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Quantitative Indicators - 2020

Programs

Accredited Bachelor's Educational Programs - 8



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

Accredited One Cycle Educational Programs - 4

1. Educational Program in Medicine (in Georgian Language);
2. Educational Program in Medicine (in English Language);
3. Educational Program in Dentistry (in Georgian Language)
4. Educational Program in Dentistry (in Georgian Language);

Accredited Master's Educational Programs - 6

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

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 Communications.

Authorized Bachelor’s Educational Programs - 1

1. Bachelor’s Educational Program in Business Administration (in English language).

Authorized Master’s Educational Programs – 1

1. Master’s Educational Program in International Marketing. (in the English language).

Students

As of September 1, 2020, Caucasus International University has 2774 students with “active” status in the bachelor’s, master's and doctoral programs.

Qualification was awarded to 517 students in 2020.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, 465 students were enrolled as a result of Unified National Exams, 193 students were enrolled through Common Master's Exams, and 60 students were enrolled in doctoral programs (Internal Exams).

Enrollment through Unified National Exams

#	Educational Program	Enrolled according to the lists of the National Assessment and Examination Center
1.	Finance	19
1.	Management	29
2.	Tourism	36
3.	Law	75
4.	International Relations	39
5.	Journalism	30
6.	Medicine	90
7.	Dentistry	40
8.	Pharmacy	45

9.	Medicine (in the English language)	2
10.	Georgian Viticulture and Enology	60
11.	Business Administration (in the English language)	0
Total		465

Enrollment through Common Master's Exams

#	Program	Number of enrolled
1	Law	77
2	International Relations and International Security	23
3	International Business Management	30
4	International Marketing	29
5	Georgian Viticulture and Enology	24
6	Media Studies and Multimedia Production	10
Total		193

Enrollment in Doctoral Educational Programs

#	Program	Number of enrolled
1	Law	12
2	Political Studies	23
3	Business Administration	25
Total		60

Quality Assurance

During 2020, the Quality Assurance Service of the Caucasus International University worked in the following directions

- Authorization piloting;
- Accreditation of new programs;
- Increasing the quality of educational programs and bringing them closer to international standards
- Development of self-evaluation forms and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Preparing the university for the authorization process;
- Assessment and analysis of online student surveys;
- Organization of accreditation and authorization visits.

Quality assessment process by the Quality Assurance Service includes several stages:

1. Evaluation and analysis of the processes and measures implemented for the purpose of developing the Quality Assurance Service. The development of the Quality Assurance Service of the University includes: a) selection of qualified staff according to established requirements and criteria; b) trainings of employees in Quality Assurance Service, in order to retrain them.

The quality policy of the university implies the improvement of the system of training and development of the coordinators and specialists of the Quality Assurance Service through developing and implementing special programs, manuals and instructions in the future. In order to raise the qualifications of its coordinators, the Quality Assurance Service of the university systematically conducts trainings based on European standards of quality assurance, guidelines and qualification requirements established by European agencies for the quality of higher education. During the current academic year, workshops and trainings were held for the coordinators of the quality assurance service in the university in the following directions - on the development of skills for working with information technologies and databases during online education; quality procedures, program monitoring and periodic review during online learning; studying the quality of the lecture process, checking the quality of learning resources, the study and working environment of students and professors in the auditorium and during online teaching;

2. Evaluation and analysis of the changes made in the educational programs and the implementation of the academic process. The purpose of this stage is for the Quality Assurance Service to evaluate and analyze how correct and timely the implementation of changes in educational programs was, and whether the periodic results of the program implementation process correspond to the objectives and strategies of the program. Publicity of the information about the programs and the educational process is used in the quality management of the information system.

As a result of the changes implemented in educational programs in the 2019-2020 academic year, the following outcomes were obtained:

1. More sophisticated and flexible educational programs enriched with new study courses and freed from unnecessary ones;
2. Changes in the names of study courses following the modern requirements, readjusted credits, prerequisites, teaching-learning methods, evaluation methods and criteria;
3. Syllabuses updated with modern Georgian and foreign literature and auxiliary materials;
4. What is important, the results of the survey of professors, students, alumni, advice and recommendations of employers and external experts were taken into consideration. This resulted in student satisfaction, which is the main objective of the university and its strategic development.
5. In the 2019-2020 academic year, 11 competitions for holding academic positions were held at the university; As a result, 134 candidates were selected for academic positions. 25 professors, 64 associate professors, 37 assistant professors and 8 assistants were appointed to academic positions.

Remote, electronic learning process

The following were carried out to promote the remote and electronic learning process:

1. Maximum computerization of the examination process;
2. Increasing the number of printed copies of mandatory literature in the Library;
3. Addressing the general economic situation in the country, assisting the employment opportunities of the alumni;
4. Reinforcing the internationalization process, for which it is planned to expand the network of recruiters of students and academic staff; deepen the bilateral relations with international (partner) universities; prepare international mobility projects of professors and students with partner universities within the framework of Erasmus +.

Scientific Research

Scientific Research Strategy has been developed at the Caucasus International University, following which the activities of the Scientific Research Department were carried out in 2020. The action plan was written according to the following principles:

1. Promotion of scientific research, development of fundamental and applied research;
2. Recruiting and engaging young staff in research activities;
3. Involvement of young scientists and bachelor's degree students in the research process;
4. Financing and/or co-financing the participation of academic staff and young scientists in international scientific events;
5. Integrating research results into educational activities;
6. Cooperation with economic agents and implementation of joint research projects;

7. Internationalization of scientific/research activities;
8. Creating a multidisciplinary international scientific journal;
9. Developing scientific journals for the university.

Competitions for the following scientific funding are held at the university:

- "Small Grants";
- Grants for Fundamental Research;
- Research grants for financing the participation of young scientists in international scientific events;
- Co-financing the scientists and young researchers to attract scientific grants from various local and international funds.

3 projects were completed in 2020; 2 projects have been postponed. 2 monographs, 1 collection and 1 scientific journal were published; VIII International Conference was held for bachelor's, master's and doctoral students; the Scientific conference "Tamari" was held for the second time; University participated in the event held within the framework of the European Union program - "Science is the Captain".

Internationalization

During 2020, it was planned to further expand the scope of activities of the International Relations Department and diversify the implemented activities. The total number of memorandums of understanding and cooperation agreements has increased to 76. Mobility and exchange programs of students, administrative and academic staff were planned.

In 2020, the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus in the country and the world drastically changed the capabilities of the department to carry out its activities. Unfortunately, due to the closing of the borders, the so-called "lockdowns", economic difficulties and several other reasons, it was impossible to implement the majority of the planned mobility and exchange programs. The call of partner universities to refrain from implementing exchange programs in 2020 as well as the lack of interest from students and staff to engage in such activities should be noted here. It should be noted that the mentioned situation was common in European HEIs and generally worldwide. Therefore, according to the decision of the European Commission, the deadlines for implementing all activities within the framework of "Erasmus+" were postponed by one year.

In 2020, as a result of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, it was not possible to organize intra-university activities to promote intercultural education. Despite the negative dynamics of the situation, by 2021, the direction of cooperation with foreign universities and educational-scientific organizations of the International

Relations Department plans to promote the further development of international collaboration with more active use of remote means. Also, negotiations on online exchange programs with partners are underway.

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. However, in the field of medicine, there was an online involvement of our students in such events.

1. November 20, 2020 - International webinar on fungal and atypical corneal infections;
2. December 18-23, 2020 - 6-day course on the topic - "Introduction to evidence-based dentistry"; Day 1: Introduction to Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD), Day 2: Defining a Clear Question in EBD, Day 3: Finding Evidence-Based Resources, Day 4: Critical Literature Appraisal, Part 1, Day 5: Critical Literature Appraisal, Part 2, Day 6: Understanding the Evidence;
3. November 16, 2020 - "Series of International Webinars on Microbiology; Functional Foods: Probiotics";
4. November 16, 2020 - "How to find attractive topics in dental science to write systematic reviews?".

In order to promote internationalization, the International Relations Department of the University promotes, prepares and implements projects for participation in the "Erasmus+" program in cooperation with partner universities and organizations.

In 2020, the Caucasus International University submitted mobility and institutional development projects together with the following universities:

1. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of Alcalá (Madrid, Spain);
2. Erasmus+ KA107 – Wrocław Medical University (Wrocław, Poland);
3. Erasmus+ KA107 – Siauliai State College (Siauliai, Latvia);
4. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of West Attica (Greece);
5. Erasmus+ KA107 – Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences (Klaipėda, Lithuania);
6. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of Burgos (Spain);
7. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of Tartu (Estonia);
8. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of Veliko Turnovo (Bulgaria);
9. Erasmus+ KA107 – War Studies University (Poland);
10. Erasmus+ KA107 – College of Business and Entrepreneurship (Poland);
11. Erasmus+ KA107 – Higher School of Business – Luis National University (Poland);
12. Erasmus+ KA107 – University of Mendel (Czech Republic);
13. Erasmus+ Youth Project - Break the wall of differences, Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences (Klaipėda, Lithuania);
14. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE – Technology and Innovation in Management of Education and Research at Georgian HEIs (TIMER), UDIMA University (Spain);
15. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE - Enhancing University Capacities in Armenia, Belarus and Georgia for international Mobility, University of Nis (Serbia);

16. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE - University-Industry Links in Applied BioSciences in Georgia and Ukraine: from Undergraduate to Doctorate, University of Teramo (Italy);
17. Erasmus+ K2 / CBHE - One health. Food Safety Based on European Experience, Odesa State Agrarian University (Ukraine).

II - Implementation of mobility and exchange programs for students, academic and administrative staff

In 2020, the following student mobility and exchange programs were organized by the International Relations Department:

- 1) In the spring semester of the 2020 calendar year, based on the mutual cooperation agreement, within the framework of academic mobility, 1 student of the Caucasus International University went to study at the University of Lodz (Lodz, Poland).
- 2) In the spring semester of the 2020 calendar year, within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, 1 student of the Caucasus International University went to study at the Nowy Sacz Business School - Luis National University (Novi Sacz, Poland).

III - Development of the international cooperation network

1. International European University, Kiev, Ukraine;
2. Mendel University, Mendel, Czech Republic;
3. Tres de Febrero National University, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
4. Istanbul Aydin University, Istanbul, Turkey;
5. STEKOM University (Indonesia);
6. Baltic International Academic, Riga, Latvia;

IV - Business meetings/trainings/symposia held in 2020

1. Symposium-webinar held on May 18-20, 2020 under the title - "Internationalization of higher education during the coronavirus crisis". The 3-day event consisted of 5 panels; Among them, 3 special topics were: "Policy change in HEIs during and after the crisis caused by the coronavirus", "E-learning during the coronavirus" and "Post-quarantine challenges in medical sciences education".
2. Inclusive mobility webinar "Making mobility programs more inclusive for students with disabilities" organized by the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training and EPFIME project partners on November 9, 2020

3. On December 14-15, 2020, the training organized by the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement - "Development of an Internationalization Strategy", led by an international expert, Professor Vangelis Tsiligkiris of Nottingham Trent University.

V - Dissemination of information about international projects and programs

1. May 8-10, 2020, 4th International Conference on Development and Economy, Kalamata, Greece - University of Peloponnese (Greece);
2. October 21, 2020 - information on master's and doctoral programs provided within the framework of the long-term project - "SDG Global Leader JFY (2021-2023)" planned by the Japan International Cooperation Agency – JICA
3. Information on Scholarship Programme - Internationales ExzellenzStipendienprogramm (IES).

Careers Support for Students

Due to the situation created by the pandemic in the world, the main service provided by the Career Development Service also moved to a remote mode in 2020. Accordingly, information about up to 110 vacancies of partner organizations and other companies was forwarded to students and graduates through corporate e-mail and the FB page of the service.

During the reporting period, the Service celebrated 5 professional holidays; Among them - professional days of lawyers, executives, Georgian diplomacy, pharmacists, and International Day of Tourism.

In 2020, the first remote job fair was held –

On December 1, a remote job fair was organized by the Career Development Service of the Caucasus International University. The employment forum was held using the online platform ZOOM and was attended by job-seeking students, alumni and potential employers from the public and private sectors.

Part I - for students and alumni of all faculties;

Part II - for students and graduates of the Faculty of Medicine.

The Parliament of Georgia, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, LEPL National Bureau of Enforcement, the Revenue Service, the State Services Development Agency, the General Prosecutor's Office of Georgia, TV "Imedi" LLC, JSC "Tbilgvino", LLC "Citadel", the insurance company "Euroins Georgia" and others were the participants of the fair.

The second session was devoted to the presentation of several large employers in the medical sector, including "EVEX" Hospitals, which unites 18 hospitals, the pharmaceutical company "Gepha" ("Pharmadepo" and "GPC"), which unites more than 300 pharmacies, and JSC "Neopharma+" with up to 60 branches. The purpose of the Job Fair is to promote the employment of students and alumni. In the framework of the presentation, the students

get acquainted with the vacancies offered by the employer. They received detailed information about the activities, work schedules, remuneration and other conditions offered by the companies.

Also, the Service administered a series of webinars aimed at developing students' career competence. The first webinar was dedicated to "RetCo" HR Generalist, Gvantsa Antidze, on the topic: "Techniques of CV/Resume Compilation". At the second webinar, the head of the employment platform "Hiro" and the training center "Erudio", Tamar Meskhidze, presented to the students the topic: "Ways of finding a job", and the third webinar was led by the human resources manager of the "Neopharm" company, Nato Durglishvili, on the topic: "A step toward a successful career".

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning Service takes care of the development of the university continuing education system, the creation and implementation of research-based high-quality continuing education programs. Its goal is to enable the university and the general public to use the resources and experience of the university for professional and personal development, raising qualifications, acquiring new professional skills, and creating the foundations for academic education.

Lifelong Learning Service has developed quality assurance mechanisms for the courses to be implemented.

In 2020, the Lifelong Learning Service worked in the following areas:

- Planned and implemented appropriate long-term or short-term trainings/courses for CIU students, alumni and staff based on professional and personal needs;
- Organized discussions, thematic seminars, conferences, workshops and other activities in the direction of professional development.
- Based on the requirements of the market, conducted different types of seminars; When developing the courses, the Lifelong Learning Service relied on various statistical data available in the market. Using surveys and other social research methods, it determined the need for various courses.

In 2020, the Lifelong Learning Service implemented various types of long-term and short-term courses:

- The training "Using the Google Meet platform in remote learning" was held. This platform was adapted to the educational process of the Caucasus International University; Appropriate groups (managers, professors, students) and guidelines were created, which were uploaded to YouTube and links were sent to users. Trainings were conducted with two groups:
 1. University top management and monitoring service;
 2. Representatives of all five dean's offices of the university (in two streams) were trained, in a total of 41 employees.

- A cycle of trainings was held for professors, specialists of the faculties and employees of the examination center in the Moodle system.
- Training "Staff management policy and planning in educational institutions. HR systems and modern management" was conducted. 1 employee was retrained with the financial support of the university.
- With the support of the university, lectures were held on a regular basis to improve English language competence for administrative employees.
- Training for English teachers was held: "Pre-Celta Training – Education and Training International".

Contribution

School-educational/cognitive projects

In order to make a contribution to society, the Caucasus International University constantly carries out various useful educational/cognitive activities. During the reporting period, the following activities were planned and implemented:

School-educational projects:

- January - "What modern youth wants" - meetings with the self-government of 50 schools were held;
- "The Strategic Projects Implementation Group in Abkhazia ("SPIGA") held a competition within the framework of the "Travel 2019/2020" project; It serves the involvement of students and pupils from the occupied territory of Abkhazia; promoting education in the Georgian language banned by the occupying power of Russia and the separatist regime;
- January-February - master classes:
- February-March - chemistry lesson at CIU, Tbilisi public schools - N 113, N 69, N 177, N 175, N 172;
- Sulkhan Meladze - "Peculiarities of our times and media";
- Zaza Tsotniashvili - "The Formula of Success";
- Rusudan Kvaratskhelia - "Conversations on Photographic Art".
- February - photo contest "See with different eyes" - Tbilisi public schools - N 155, N 150, N 23, N 69, N 98, N 177.

Multimedia Center

Cognitive projects of the multimedia center

The Multimedia Center is a structural unit of the Caucasus International University, which ensures journalism students with access to modern media technologies and prepares them for competitive media production, it provides:

- Creation of media production based on lecture courses;
- Visualization of scientific and research processes;
- Production of educational-scientific, educational-cognitive and artistic-documentary audio, print and video media products;
- Creation, updating and development of the media archive;
- Cooperation with media outlets in order to implement joint projects and distribute media productions created on the basis of the Center.

The Multimedia center serves the mission of the university within its competence. Considering the aforementioned, the structural unit forms a development plan.

I - Providing for the practical part of the learning process

Multimedia Center constantly contributes to the process of implementing the practical component of the Bachelor's educational program in journalism.

During 2020, several media products were prepared on the basis of the Multimedia Center, within the framework of specific lecture courses.

Despite the global pandemic caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), which interrupted filming and direct communication with respondents, the Multimedia Center, together with students, was able to complete thematic, not less interesting and relevant materials.

TV programs:

- Voice from isolation;
- Quarantine diaries - Beso Solomonashvili;

Radio programs:

- Lado Apkhazava;
- Wine Festival;
- MasterChef;
- Morning frequency;
- Radio voice - Mariam Chitauri;

- Morning radio program - Janus;
- Unique in the world "Kvevri and Kvevri Wine Museum";
- Next Station;
- Knocking on the door of Marusa.

TV documentary; The following material was prepared for the Multimedia Center project - "Autograph" Beso Arbolishvili;

"A Little Story of Big Love" - a short film about the "Garden of Love" created by the son of Georgian public and political figure, General Kote Abkhazi, Nikolozhi and his wife, Marjorie Peggy Hemberton-Carter Abkhazi.

Students wrote and visually formatted several blogs that are available on the website Multimedia Center:

- Women who changed the history of Georgia;
- "Gaining freedom is better than gaining anything else" - Ilia Chavchavadze;
- The problem of stray dogs;
- Giorgi Shermadini: "A professional athlete should aspire to become a champion!";
- Portrait of a street artist;
- Giorgi Kveseladze: "My goal is to bring a lot of success to the Georgian national team!";
- Versatile artist.

In the print media section, students worked on the following publications:

- Educational newspaper - "Anarekli";

II - Events initiated by the multimedia center, publications and ensuring the packaging of produced products

- A five-language manual - "Constructive Agro-Journalism" was published.
- In 2020, three issues of the University magazine - "The Caucasus International University" were published.
- In cooperation with the Public Relations Service, presentation clips were installed for the international project - "Science is Captain"
 - Screening of the scientific research paper "From Kvareli to Mtatsminda on the motives of Guram Sharadze";
 - Georgian viticulture and winemaking - modern scientific approaches to ancient traditions
 - European path of Georgian Constitutionalism.
- An online presentation of the educational project - "Georgian Writing of the 20th Century and the Idea of National Identity" was held.

➤ The project - "Georgian Writing of the 20th Century and the Idea of National Identity" was implemented; The project was implemented by the Georgian Comparative Literature Association (GCLA), the Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature and the Multimedia Center of the Caucasus International University, with the financial support of the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation.

Student Life

2020 was different in terms of student life as well. In the conditions of the pandemic, in fact, it became impossible to implement the planned events, which should have been multifaceted in the direction of student life. However, even in extreme conditions, the results of 2020 were quite fruitful:

- ❖ From March 2020, in order to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, the government started organizing and redistributing volunteer medical students to different districts/regions. With the organization of the university administration and student self-government, more than 40 students of CIU were collected and distributed to the fever centers of different districts and regions throughout Tbilisi. Some of the volunteer students were involved in helping the doctors in the medical direction, while others delivered products and medicines to the beneficiaries' homes.
- ❖ In the conditions of the pandemic, the University Festival of Georgia could not be held in the usual format, however, in the absence of active sports, online games gained more weight: University Sports Federation organized an online Fast Chess championship (3 students from CIU participated) and an online cybersport championship (4 students from CIU participated) between universities.
- ❖ During the relatively calm period of the pandemic, the university planned and implemented several outdoor events for students:
 - In February, the winter volleyball championship was held in Phasanauri township. A team composed of CIU students took part and was able to take the 2nd place;
 - In February, a 4-day winter camp was organized in Bakuriani with the support of Tbilisi City Hall. 80 students from CIU participated.
- ❖ The 2020 season was off to an active start for the university basketball team. After the first round of the regular season of the Georgian Basketball Championship - "A League", the team showed very beautiful and strong basketball. The team appeared in front of the fans with a completely renewed composition and the prospect of moving to the higher league seemed real, however, unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the Georgian Basketball Federation was forced to interrupt the season.
- ❖ CIU futsal team had a successful season. Despite the pandemic, the Georgian Futsal Championship was not disrupted and ended successfully for us. After the debut year, the 2019-2020 season was completely different with the level of football play, which became the basis for a convincing psychological advantage by the end

of the season, and CIU became the winner of the Futsal League 2, thereby gaining the right to play in the highest Futsal League.

The futsal team debuted in the top league in the fall of 2020. The team has been strengthened with experienced players, who took the professional futsal team to another level and gave hope to be a competitive team in the top league as well.

Library

Library of Caucasus International University is designed for free thinking. The library is designed for 150 students. It has an open, free-access library with more than 25,000 books. A comfortable reading area has been arranged for more than 70 students. Isolated meeting rooms and conference, training rooms have been created.

International Scientific Bases of 2020

- Ebsco EP Package Elite;
- EBSCO EP Package Elite;
- Academic Search Elite;
- Business Source Elite;
- Regional Business News;
- Newspaper Source;
- MasterFILE ELITE;
- ERIC (the Education Resource Information Center);
- GreenFILE;
- Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA).

Agreement with the EIFL Electronic Resources Information Network Consortium was renewed in January 2020. including 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. Edward Elgar Publishing Journals (<https://www.elgaronline.com/>);
4. SAGE Journals (<https://journals.sagepub.com>);
5. IMechE Journals (<https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/IMEchE>);
6. Royal Society Journals Collection (<https://royalsociety.org/journals/>);

7. e-Duke Journals Scholarly Collection (<https://read.dukeupress.edu/>); 8. Mathematical Sciences Publishers Journals (<https://msp.org/>);
9. Openedition Journals (<https://www.openedition.org/>).

On December 3, 2020, an agreement was signed with "Legislative Herald of Georgia";

1. Search computer system, code, were updated.
 2. Integrated library system "OpenBiblio".
 3. Electronic databases were updated at the request of the program in Law, on February 4, 2020, the contract was renewed on the package of electronic databases - Heinonline Legal Classics;
 4. HEINONLINE Legal Classics - the database includes 10,000s of the best records existing in the history of law. Among them are the works of Joseph Story, Jeremy Bentham, William Blackstone, William Holdsworth, Henry Maine, Frederick William Maitland, Frederick Pollock, Benjamin N. Cardozo;
- In January 2020, the agreement was renewed with The American Society for Enology and Viticulture.

Trainings and Events

2020-04-30 online seminar in connection with the Day of Georgian Librarians.

On April 30, the National Scientific Library of Tbilisi State University held an online seminar, together with other libraries operating in the country, on the topic - the impact of the coronavirus infection on library activities and dealing with new challenges. Event was dedicated to the Day of Georgian Librarians.

2020-09-30 - THE 2020 EIFL General Assembly of the Consortium of Libraries

The 2020 EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries; <https://eifl.net/>) General Assembly of the Consortium of Libraries was held online on September 30, 2020.

The issues discussed during the conference referred to copyright, negotiations and licensing programs, distance and open access, public library innovation programmes, etc.

2020-11-25 – Remote Meeting of CLOUD EOSC – European Open Science

Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association GRENA held a meeting of the EOSC - European Open Science Cloud via the online platform Zoom within the framework of the European Commission project “N140S-Europe” on November 25.

N140S-Europe is a project that facilitates the implementation of National Open Science Cloud initiatives, services and e-infrastructure in 15 countries of South East Europe. The project aims to enable researchers in the region to store, manage, analyze and share scientific data, which will enhance the effectiveness of their work and introduction of innovations in science.

2020-12-23 - Panel Discussion on the Topic: Models of Modern Library Development

Panel Discussion on the topic: Models of Modern Library Development was held online on December 23 at 18:00.

Faculty of Social Sciences

The following educational programs of all three cycles operate in the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- Bachelor's Educational Program in Journalism (Program Head: Professor Zaza Tsotniashvili) – 144 active students;
- Bachelor's Educational Program in International Relations (Program Head: Associate Professor Tamar Kiknadze) – 272 active students;
- Master's Educational Program in Media Studies and Multimedia Production (Program Head: Professor Zaza Tsotniashvili) – 10 active students;
- Master's Educational Program in International Relations and International Security (Program Head: Professor Vakhtang Maisaia) – 40 active students;
- Doctoral Educational Program in Political Science (Program Head: Associate Professor Tamar Kiknadze) – 50 active students.

In 2020, the Faculty of Social Sciences worked on a new doctoral program. The working group of the Doctoral Educational Program in Mass Communication was created (program head: Professor Khatuna Kacharava);

Also, with the support of the Science and Technology Center of Ukraine (STCU) and within the framework of the Master's degree program in Global policy and security studies, an English-language Master's Educational Program in Global Policy and Security Studies was created (program head: Professor Vakhtang Maisaia) and submitted to the Ministry of Education for authorization in the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement. The program consists of military, economic and information security modules, specialty elective courses, practical and research components.

Academic staff

The number of staff involved in the implementation of the Bachelor's Educational Program in International Relations (including academic, scientific, visiting staff) totals 43; Of these, there are 27 academic staff, 4 professors, 22 associate professors and 1 assistant;

The number of affiliated academic staff is 24, of which 4 are affiliated professors, 19 are affiliated assistant professors, 1 is affiliated assistant. 16 visiting staff are involved in the study process.

19 scientists in academic positions are involved in the implementation of the Bachelor's Educational Program in Journalism. Among them: 3 professors, 16 associate professors; Also, 20 visiting professors participated in the program implementation. 3 professors and 13 associate professors are affiliated with the above-mentioned academic staff.

Events held in 2020:

- 5th international scientific conference dedicated to Georgia-Iran political, economic and cultural relations;
- Several monographs, books, articles, reports were published; scientific visits, scientific conferences, public lectures were organized, participation in grant projects, etc.;
- Within the framework of the "Erasmus+" program, the vice-rector of the Department of National Security and the head of the quality management service of the Ostrowiec University of Business and Entrepreneurship (Poland) - Stefan Sushka and associate professor - Marian Kichoni held a public lecture on the topic - Crisis Management System of Poland;
- On March 10, a workshop was organized with representatives of CIU partner - Ostrowiec University of Business and Entrepreneurship (Poland) on modern methods of online education;
- On May 18, an online lecture was held on the topic - "Global threats arising from biological warfare and bioterrorism";
- An experimental scientific-practical telesymposium was held - "New Challenges: Consolidation for Security and Peace" - <https://nikolozg.wixsite.com/symposium>
- 16.11.2020 - an online round table dedicated to the 350th anniversary of Jan Comensky's death, one of the founders of humanistic pedagogy, and the "International Day of Tolerance" recognized by the United Nations was held as part of the international scientific telesymposium;
- 02.12.2020 - A scientific telesymposium dedicated to the memory of academician Ilia Vekua "Modeling and Managing Crises and Disasters: Unused Opportunities of Science" was held.

Faculty of Law

Three educational programs of all three cycles operate at the Faculty of Law.

Bachelor's Educational Program in Law (Program Head: Sergo Tchelidze – Professor) – 349 active students;
 Master's Educational Program in Law (Program head: Levan Mosakhlishvili) – 65 active students;
 Doctoral Educational Program in Law (Program head: Mindia Ugrehelidze, Professor) – 27 active students.

Academic staffs

The number of staff involved in the implementation of the Bachelor's Educational Program in Law is 22 (20 affiliated); Of these, 2 professors, 15 associate professors and 3 assistant professors, 2 assistants;

The number of affiliated academic staff is 24, of which 4 are affiliated professors, 19 are affiliated assistant professors, 1 is affiliated assistant. The number of visiting staff involved in the program implementation is 18.

The number of staff involved in the implementation of the Master's Educational Program in Law is 17 (17 affiliated); Of these, 2 professors, 11 associate professors, 2 assistant professors and 2 assistants; The number of visiting staff involved in the program implementation is 4.

The number of staff involved in the implementation of the Doctoral Educational Program in Law is 20 (13 affiliated); Of these, 5 professors, 13 associate professors. The number of visiting staff involved in the program implementation is 17.

Events held in 2020:

- Several issues of the scientific-practical journal of the Faculty were published, where the scientific articles of the professors of the Faculty of Law were printed;
- A collection was published - "Constitutional ideas and processes in Georgian Publicistics - 1990-1995";
- Sergo Tchelidze, the head of the Bachelor's Program in Law, participated in the annual scientific-practical conference held in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, with the funding of the university;
- Affiliated Associate Professor R. Migriauli completed the work on the Entrepreneurial Law textbook, the printing and publishing of which was financed by the Caucasus International University;
- Affiliated Assistant Professor K. Kurashvili finished working on the Enforcement Law manual, which will be published in the near future;
- The 3rd issue of the journal of the Faculty of Law - "Legal Herald" - was published

Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking

Two educational programs are implemented at the Faculty:

1. Bachelor's Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Enology (Program heads – Olan Gotsiridze, Davit Maghradze)
2. Master's Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Enology (Program head – Olan Gotsiridze).

149 students study and have an active status at the Faculty.

Academic and Visiting Staff

To date 12 professors (1 research fellow, 2 professors, 8 associate professors, 2 assistant professors) are involved in the implementation of the Bachelor's and Master's program of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking. 14 lecturers are visiting staff.

From the abovementioned academic staff 5 are affiliated associate professors, 1 – affiliated assistant professor, in total – 6.

Results of 2020:

- During the reporting period, Master's Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Enology passed accreditation and received 7-year accreditation;
- In the Eighth International Conference of Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral students organized by the Caucasus International University, which was held remotely due to the pandemic (November 2020), the section on viticulture and enology was actively presented, where three students of the Master's Program in Georgian Viticulture and Enology and one of the Bachelor's Program participated;
- With the involvement of the academic staff of the faculty and the students of the master's program, a research project was carried out - "Ampelographic description of rare grape varieties and their wild relatives from Racha-Lechkhumi and Kakheti", which won the CIU small grants competition;
- On February 8-16, 2020, the dean of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking, together with the head of the International Department of CIU, was on a business trip to Spain, where the 6th international traditional "Radical Wine Festival" was held. The Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking of CIU and the winery "Kolkhi" were invited as guests in the work of this festival;
- A visit was paid to the universities of Burgos and La Rioja, to the "Imidraa" scientific-research center;
- 3 students' study trip to Ukraine within the framework of the Erasmus+ program project - "Improving laboratory practice skills of agro-food specialists of the Eastern European region".
- Online wine festival.

In 2020, the following were added to the list of partners of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking:

1. Aguna LLC
2. Winery Mtevino LLC
3. Wine Company Shumi LLC
4. University of Alcala De Henares, (Madrid, Spain);
5. University of La Rioja (Spain);
6. State Agrarian University of Moldova (UASM), Chisinau, Moldova.

Memorandums of cooperation were signed with the following companies and research centers:

- Akhalsheni 2005 LLC

- Wine Laboratory LLC
- National scientific center of enology and viticulture
- Department of Agriculture of the Patriarchate of Georgia;
- JSC Sarajishvili
- Kindmarauli Winery
- Shavnabada Monastery
- Grape and Wine Group LLC
- Pavilion Wines LLC
- Shalghvino LLC
- Scientific-research center of agriculture;
- Georgian traditional wine fund, which is united:
 - Alaverdi Monastery Alaverdi
 - “Ikalto” – Kvevri school-acedemy
 - Georgian Wine Culture Center;

On international level:

- Università degli Studi di Firenze);
- Università degli Studi di Udine);
- ERASMUS + University of Ljubljana
- University of Burgos;
- Erasmus+ Joint Master’s Degree Program – Wine Tourism Innovations: EAC/A05/2017-2018-EMJMD.

Faculty of Business

There are 8 educational programs at the Faculty of Business:

1. Bachelor’s Educational Program in Management
2. Bachelor’s Educational Program in Finance
3. Bachelor’s Educational Program in Tourism
4. Bachelor’s Educational Program in Business Administration in English

5. Master's Educational Program in International Business Management
6. Master's Educational Program in International Marketing
7. Master's Educational Program in International Marketing in English
8. Doctoral Educational Program in Business Administration

594 students study and have an active status in programs of all cycles of Faculty. In 2020 the study process was carried out remotely.

Academic staff

Faculty has 2 affiliated professors, 22 affiliated associate professors, 1 affiliated assistant professor, 2 affiliated assistants; and visiting professors; In total, the Faculty has 36 academic staff.

In 2020, memorandums were signed to expand the partnership network with the following companies and organizations:

- Mtskheta Municipality City Hall;
- Government of A.R of Abkhazia;
- Tourist company - "Gallery Travel Tbilisi"
- "Kopala" hotel chain;
- Tourist company "Total Travel"
- Hotel "Alazni Valley" LLC

In 2020, the following events were held at the faculty with the participation of the administration, academic staff and students:

- Panel discussion on the topic: Modern library development models 12.23.2020;
- Within the framework of "Science is the captain", Online Science Fair organized by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia - 27.11.2020.
- European open science "CLOUD EOSC" remote meeting - organized by the Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association "GRENA" - 15.11.2020.
- Online training course on the "Art of Successful Negotiation" - 19.10, 2020.
- Public lectures were held.

Faculty of Medicine

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

1. Bachelor's Educational Program in Pharmacy;
2. Educational Program in Medicine;
3. Educational Program in Medicine in English;
4. Educational Program in Dentistry;
5. Educational Program in Dentistry in English;
6. Residency Program in Therapeutic Dentistry.

The faculty is served by 8 affiliated professors, 22 affiliated associate professors; 15 affiliated assistant professors; 2 affiliated assistants; Among them - 2 foreign professors and visiting professors; In total, the faculty is served by 80 academic staff.

Currently 1890 students study at all programs of the faculty and have an active status. Among them are more than 700 citizen of France, Poland, Portugal, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria, Morocco, Nigeria, Egypt, India, Israel, Great Britain are studying at the faculty. Their number increases significantly each semester.

Results of 2020

- The book fund was updated according to the requirements - on the programs of medicine, dentistry in English, program in pharmacy in Georgian, the literature of the Georgian-language medicine program was also partially updated;
- In 2020, the development and accreditation of the integrated curriculum of the Georgian-language program in medicine was carried out at the faculty;
- Improvement of the research component both in the curriculum and, in general, at the faculty, by involving a wider mass of students;
- Obtaining international exchange programs;
- Obtaining international grants, especially in research projects;
- Developing a doctoral program;
- Further improvement of clinical teaching;
- Improvement of laboratory teaching;
- Improvement of the hybrid teaching process;



- Staff training in modern teaching and assessment methods;
- Organizing trainings;
- Attracting new valuable academic staff;
- Further internationalization;
- Further development of the skills center;
- Improvement of online teaching, the wide introduction of OSCE OSPE exams;
- Establishing a Center for telemedicine;
- Broad introduction of post-diploma educational courses and residency programs.