the society for contribution.

The following activities were planned and implemented during the reporting period:

School-Educational Projects:

- This is Our Kind Erekle;
- What the Black Sea Says;
- Art of Debating;
- Winter Online Camp of Viticulture and Winemaking;
- Spring Online Camp of Viticulture and Winemaking;

#### **This is Our Kind Erekle**

Educational Contest - This is Our Kind Erekle . . . is a project held by Caucasus International University which aimed to introduce students to the life and work of Erekle II. X, XI, XII graders throughout Georgia participated in the project. 32 pupils moved to the final stage. The educational project consisted of three sections: Journalism; Tourism; Essay Writing.

The contest was dedicated to the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of King Erekle.

#### **What The Black Sea Says**

The educational competition – What The Black Sea Say is an event dedicated to International Black Sea Day. It is designed for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The project was implemented with the support of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Georgia.

The project consisted of Video and Essay Competitions. In addition, online lectures were held on the topic of the Black Sea within the framework of the competition:

- Blue Economics of the Black Sea - Significant Potential of Economic Growth and Development of Georgia;
- The Sea in the literature of displaced persons; • The Black Sea from Plato to the present day;
- Geopolitical Identity of the Black Sea and Its Role under the Conditions of New Cold War.

#### **Art of Debating**

The project – “Art of Debating” was aimed at developing the skills of argumentative debate culture, critical thinking, rational use of conversation time, finding necessary materials and information, as well as their correct use, finding a compromise and agreeing among the youth.

The project continued for two months and consisted of 2 trainings: Culture of Debating / Agreement Document and 4 games.

### **Spring Online Camp 2021 of CIU Viticulture and Winemaking**

(Your Business Idea in Winemaking)

The project was organized by the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking and supported by the Faculty of Business. It included meetings with leading professor-trainers. X, XI, XII graders participated in the project and prepared business ideas at the final stage. As a result, the members of the winning team were awarded 5000 GEL vouchers from CIU.

### **Winter Online Camp 2021 of CIU Viticulture and Winemaking**

X, XI, XII graders throughout Georgia participated in the school camp organized by CIU Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking.

The project covered the following topics:

- Georgian Viticulture-Winemaking;
- Georgian Qvevri wine making tradition;
- Georgian Vine;
- Consumer Behavior when Purchasing Wine;
- Wine Tourism.

Within the framework of the project, the full education fund of CIU vouchers was defined by 4000 GEL.

## **Cognitive Projects of Multimedia Center**

In order to provide journalism students with access to modern media technologies and prepare them for competitive media production, CIU Multimedia Center constantly provides:

- Creating media productions based on lecture courses;
- Visualization of scientific and research processes;
- Producing educational-scientific, educational-cognitive and artistic documentary audio, print and video media products.

The Multimedia Center is a space where the latest technical resources and material base become an opportunity for the student to get practical knowledge, get involved in the implementation of educational projects and strengthen his theoretical knowledge with practical skills.

Documentary films were created step by step and are being created, which have been aired many times in the Georgian broadcasting space.

On the basis of the Multimedia Center, a cycle of documentary films was prepared on the life and work of Ilia Chavchavadze – “From Kvareli to Mtatsminda - on Guram Sharadze’s Motives”. 15-25 minute documentaries, with the help of a narrator, reconstructions and graphic images, thoroughly inform the audience of Ilia's journey from Kvareli, from his birth, to Mtatsminda - until his death. It should be noted

that despite the pandemic, work on the project was not stopped and 7 new series were added to the 12 series filmed in the previous year. The program cycle is successfully used in the teaching process throughout Georgia, at the secondary educational level.

Besides, Multimedia Center annually implements various educational projects.

“Autograph” allows the audience to get to know representatives of culture and art more closely. The audience can see the exposition of the life of Georgian actors and artists through these programs.

Autograph – Givi Toidze <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIJ-A50ozOQ&t=67s>

Autograph – Gia Gugushvili [http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv\\_item/index/gia-gugushvili](http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv_item/index/gia-gugushvili)

Autograph – Jemal Ghaghanidze [http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv\\_item/index/Jemal-GhaGhanidze](http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv_item/index/Jemal-GhaGhanidze)

Caucasus International University Affiliated Professors meet the audience with interesting topics within the framework of “Lectorium”. Competent and professional lecturers, graphics and appropriate visual aspects make important topics easy to understand and interesting for the audience.

International Relations, as a component part of Political Sciences – Tamar Kiknadze - [http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv\\_item/index/Tamar-Kiknadze](http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv_item/index/Tamar-Kiknadze)

Sleep Disturbance and Its Impact on Human Organism – Sophio Kasradze - [http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv\\_item/index/Zilis-darRveva-da-misi-gavlana-adamianis-organizmze-sofiokasraZe](http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv_item/index/Zilis-darRveva-da-misi-gavlana-adamianis-organizmze-sofiokasraZe)

Pandemic and Reproductive Health - Mamuka Nemsadze - <https://youtu.be/omQfrcOMmhc>

Why do we pay taxes? – Giorgi Abashishvili - [http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv\\_item/index/WhyDo-We-Pay-Taxes-Giorgi-Abashishvili](http://multimedia.ciu.edu.ge/tv_item/index/WhyDo-We-Pay-Taxes-Giorgi-Abashishvili)

Besides the mentioned projects, the center works with students on individual documentaries and video stories, which are the winners of many competitions. In addition to television, the center actively works on other platforms, such as radio, print media (newspaper, magazine) and blog. These student works are available on the website of the center.

## Student Life

Pandemic challenges of 2021 showed us once again that youth is special power and they, in any kind of difficult situation, are responsible for their own future.

The student life of Caucasus International University was interrupted, but still strived to establish itself with exceptional strength in 2021 as well, and this is confirmed by the numbers:

1. **01-08.04.2021** – about 400 foreign and Georgian students went on an excursion to Gudauri with the financial support of the university in the end of March and April 1-8;
2. **19.04.2021** – Caucasus International University team defeated Zestaponi with the score 81-66 (Series 2:1) in the semi-final series of the league playoffs of Georgian Basketball Championship “A” at Tbilisi Olympic Palace;
3. **20.04.2021** – Caucasus International University Futsal team defeated Tbilisi State University with the score 4:0 and became the Champion of Georgia (Series 3:1);
4. **10.05.2021** – Georgian and foreign students went on an excursion to Kazbegi with the university funding;

5. **15.05.2021** – Universiada 2021 started with the organization of Georgian University Sports Federation. The championship was held in 15 sports varieties, Caucasus International University participated in 13 varieties;
6. **25.05.2021** – CIU sand volleyball team reached the final and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place;
7. **09.06.2021** – CIU Futsal team became the winner of Universiada 2021;
8. **09.06.2021** – CIU Futsal team defeated Telasi-Georgia with the score 9:4 at the first meeting of the semi-final of Georgian Futsal League playoff;
9. **09.06.2021** - 6 best teams were identified in the project “Business Incubator” organized by Caucasus International University, which became involved in six-month business incubation process. In the first stage of the project, 53 participants were registered, where 12 business ideas were identified, and finally 6 business ideas went to the final stage. “Business Incubator” project is being held for the second time, where CIU student of any faculty can participate;
10. **11.06.2021** – About 100 students participated in rafting championship in Pasanauri;
11. **18.06.2021** - The compulsory study course “Tour Operating” of the Bachelor's program in Tourism was held, within the framework of which students learnt organizing tour operators’ activities. For 14 weeks, students were given practical tasks related to the topic of the lecture which appeared on the company's page. Eventually, the 3 best simulated travel companies were revealed, the “founder” undergraduate students were awarded in Abanotubani, Old Tbilisi. After the award ceremony, the students of the undergraduate program of tourism had a rock district tour in Old Tbilisi;
12. **25.06.2021** – The prize winner teams of the intellectual game “Online Quadro” organized by Caucasus International University recruiting team were awarded. The winter and summer seasons were held in intellectual game “Online Quadro” 2021. Teams made up of four pupils from 16 schools from Tbilisi and regions participated in each season;
13. **27.06.2021** - CIU rugby team took the second place at “Universiada 2021”;
14. **01.07.2021** – “Georgian Universiade 2021” organized by the Georgian University Sports Federation ended with an award ceremony. 39 higher education institutions that are members of the University Sports Federation participated in universiada, where games were held in 14 types of sports. Caucasus International University took the fourth place in the overall ranking of the Universiade, and the first place in private universities;
15. **28-29.07.2021** - The Georgian Open Championship in sand volleyball was held in Tbilisi, in which CIU team took the second place. The event was organized by Georgian Volleyball National Federation;
16. **21/22/24.08.2022** – Georgian Champion – Caucasus International University Futsal team competed in the European Champions League in futsal. On group stage, CIU team appeared in E group, together with Serbian team, Montenegrin “Titograd” and Irish “Dublin”;
17. **01.09.2021** – Georgian Champion – Caucasus International University Futsal team became engaged in the first international competition – European Champions League in Montenegro; CIU team played against Serbian and Irish champions;
18. **20-22.09.2021** – Caucasus International University two teams participated in the National Championship of Sand Volleyball. One team took the second place and the second team the fourth place;
19. **14.12.2021** - The Supreme Court of Georgia hosted the undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate program students of the Faculty of Law at Caucasus International University;
20. **16.12.2021** – The Parliament of Georgia hosted the undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate program students of the Faculty of Law at Caucasus International University;
21. **23.12.2021** – CIU Faculty of Business Dean’s Advisory Council held a working meeting at Media Holding Commersant where the students met Giorgi Samushia, the founder and chair of supervisory board.

## Library

Both reading spaces of Caucasus International University library are designed to accommodate 250 students. Isolated meeting halls, conference and training rooms and periodical archives have been created. The book fund is systematically updated in the library. At present, the total number of books of the library owned by the university includes 25,746 items. Out of these, the number of textbooks of educational programs is 20,304 and is indicated in the syllabi of educational programs, while 5,442 units are supporting literature. In 2021, according to the library rule, the inventory was processed from 27,914 to 28,550, which means that 636 books, articles or magazines were processed and registered according to the corresponding rule in the library catalog. The library resumed its work in compliance with the preventive rules of the pandemic from October 4, 2021.

### International Scientific bases

- I. In 2021 membership in library networks was renewed.

**EBSCO EP Package Elite** – combines 12 international databases and includes a huge collection of journals and reference publications; It is distinguished by convenient and effective search system; It is available to any authorized user connected to the Internet.

Electronic databases included in **EBSCO EP Package Elite**:

1. Academic Search Elite;
2. Business Source Elite;
3. Regional Business News;
4. Newspaper Source;
5. MasterFILE ELITE;
6. ERIC (the Education Resource Information Center);
7. GreenFILE;
8. Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA);
9. Medline;
10. Health Source: Consumer Edition +Nursing/Academic Edition);
11. AHFS Consumer Medication Information;
12. MasterFILE Reference eBook Collection.

- II. In January, 2021 agreement was updated with eIFL, which includes the following bases:

1. Cambridge Journals Online (<https://www.cambridge.org/core>);
2. Edward Elgar Publishing Journals and Development Studies e-books (<https://www.elgaronline.com/>);
3. SAGE Journals (<https://journals.sagepub.com>);
4. IMechE Journals (<https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/IMEchE>);
5. Royal Society Journals Collection (<https://royalsociety.org/journals/>);
6. e-Duke Journals Scholarly Collection (<https://read.dukeupress.edu/>);
7. Mathematical Sciences Publishers Journals (<https://msp.org/>);
8. European Respiratory Journal (<https://erj.ersjournals.com/>);
9. Open Book Publishers E-books (<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/>).

In 2021, the contract with Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia was renewed, which provides access to the Elsevier system and allows accredited higher education institutions and scientific-research institutes/centers in Georgia to have full-funded access to the databases - Scopus and Science Direct, Scival Funding (Funding Institutional). These databases include the latest scientific literature (scientific articles, books, abstracts) for research and educational activities.

Through the consortium – “Electronic Information for Libraries” - university students and professors have the opportunity to publish a publication in various open access electronic resources.

The electronic library of Caucasus International University is available at <http://elibrary.ciu.edu.ge>. It is a bilingual (Georgian-English) electronic Internet resource, only for students and professors of Caucasus International University. Authorization in the system is done through the university e-mail - name.surname@ciu.edu.ge. Books in the e-library are categorized by curriculum. The library contains textbooks in different languages. Placement of books on the mentioned resource is done only by agreement with the author. By the same agreement, it is decided whether the textbook will only be “readable” or if the user can download it in pdf format.

The electronic library is accessible both on the internal and external network of the university only to registered users, thus it is a very useful resource in the teaching process for both students and professors. At the end of 2021 academic year, the e-library contains 400 textbooks (with the author’s permission or e-book purchase document), which are used daily by students to prepare lectures.

In 2021 academic year, due to the pandemic, library resources were used mainly in electronic format - with the help of electronic library or corporate email, librarians sent the requested book/book chapter to the addressee. In 2021, 2,300 requests were answered through the library corporate email. It should also be noted that in compliance with the preventive rules of the pandemic, 276 books were issued from the library to 117 users.

#### **In 2021 Librarians Participated in the Following Training and Events:**

- III. Open Science Event;
- IV. Training – Electronic Databases and Search Mechanisms;
- V. Training – Search Mechanism and Remote Access to International Scientific Databases (As of 2021, Caucasus International University has the right to access the international scientific databases of EBSCO EP Package Elite. Names of electronic databases included in EBSCO EP Package Elite: Academic Search Elite; Business Source Elite; Regional Business News; MasterFILE ELITE; ERIC (the Education Resource Information Center; Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts; Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition);
- VI. Training – “Plagiarism Program Characteristics and Paper Processing Rule”;
- VII. Training – “Use of International Databases in the Research Process”;
- VIII. Training – “Intellectual Property General Course”.

#### **Anti-Plagiarism Software**

In 2021, the agreement on the anti-plagiarism system between Caucasus International University and the “Georgian Integrated Library Information System Consortium 2017” was renewed again, which ensures the membership of the “anti-plagiarism system”, checking materials in the anti-plagiarism system and the placement of works in the electronic archive (repository).

## **Faculty of Social Sciences**

The faculty offers seven educational programs:

- Undergraduate Educational Program in Journalism (Program supervisor, Professor Zaza Tsotniashvili) – active students – 153;
- Undergraduate Educational Program in International Relations (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Aliko Guchua) – active students – 206;
- Postgraduate Educational Program in Media Studies and Multimedia Production (Program supervisor, Professor Zaza Tsotniashvili) – active students – 13;
- Postgraduate Educational Program in International Relations and International Security (Program supervisor, Professor Vakhtang Maisaia) – active students – 54;
- Postgraduate Educational Program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English (Program supervisor, Professor Vakhtang Maisaia) – active students – 10;
- Doctoral Educational Program in Mass Communication (Program supervisor, Professor Khatuna Kacharava) – active students – 9;
- Doctoral Educational Program in Political Sciences (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Tamar Kiknadze) – active students – 35.

### **In 2021**

- The doctoral program in Mass Communication, as a new program, received accreditation for a period of 4 years;
- New, Postgraduate Program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English, received authorization until university authorization period (November 20, 2024).

A report on the implementation of the recommendations of the master's program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English was approved by the Accreditation Council of Higher Education Programs and the administrative production ended.

**For the purpose of re-accreditation in 2021, the following were prepared and submitted to the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement:**

1. Undergraduate Program in Journalism, syllabi, self-evaluation reports and accompanying documentation;
2. Undergraduate Program in International Relations, syllabi, self-evaluation reports and accompanying documentation.

**5 doctoral theses were defended within the framework of Doctoral Program in Political Sciences.**

### **Academic Personnel**

**The number of personnel (including academic, scientific, visiting staff) involved in the Undergraduate Educational Program in International Relations is in total 28, including:**

Academic personnel – 19;  
Professor – 2;  
Associate Professor – 14;  
Assistant – 2.

The number of affiliated academic personnel is 18, including:  
Affiliated Professor – 2;  
Affiliated Assistant Professor – 1;  
Affiliated Assistant – 2.

9 visiting personnel are engaged in the academic process.

**Postgraduate Educational Program in International Relations and International Security**

1 Professor-Affiliated; 6 Associate Professors (4 Affiliated), 1 Affiliated Assistant-Professor, 3 Affiliated Assistants, 3 Visiting.

**Postgraduate Educational Program in Global Policy and Security Studies offered in English**

1 Professor-Affiliated; 6 Associate Professors (5 Affiliated), 3 Affiliated Assistants, 3 Visiting.

**Doctoral Educational Program in Political Sciences**

3 Professors-Affiliated; 7 Affiliated Associate Professors, 3 Visiting.

**The number of academic personnel involved in the Undergraduate Educational Program in Journalism is in total 14, including:**

Professor – 3;  
Associate Professor – 11;  
13 Visiting Professors are involved in the implementation of the program.  
From the abovementioned academic personnel 3 Professors and 9 Associate Professors are affiliated.

**Postgraduate Educational Program in Media Studies and Multimedia Production**

2 Professors-Affiliated; 7 Associate Professors, 6 are affiliated, 2 Visiting.

**Doctoral Educational Program in Mass Communication**

3 Professors-Affiliated; 4 Associate Professors, 2 Visiting.

**Events held at the faculty in 2021:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference Dedicated to Political, Economic and Cultural Relations between Georgia and Iran;
- Signing memorandum with Polish, in particular Polonia University;
- Signing memorandum with the National University of the Third of February (Argentina);
- Signing memorandum with Caucasus Study Institute of Iran;
- Debate Club was created;
- Within the framework of the program was created "nuclear, chemical, biological threats
- Scientific-Research Institute for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Threats was created within the framework of the educational program conducted together with the Center for International Education and Science;
- A memorandum of understanding was signed with the Georgian Center for Strategy and Development and Levan Mikeladze Diplomatic Training and Research Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.
- Cooperation with the “Globalization Research Foundation” (Germany) was established.

## Faculty of Law

The faculty of Law offers three educational programs:

- Undergraduate Educational Program in Law (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Sergo Chelidze) – active students – 323;
- Postgraduate Educational Program in Law (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Levan Mosakhlshvili) – active students – 160;
- Doctoral Educational Program in Law (Program supervisor, Professor Mindia Ugrekhelidze, co-supervisor, Associate Professor Sergo Chelidze) – active students – 32;

### In 2021

- Undergraduate Educational Program in Law received reaccreditation for 7 years;
- Postgraduate Educational Program in Law received reaccreditation for 7 years.

### Academic Personnel

**The number of academic personnel involved in the Undergraduate Educational Program in Law is in total 21 (21 Affiliated), including:**

Professor – 2;

Associate Professor – 10;

Assistant-Professor – 4;

Assistant – 5;

The number of visiting personnel engaged in the implementation of the program is 9.

**The number of academic personnel involved in the Postgraduate Educational Program in Law is in total 17 (17 Affiliated), including:**

Professor – 2;

Associate Professor – 10;

Assistant-Professor – 4;

Assistant – 1;

The number of visiting personnel engaged in the implementation of the program is 6.

**The number of academic personnel involved in the Doctoral Educational Program in Law is in total 19 (13 Affiliated), including:**

Professor – 5;

Associate Professor – 14;

The number of visiting personnel engaged in the implementation of the program is 16.

### Events held at the faculty in 2021:

- April 26, 2021 – Online meeting with a lawyer Salome Jokhadze on the topic: Development of Insurance Sector and Regulatory Norms;

- May 30, 2021 - An online meeting with students on the topic “Career in the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia” in relation to Professional day of the employees of the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia;
- June 9-10, 2021 – An online lecture on the topic: “International Law of Criminal Law and Georgia” was organized by Civic Education Center and Georgian Law Association;
- November 3, 2021 – An online public lecture in connection with Lawyers’ Professional Day;
- November 26, 2021 – An online public lecture on the topic "The Inspection of the Scene, practical course”;
- December 1, 2021 – An online meeting with National Agency of Public Registry;
- December 6-10, 2021 – Business Law Week;
- December 9, 2021 – A memorandum of Understanding was signed between Caucasus International University and Consultation Company Grant Thornton Georgia;
- December 14, 2021 – Scientific discussion –“Law and Business: Challenges and Opportunities”, led by Caucasus International University Faculty of Law practitioners and successful employees of the consultation company Grant Thornton Georgia;
- December 18-19, 2021 – Online debates on significant issues of Law among entrants;
- December 22, 2021 – Meeting with a lawyer Dimitri Gabunia. Topic of the meeting: Profession Lawyer – Success Formula.
- Release of the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of Faculty of Law journal “Legal Messenger”.

## Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking

### The faculty offers two educational programs:

1. Undergraduate Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Olani Gotsiridze) – active students – 177;
2. Postgraduate Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking (Program supervisor, Associate Professor Olani Gotsiridze) – active students – 49.

### Academic and Visiting Personnel Engaged in the Implementation of the Programs

Professor – 4  
 Associate Professor – 19  
 Assistant-Professor – 2  
 Assistant – 1  
 Visiting – 13

### Achievements

In 2021, graduates of MA Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking, for the first time in the Georgian educational space, were awarded the Master's Degree in Viticulture and Winemaking, instead of a Master's degree in Agricultural Sciences.

### The Results of 2021:

- In December 2021 the results of Georgian Wine Competition:  
     Shavkapito – Gold Medal  
     Tavkveri – Bronze Medal

- In October 2021 the first Winemaking and Beer Culture Festival was held in Ostrowiec, where CIU Faculty of Viticulture and Winery was allocated a personal space for the presentation of Ethno Okami products;
- August, 2021 – Church Wine Festival – presenting to the ambassadors of different countries;
- Presentation of student wines on the basis of partner companies;
- Training organized by Wine Club and Wine Village – Develop your Business – From Idea to Funding”. 3 students participated from the faculty (the program was implemented by AFC – Agriculture and Finance Consults. ENTAFI program is initiated by European Investment Bank (EIB).

Memoranda of collaboration was signed in 2021, within the framework of which 20 students had planned production practice, their number will increase in future.

Production practice units:

- Mij Group
- Georgian Eno-Tourism Association
- Ethno Okami
- Shato Mukhrani
- Askaneli Brothers
- Glavspirt Promo

Partnership was established which was mainly revealed in the employment of the students of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking (10 students were employed).

- ✓ Corporation Georgian Wine;
- ✓ GWS;
- ✓ Winiveria;
- ✓ Karvasla
- ✓ Zazana
- ✓ Meidan Plus
- ✓ Wine Exchange

### **Internationalization**

- ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE ENOTURISMO DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN (ESE);
- Global Wine Tourism Organization (GWTO Academy).

### **Grant Projects**

USAID Industry-led Skills Development Program - Grant activity offered within the framework of Skills Development Program “Skills for Enoutourism Industry”.

#### **Caucasus International University winner small grants for 2021:**

1. Ampelographic description of rare Georgian vine varieties and their wild relatives;
2. Studying Antioxidant activities of Kvevri wine made by traditional Georgian technology;
3. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation grant for fundamental research “Georgian Wild Grapes: Study and Conservation” (2019-2022, NFR 18-18474).

## **Faculty of Business**

### **The faculty offers eight educational programs:**

1. Undergraduate Educational Program in Management;
2. Undergraduate Educational Program in Finances;
3. Undergraduate Educational Program in Tourism;
4. Undergraduate Educational Program in Business Administration offered in English;
5. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Business Management;
6. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Marketing;
7. Postgraduate Educational Program in International Marketing offered in English;
8. Doctoral Educational Program in Business Administration.

### **Number of active students on undergraduate level – 378**

- ✓ Management – active – 116;
- ✓ Tourism – active – 155;
- ✓ Finances – active – 86;
- ✓ Business Administration offered in English – 21.

### **Number of active students on postgraduate level – 74**

- ✓ International Business Management – active- 35;
- ✓ International Marketing – active – 39.

### **Doctoral level – active students 25.**

### **Academic Personnel**

The following participate in the implementation of programs offered at the Faculty of Business:

Professor – 3;  
Associate Professor – 32;  
Assistant – 3;  
Visiting – 36.

The materials presented as the result of unplanned monitoring of Undergraduate Programs in Management and Finances were approved by the Accreditation Council of Higher Educational programs in 2021 and administrative processing was stopped based on the conclusion of accreditation experts.

In 2021, for the purpose of re-accreditation,

- syllabi, self-assessment reports and accompanying documentations of the undergraduate program in Tourism was prepared and submitted at National Center for Education Quality Enhancement.

### **2021 Results:**

- ✓ In 2021 Caucasus International University Faculty of Business management was changed;
- ✓ Business and Economics Research Center – CIU Business Institute (<http://ciubi.ciu.edu.ge>) was created/founded on the base of the Faculty of Business at Caucasus International University;
- ✓ Five laboratories were created at CIU Faculty of Business in cooperation with successful organizations in various fields: entrepreneurship and innovation - main partners: EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ASSN., Investment, financial education - main partner Finedu, dual education - main partner Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, marketing - main partner Jepra and

business media. The aforementioned laboratories will function within the framework of the CIU Business Institute and will actively develop various initiatives/projects tailored to the needs of students;

- ✓ The pioneering SDG Lab concept was created in Georgia;
- ✓ From November 2021 started partnership with international financial institutions – World Bank Group – Open Learning Campus; IMF Institute Microlearning – Come and Grow; ADB Institute; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development – KnowHowAcademy;
- ✓ Student Advisory Council was created;
- ✓ In December 2021 Caucasus International University became an affiliated member of the Organization for economic collaboration and development(OECD) International Network of Financial Education (INFE);
- ✓ Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation funded Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business, Shorena Kurdadze’s project – “The Impact of Cultural and Geographical Distance on the Identification of International Opportunities in Georgian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises”.

**In 2021, the total number of partners is 37.**

**International Partners:**

1. UN DESA;
2. OECD – INFE;
3. Wharton Energy Network;
4. WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM;
5. ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE CORPORATE NETWORK;
6. The Economist EDUCATION FOUNDATION;
7. MSM / MAASTRICHT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT;
8. Institute of New Economic Thinking;
9. Harvard Business School Online Community;
10. Harvard Alumni ENTREPRENEURS;
11. HCSV - Harvard Club Silicon Valley;
12. Harvard Business Publishing Education;
13. OXFORD UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC STUDIES GROUP;
14. CUCS – Cambridge University Consulting Society;
15. OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDIA SOCIETY;
16. OXFORD ECONOMICS SOCIETY;
17. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY;
18. FitchRatings;
19. ATLAS NETWORK;
20. Bloomberg for Education;
21. MOODY’S ANALYTICS;
22. ONE PLANET NETWORK – SDG 12 HUB.

**Local Partners:**

1. Bloomberg Business Formula;
2. Commercant;
3. Finedu;
4. Georgian National Bank;
5. BPI;

6. Expert Development Association;
7. Investme.ge;
8. GEPPRA;
9. Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
10. Sakpatenti;
11. Innovation and Technology Agency of Georgia;
12. Avianews;
13. State Competition Agency;
14. Academy of Business Sciences;
15. UN Permanent Representatives to Georgia UN RCO.

## Faculty of Medicine

The following accredited higher education programs function at the Faculty of Medicine:

1. Educational Program in Medicine offered in Georgian language;
2. Educational Program in Medicine offered in English language;
3. Educational Program in Dentistry offered in Georgian language;
4. Educational Program in Dentistry offered in English language;
5. Undergraduate Educational Program in Pharmacy;
6. Residency Program in Therapeutic Dentistry.

### **Total number of students on programs offered in Georgian language - 938**

Educational Program in Medicine offered in Georgian language – 636

Educational Program in Dentistry offered in Georgian language – 188

Undergraduate Program in Pharmacy – 114.

### **Total number of students on programs offered in English language - 1493**

Educational Program in Medicine offered in English language – 974

Educational Program in Dentistry offered in English language – 519

### **Faculty of Medicine Academic Personnel: 81**

Including:

Professor – 14;

Associate Professor – 39;

Assistant Professor – 24;

Assistant – 4.

### **2021 Results**

- Educational Program in Medicine offered in Georgian was granted reaccreditation for the period of 7 years;
- Evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations report of the Educational Program in Dentistry offered in Georgian was approved by the Accreditation Council of Higher Education Programs and the administrative proceedings ended.

The materials submitted by the university as a result of planned monitoring of the Undergraduate Program in Pharmacy were positively evaluated by the Accreditation Council of Higher Education Programs and the administrative proceedings were stopped based on the conclusions of the accreditation experts.

In order to effectively implement the clinical training courses provided by the medicine programs, a memorandum of cooperation was signed with 2 new clinics:

- I.Tsitsishvili Children's New Clinic;
- Multi Profile Clinics New Hospitals.

The memorandum was updated and the conditions with Academician O. Ghudushauri National Medical Center were revised.

**Public lectures were held on the topics:**

- "Skin and Leishmaniasis", speaker Fakhod Mahmudov - Bukhara State Medical University Professor);
- Eustachio Agricola's Series of Public Lectures – "Heart Valve Diseases";
- Monika Borek's public lecture – "Why Georgian Wine is Healthy - the Role and Importance of Antioxidants in Medicine".