

A. Title of the Program

International Interdisciplinary MSocSc (Master of Social Science) Program in Gender Studies
საერთაშორისო ინტერდისციპლინური სამაგისტრო პროგრამა გენდერის კვლევაში

B. Degree Offered

Master of Social Sciences (MSocSc) in Gender Studies
სოციალურ მეცნიერებათა მაგისტრი, სწავლების ძირითადი დარგი „გენდერის კვლევა“

C. Head of the Program: Tamar Sabedashvili, TSU Associate Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (CV is attached as an appendix 4)

Program Authors: Nino Javakhishvili, Tamar Tskhadadze, Marine Chitashvili

International academic advisor: Alisse Waterston, Professor of Anthropology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

D. Language of Instruction: English

E. Number of credits (ECTS)

Total amount of ECTS earned throughout the program equals **120**: 80 ECTS - for study component, 10 ECTS – research seminar and internship, 30 ECTS – master’s thesis.

The length of study is 2 academic years, i.e. 4 academic semesters.

F. Tuition Fee: 4500 Gel (per 2 years)

G. Prerequisites for the program: an undergraduate degree or recognized equivalent qualification in any academic area. Some background in social sciences is an asset.

H. Qualification of the graduate program:

The interdisciplinary Master’s Program in Gender Studies is the first and the only graduate level program in Gender Studies throughout the Caucasus region. The Program has been developed in close cooperation with the Women’s and Gender Studies Department at Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, and the Department of Gender Studies at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Students of the Master’s Program in Gender Studies have a unique opportunity to receive a graduate level training in Social Sciences meeting international standards; learn about the issues of gender equality from socio-economic and political perspective, as well as historic aspects of women’s rights and feminist theories.

The program is interdisciplinary and aims at:

- Providing students with up-to-date knowledge on gender as a social, cultural, political, and economic phenomenon;
- Developing skills of critical thinking and inquiry;
- Preparing them for practical work on gender concerns.

Program Structure and content:

The degree requires 120 ECTS credits and will take two calendar years (four semesters). The curriculum takes an integrated approach by combining theoretical and applied courses. In the first and second semesters students are required to earn 30 ECTS (total of 60 ECTS in both semesters); in the third semester students are required to earn more 25 ECTS from the study component, as well as take internship and undergo intensive on-job training at the government agencies, local NGOs/think tanks, research institutes or international organizations (5 ECTS). In the fourth semester the students work closely with their research supervisor to prepare Graduate thesis. In

the beginning of the semester, students are required to pass pre-defense of the research proposal. In case of positive evaluation, students can continue working on their theses. Theses must feature the students' own research, and be defended in late June (30 ECTS).

Classes are small (less than 20 students) and include lectures and seminars given by Georgian and international faculty who have considerable academic and practical experience working in Universities, NGOs, think tanks and Government. Teaching will be collaborative, student-centered and skill-based.

I. Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theoretical and philosophical foundations of gender studies - Feminist and queer theories and relationship between them - History and current situation of feminist and antihomophobic social movements - Activities and operational principles of governmental, nongovernmental and international organizations working on the issues of gender inequality - Methods of conducting gender scientific and analytical research - Maintaining gender perspective when analyzing various socio-economic issues/problems.
Application of Knowledge/Practical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of theories in gender and feminist studies and facility in relating them to each other; - knowledge of the history and current trends of feminist movement; - awareness of activities of local, national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and potential to participate in those activities; - familiarity with methods of social research and ability to apply these methods for studying gender related aspects of social life.
General / Transferable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to conduct a research independently and to present its results both in writing and orally with the aid of appropriate computer software; - ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders, to participate in team work; - ability to comprehend and critically evaluate texts in English languages, as well as to produce original ones
Learning Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to search for relevant scientific literature - ability to comprehend and critically evaluate texts in English and Georgian languages - Ability to plan and conduct a research independently - Ability to think critically, analyse and generate knowledge - Ability to work in team
Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to plan and conduct research independently, - critically engage with the literature, interpret the analysis and communicate results; - engage in debates and effective communication.
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social justice - Political activity and responsibility - Recognize/respect/tolerate different - Fairness in research - Objectivity - Openness of thought and ability to accept new - Understanding knowledge as a value

J. Methods to achieve the learning outcomes

The mentioned outcomes are achieved by the program curriculum and course syllabi. The course designs are aimed at giving theoretical knowledge, as well as developing skills for research, academic writing, oral communication and presentation, participation in academic debates, working as a team member. Besides working on the number of texts, students are expected to write analytical essays, reviews, prepare presentations, participate in debates, prepare group homeworks.

Several courses, as well as master's thesis, encompasses conducting of independent research and presenting the results in written form; one of the courses requires the preparation of practical project proposal; others require writing policy papers. All of these courses aim at developing skills to apply theoretical knowledge in everyday, practical activities.

Since the majority of the courses are about gender inequality, they develop the values connected with social justice, responsibility, requiring transparent public policy. The courses with more theoretical focus, are aiming at developing research skills and applying theoretical methods to actual research.

The following matrix of competencies displays the skills developed as a results of the courses of the program more appropriately:

№	Title of the course სასწავლო კურსის სახელწოდება	ცოდნა და გაცნობიერება; Knowledge and Awareness	ცოდნის პრაქტიკაში გამოყენების უნარი; Application of Knowledge/Practical Skills	დასკვნის უნარი; Reasoning	კომუნიკაციის უნარი; General / Transferable Skills	სწავლის უნარი; Learning Skills	ღირებულებები. Values
1	აკადემიური წერა, პრეზენტაციის უნარები და მონაცემთა ბაზები /Academic Writing, Presentation Skills and Databases						
2	Introduction to Feminist Theories/ შესავალი ფემინისტურ თეორიებში	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	Public Policy Analysis/ საჯარო პოლიტიკის ანალიზი	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	Qualitative Methods of Social Research/ სოციალური კვლევის თვისებრივი მეთოდები	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	Feminist Philosophy / ფემინისტური ფილოსოფია	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Agency, Subjectivity and Social Change/ აგენტობა, სუბიექტურობა და სოციალური ცვლილება	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Historic Aspects of Women's Rights / ქალთა უფლებების ისტორიული ასპექტები	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Research Seminar (Methods for Gender Research) / კვლევითი სემინარი (მეთოდები გენდერის კვლევისთვის)	X	X	X		X	X
9	Internship / სასწავლო პრაქტიკა		X	X	X	X	X
10	Gender and Work / გენდერი და შრომა	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	Gender Equality in Economic Policy / გენდერული თანასწორობა ეკონომიკურ პოლიტიკაში	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	Gender and National State / გენდერი და ნაციონალური სახელმწიფო	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	Socio-political Theory and Practice of Gender / გენდერის სოციალურ-პოლიტიკური თეორია და პრაქტიკა	X		X	X	X	X
14	ომი და გენდერი – ქალთა მეხსიერება /	X	X				X

	Gendered memories of war and political violence						
15	Feminist literary Criticism / ლიტერატურის ფემინისტური კრიტიკა	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	Gender and Forced Displacement / გენდერი და იძულებითი გადაადგილება	X		X	X	X	X
17	Masculinity Studies / მასკულინობის კვლევა	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	Queer Theory and Practice / ქუირ თეორია და პრაქტიკა	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	Gender an Psychoanalysis / გენდერი და ფსიქანალიზი	X	X	X	X	X	
20	Culture and Identities in Changeable Society / კულტურა და იდენტობები ცვალებად საზოგადოებაში	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	History of USSR / საბჭოთა კავშირის ისტორია	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	Masculinity and Femininity in Medieval European Culture / ფემინურობა და მასკულინობა შუა საუკუნეების ევროპულ კულტურაში	X		X	X	X	
23	Gender in Visual Arts / გენდერი ვიზუალურ ხელოვნებაში	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	Gender Sensitive Public Policy and Administration / გენდერულად სენსიტიური საჯარო პოლიტიკა და ადმინისტრირება	X	X	X	X	X	
25	Gender and State Socialism / გენდერი და სოციალისტური სახელმწიფო	X	X	X	X	X	
26	Gender and Development / გენდერი და განვითარება	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	Feminism and Post-Colonialism / ფემინიზმი და პოსტკოლონიალიზმი						
28	Sociology of Subculture – Theoretical Approach, Empirical Studies / სუბკულტურის სოციოლოგია – თეორიული მიდგომები, ემპირიული კვლევები	X	X	X	X	X	X

K. Grading Scheme

Scores	Evaluation	Classification of Evaluation	GPA
91%-100%	(A) “Excellent”	Positive	4.0
81%-90%	(B) “Very good”	Positive	3.0
71%-80%	(C) “Good”	Positive	2.0
61%-70%	(D) “Satisfactory”	Positive	1.0
51%-60%	(E) “Sufficient”	Positive	0.5
41%-50%	(FX) “Marginal Fail” (Failed with the right to resit an exam)	Negative	0.0
0%-40%	(F) “Fail” (Has to retake the course)	Negative	0.0

L. Career Opportunities

Graduates completing their degree with the Gender Studies Program will be able to:

-) carry out research in gender studies and on gender related topics
-) develop policy recommendations on gender related challenges

) Be employed as gender policy makers, researchers and practitioners in a variety of international, national and local governmental or non-governmental organizations and offices.

M. Admission Requirements

- Candidates who have BA degree or HE 5 year studies graduation diploma in any field are eligible to apply. However, some knowledge of social sciences is an asset. Fourth grade students expecting to graduate in summer are eligible to apply;
- National Graduate Exams (for Georgian applicants only. Non-resident applicants should submit the documentations to the Ministry of Education and Science accordingly to decree # 725 to be admitted on the program without passing National Graduate Exams);
- English language proficiency level B2 – demonstrated either by taking the corresponding examination at TSU Language Center or submitting standardized English Language test scores (TOEFL IBT 87 or equivalent on IELTS, Cambridge, etc.);
- Complete application package: TSU application form; certified copies and translations (if applicable) of Bachelor’s degree certificate/Diploma, transcripts, language test scores if any, copy of ID card/ passport;
- documents certifying status regarding the military service (for Georgian male applicants only).

The applicants will be admitted based on the written examination (preparation materials and examination topics are available on ftp server of Center for Social Sciences: [ftp.ucss.ge](ftp://ucss.ge)) and interview with the admission committee.

N. Admission Examinations

✓ **Examination Committee:**

-) Marine Chitashvili, Full Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU
-) Nana Macharashvili, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU
-) Lia Tsuladze, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU

✓ **Appeal Committee:**

-) Tea Mzhavanadze, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU
-) Lili Khechuashvili, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU

✓ **Examination Format:**

-) Written examination – 40%
-) English language test – 20%
-) Interview with the admission committee – 40%
-) Examination topics and respective bibliography is represented in appendix 3.

O. Gender Faculty *(Please see appendix 1 for Gender faculty CVs):*

Status	Quantity	Name, Surname
Full Professor	1	M. Chitashvili
Associate Professor	4	T. Sabedashvili, L.Tsuladze, N. Macharashvili, Ch. Jashi
Invited Lecturers, AFPs	9	T. Tskhadadze, S. Tsopurashvili (AFP), N. Arjevanidze (AFP), T. Melashvili (AFP), A. Rekhviashvili (AFP), L. Kiria, M. Badashvili, T. Tsopurashvili, E. Noghaideli

Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Social Sciences (MSocSc): *Gender Studies*

Length of Study: Four semesters - 2 calendar years.

Graduation Requirements: 120 ECTS

2014-2015 Academic year

I (fall) semester

Required Courses			
1.1	Academic Writing, Presentation skills and Databases	30	5
1.2	Introduction to Feminist Theories	30	5
1.3	Social Research Methods (<i>cross-listing with Eurasian and Caucasus Studies Master's program</i>)	30	5
Elective Courses			
1.4	Gender and Work	30	5
1.5	Gender Equality in Economic Policy	30	5
1.6	Socio-political Theory and Practice of Gender (<i>in Georgian only, cross-listing with master's program of Sociology</i>)	30	5
1.7	Gender and Nation State	30	5
1.8	Public Policy Analysis (<i>cross-listing with master's program of Public Administration and Public Policy</i>)	30	5
1.9	Gendered memories of war and political violence	30	5
Credits in the first semester			30

II (spring) semester

Required Courses			
2.1	Feminist Philosophy	60	10
2.2	Historic Aspects of Women's Rights	30	5
Elective Courses			
2.3	Masculinity Studies	30	5
2.4	Feminist literary Criticism	30	5
2.5	Gender and Forced displacement	30	5
2.6	Agency, Subjectivity and Social Change	30	5
2.7	Queer Theory and Practice	30	5
2.8	Gender an Psychoanalysis	30	5
2.9	Culture and Identities in Changeable Societies (<i>cross-listing with Eurasian and Caucasus Studies Master's program</i>)	30	5
2.10	History of USSR (<i>cross-listing with Eurasian and Caucasus Studies Master's program</i>)	30	5
Credits in the second semester			30

III (fall) semester

Required Courses			
3.1	Research Seminar	30	5
3.2	Internship	30	5
Elective Courses			
3.3	Gender Sensitive Public Policy and Administration (<i>cross-listing with master's program of Public Administration and Public Policy</i>)	30	5
3.4	Masculinity and Femininity in Medieval European Culture	30	5
3.5	Sociology of Subculture (<i>cross-listing with Master's program of Anthropology</i>)	30	5
3.6	Gender and Development	30	5
3.7	Gender in Visual Arts	30	5
3.8	Gender and State Socialism	30	5
3.9	Feminism and Post-Colonialism	30	5
Credits in the third semester			30

IV (spring) semester

4.1	MA theses		30
TOTAL ECTS credits in the program:			120

