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Faculty of Social and Humanitarian Sciences

Master's Education Program

Global Politics and Security Studies

0312.2.2

Modified Program

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Name of the education program
Global Politics and Security Studies
Cycle of Higher Academic Education
Master's (MA)
Type of the educational program
Academic Higher Education Program
Broad Field
Social Sciences, Journalism and Informatics
Narrow Field
Social and Behavioral Sciences
Detailed Field
0312 Political Sciences and Civil Rights
Field of study
0312.2.2 Security Studies
Duration of study
Duration of teaching 4 semesters (2 academic years)
Program volume with credits
120 ECTS Credit
Qualification to be awarded
Master of Security Studies
Language of instruction
The educational program is taught in English
Head of the program
Dr. Vakhtang Maisaia Doctor of Political Science (Ph.D); MA in Public Administration; Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Caucasus International University; Professor of Warsaw University of Humanities (Republic of Poland); Professor in National Security at the University of Business and Entrepreneurship in Ostrowiec (Republic of Poland).
Co-head of the program

María Espona (Republic of Argentina), Biologist (1994), Master in Terrorism Studies (2013) and PhD in Criminology (2019). International expert in the EU structures, in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in the direction of non-proliferation of chemical and biological weapons.

Program prerequisites

Enrollment in the Master's Educational Program in Global Politics and Security Studies is available to any person with a bachelor's or an equivalent academic degree in any detailed/field of study, who is enrolled based on the results of the Common Masters Exam and internal university examination-testing.

For the purpose of promotion of master's degree candidates and mobility of students, studying in a higher educational institution without passing the Common Master's Degree exams, under the rules and terms established by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia is allowed for::

- a) MA candidates who graduated abroad and obtained documents confirming higher education academic degree;
- b) Citizens of a foreign country (except the ones enrolled in the joint high educational program and student exchange educational programs), who are studying/studied and obtained credits/qualifications abroad in the master's degree in/from a higher educational institution recognized by the legislation of the given country;
- b¹) Citizens of Georgia (except the ones enrolled in the joint high educational programs and student exchange educational programs), who, during the defined time provided by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia, are living/lived, studying/studied and obtained credits/qualifications in/from in MA program at HEI of a foreign country, recognized according to its legislation;
- e) MA candidates who enrolled in high educational institutions based on the Third Paragraph of Article 52 of the Law on Higher Education of Georgia.

A prerequisite to admission to the educational program is knowledge of English at the **B2 level**.

A basis for obtaining the status of a student in the MA education program is the results of the Common Master Exams conducted by the National Examination Center, the internal examination in specialty conducted at the university, and the English language test.

A person who submits a verified knowledge certificate in English at the **B2 level** is exempt from taking the test exam.

According to the decision of the University, an interview may be held instead of the exam in the specialty.

Definition of foreign language proficiency at B2 level according to ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe) (www.alte.org)

List of certificates and grades corresponding to B2 level:

TOEFL PBT score: not less than 513 points;

TOEFL IBT score: not less than 65 points;

British Council and Cambridge University English language tests (IELTS) score: not less than 5.5 points;

British Council and Cambridge University English Language tests

(Cambridge Exam) Proficiency Level: Not less than FCE.

After obtaining the status of a student at Caucasus International University, a person is required to submit a bachelor's or equivalent academic degree to the University, and a person subject to military registration under the rule established by law must also submit a document certifying military enrollment.

Enrollment process in the Master's Degree Program in „Global Politics and Security Studies“ is open twice a year, within the timeframe set by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia and is subject to mandatory procedures and university rules.

Enrollment in the master's degree program or transfer from a recognized higher education institution of a foreign country is carried out based on the decision of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Affairs of Georgia.

Program Objectives

The MA program in Global Politics and Security Studies aims to prepare highly qualified specialists in global policy and security studies, who possess deep theoretical and practical knowledge of global politics and issues of security studies, analytical methods in that field of expertise and can independently resolve the problems.

The program enables the students to gain knowledge in the following fields of study: military, economics and information security. Moreover, the MA program enables the students obtain expert-level knowledge in CBRN non-proliferation policy issues;

Moreover, the program aims to prepare high-level qualified analysts and researchers in national and international security spheres – Security Studies Analyses, Comparative Studies in Regional Security, National Security Planning and Strategy Composition and other special issues of international, regional and national security, etc.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

Upon graduation the student:

- Possesses theoretical knowledge of global politics and security studies, which in turn includes the fundamentals of scientific research components and methodology of security studies;
- Deeply analyzes the theoretical framework and problems in the field of global politics and security studies, carries out their critical understanding, and develops and analyzes them using appropriate research methods;
- Knows the current political processes in world politics and security problems, which is necessary for the formation and development of professional skills.

Skill

Upon graduation the graduate:

- Can carry out proper research and analyze specific problems in terms of their correct perception, which refers to such fields as global politics, CBRN non-proliferation policy, international security and regional security issues;
- Can develop political-analytical documents related to security studies, where he/she will study the course of geopolitical, geoeconomic and geostrategic processes and their impact on global security conditions at a highly professional level;
- Can process scientific research or practical and analytical materials in the field of security studies, in order to compose argumentative positions to the interested audience and present them in written and oral form;
- Adheres to the principles of academic integrity and professional ethics.

Responsibility and Autonomy

Upon graduation, the graduate can:

- In order to increase his/her professional skills, independently take part and engage in professional debates, discussions and forums in three scientific directions (informational, economic and military):
- Following the principles of individual and teamwork, carries out the development, planning and execution of scientific research and analytical projects in security studies;
- Independently analyzes data and/or situations specific to the mentioned field, as well as using standard and several unique methods, formulates reasoned conclusions and provides qualified recommendations.

Structure of the Program

The program is designed to meet students' aspirations and desires and to train highly qualified specialists in global politics and security research.

The master's program consists of field-of-study mandatory courses (A), Field-of-study modular mandatory courses (B), Field-of-study elective courses (C), practical component (D), and research component (E).

Elements of the Master's Program in Global Politics and Security Studies (120 ECTS)

- (A) Field of study mandatory study courses - **30 ECTS**
- (B) Field of study modular mandatory study courses - **30 ECTS**
- (C) Field of study elective study courses - **14 ECTS**
- (D) Practical component - **10 ECTS**
- (E) Research component - **36 ECTS**

Field of study mandatory study courses (30 ECTS)

Mandatory courses serve to provide students with a general, theoretical background in global policy and security studies.

The field of study mandatory study courses provide students with deep knowledge in security specialized directions and also improve their analytical thinking skills.

Field of study modular mandatory study courses (30 ECTS)

The field of study modular mandatory courses allow students to choose from one of the three blocks offered in the program - military security, economic security and information security - students will then choose courses that fit their narrow, professional qualification model. In addition, they will also choose the subject of practice in the last semester at the public or private sector as well as scientific-analytical institutions in their field of choice.

Field of study elective study courses (14 ECTS)

The field of study elective study courses enable students to develop academic skills and analytical thinking in the format of specific scientific modules (international relations, political science, geostrategic studies, economic security, geoeconomics, psychology, etc.). By taking these courses, the student will have the opportunity better to understand the role of security studies in academic sciences. At the same time, the student is allowed to choose from elective courses that will further strengthen his/her professional skills and contribute to the development of analytical thinking. These courses include the following: Geoeconomic warfare and statecraft, terrorism and counterterrorism, religion and international security, geopolitics and geoeconomics, psychological and disinformation warfare, special services and international relations, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats and risk analysis, etc.

Methods for achieving learning outcomes

Depending on the specifics of a particular study course, it uses teaching methods such as:

- Method of working on a book;
- Verbal method;
- Presentation and demonstration;
- Writing assignments;
- Discussion/Debates;
- Individual and group exercises;
- Cooperative teaching;
- Roleplaying games;
- Problem-Based Learning;
- Explanatory method;
- Case Study;
- Brain Storming;
- Action-based learning to learn empirical methodology;
- Expert research method.
- Mental Outline;
- Experience Based Learning;
- Collaborative learning.
- Reporting.

Considering the specific content of the teaching discipline and specifics, the course teaching method selection is outlined in the course syllabus.

Student Knowledge Assessment System

Courses delivered within the Master's program in **Global Politics and Security Studies** are based on the active participation of students in the teaching process and on the principle of continuous assessment of acquired knowledge.

Assessment of the student's work during the semester includes:

- Evaluation of student's independent work;
- Interim evaluation;
- Final evaluation.

Writing (tests, open questions, essays, etc.) is mainly used to assess students' knowledge. Particular study courses may include the preparation and presentation of homework or business projects.

The performance in each discipline is evaluated according to the **European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)** and the following evaluation system, approved by the order N3 of January 5, 2007, of the **Minister of Education and Science of Georgia on the "Rules for calculating credits for higher education programs"**.

Evaluation of the acquisition of the topics provided by the syllabus of the completed study course, as well as the research component of the master's program, is done by the university with a 100-point assessment system, which consists of specific shares of evaluation methods included in the educational process.

The interim evaluation includes the weekly **current assessment, equal to 40 points and the evaluation of the**

midterm exam, which is a maximum of 20 points. In total, the student can get 60 points in the midterm evaluations.

The minimum competence threshold for interim assessments equals 30 points.

As for the final exam, its maximum evaluation is 40 points and the minimum competence threshold of the final exam equals 20 points.

The student is considered to have passed the final exam if the sum of the interim assessments and the final exam equals to minimum of 51 points.

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The assessment system allows five types of positive and two types of negative assessments:

Grades	Assessment	
91-100 points	A	Excellent
81-90 points	B	Very Good
71-80 points	C	Good
61-70 points	D	Satisfactory
51-60 points	E	Sufficient
41-50 points	F	Could not pass (the student needs to work more to pass and is allowed to take an additional exam once with independent work)
0-40 points	Fx	Failed (The work performed by the student is not sufficient and he/she has to retake the subject).

The maximum positive assessment is 100 points, the minimum positive grade is 51 points.

Note: A student who failed the final exam and earned an FX grade has the right to sit for an additional exam in the same semester, no later than 5 days after the announcement of the results of the main exams.

As for the evaluation of the master thesis, it is evaluated once by the commission during the master thesis defense. In case the student receives a positive evaluation, he/she obtains 25 credits predefined by the education program and is granted the academic degree/qualification of Master of Security Studies.

The level of academic performance of a student at the university is determined both by the points received in the study courses and by the 4-point equivalent of the mentioned points - **the Grade Point Average (GPA).**

Issuance of a diploma confirming academic qualification/degree

Qualifications for graduates of the Master's Educational Program in Global Politics and Security Studies are granted under the "National Qualifications Framework" and "Classifier of Fields of Study" approved by Order No. 69/N of April 10, 2019, of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia.

The graduate of the educational program is awarded the **qualification/academic degree of Master of Security Studies** and is given a Diploma and a Diploma Supplement of the state model confirming the completion of the relevant master's program.

The prerequisite for awarding the qualification/academic degree is the accumulation of 120 ECTS credits by the student.

To determine the Diploma category of graduates of bachelor degree programs, after completing the entire educational program, the cumulative GPA is calculated, according to which the university awards graduates with the following categories of diplomas:

GPA 3.5 and above – Diploma with Honours: with a high level of competence and the ability to use knowledge creatively;

Common Diploma - positive evaluation in all subjects and GPA less than 3.5.

In order to change the category of the diploma, the student can use the right to retake the subjects, but not more than three subjects.

Possibility of continuing the education

A graduate of the Master's Program is entitled to continue studies in higher education institutions of Georgia or other countries in the detailed sphere of a Doctoral Program focused on the preparation of researchers of the next level.

Field of employment

The graduates of the program in Global Politics and Security Studies will have all the necessary skills to work in public service, law enforcement, think tanks that specialize in security studies, research institutions, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, diplomatic service and media outlets, institutions that are connected with analysis and development of foreign and security policies.

Map of competencies

№	Subject Code	Subject	Components		
			Knowledge and Understanding	Skill	Responsibility and Autonomy
Field of Study Mandatory Study Courses					
1.	MGPS001	Theory and Practice of New Security Challenges	X	X	X
2.	MGPS002	Problems of Global Politics	X	X	X
3.	MGPS003	Modern Challenges of CBRN Security	X	X	X
4.	MGPS004	Regional Security Studies (Black Sea Basin, Post-Soviet Space)	X	X	X
5.	MGPS005	National Security Studies Analysis and Strategy Planning	X	X	X
Field of Study Modular Mandatory Study Courses					
7.	MGPS006	Military Strategy and Globalization	X	X	X
8.	MGPS007	Hybrid War Theory and Analysis	X	X	X
9.	MGPS008	Economic Security Analysis	X	X	X
10.	MGPS009	Resolutions of the UN Security Council regarding the control of strategic goods and restrictions imposed on international trade	X	X	X

11.	MGPS010	Information Security Strategy and Analytical Models	X	X	X
12.	MGPS011	Cyber Security and Cyber Defences	X	X	X
		Field of study Elective Teaching Courses			
1.	MGPS017	Art of War and Strategy	X	X	X
2.	MGPS013	Special Services and International Relations	X	X	X
3.	MGPS014	Analysis of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Threats and Risks	X	X	X
4.	MGPS015	Goeconomic Warfare and Statecraft	X	X	X
5.	MGPS016	Political Communication	X	X	X
6.	MGPS012	History of Development of Export Controls Related to CBRN Threat and Their Basic Concepts	X	X	X
7.	MGPS018	National CBRN Transfer Control Mechanisms	X	X	X
8.	MGPS019	Legal Frame of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)	X	X	X
9.	MGPS020	Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	X	X	X
10.	MGPS021	Religion and International Security	X	X	X
11.	MGPS022	Geopolitics and Geoeconomics	X	X	X
12.	MGPS023	Psychological and Disinformation Warfare	X	X	X
13.	MGPS024	Overview of the EU Military and Dual-Use Items Control Lists and Commodity Identification against the Dual-Use Items Control List (Practical Cases)	X	X	X
		Practice Component (Compulsory)			
1.	MGPS025	Practice	X	X	

		Scientific Research Component			
1.	MGPS026	Research Methods in Security Studies	X	X	X
2.	MGPS027	Academic Writing	X	X	X
3.	MGPS028	Preparation of Master's Thesis and Defense of Master's Thesis	X	X	X

