

**Title of the Program:** Master Program in European Studies (MAES)

The Institute for European Studies (IES), at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) and TACIS project “Establishment of a Centre for European Studies at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University” offer a graduate study programme (M.A.) in the field of European Studies with an optional minor in European Law.

**Academic Degree Offered:** MA in European Studies with an optional minor in European Law.

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**Qualification of the program:**

**Goals of the Program:**

- The IES will deliver an MA degree in European studies (MAES), elective courses in other faculties and will be a hub of distance teaching for regional universities: Batumi State University and Telavi State University.
- It will also offer lifelong learning in European Studies.

**Aims of the Program:** The aim of the two-year programme is to provide students with in-depth interdisciplinary knowledge of EU issues (law, politics, economy, history and culture), incorporating also Eastern European issues (present and expected links with EU). These students will become experts who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the structure and operations of the economic, legal and political institutions of the European Union, and are familiar with decision –making at a European level, as well as the European integration process.

**Relevant of the Programme**

**The process of getting closer to the EU.**

European integration is a positive and major feature of the new government’s foreign and economic policies. *Europeanization* of Georgia is yet at an initial stage but still, there is a strong conviction that

**Georgia is a European country.** The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and ENP Action Plan (ENAP) marked a new approach for Georgia.

Whereas the EU is by far Georgia’s first economic partner, knowledge about The EU and its integration process, as well as the understanding of the meaning of the integration process between the EU and Georgia, of PCA and ENP, are still very low in the country. This makes the training capacities in European studies in the country not only a crucial need, but also a strategic issue.

The development of European Studies, as a new academic field in Georgia, is not only a tool for a better understanding of the European Neighbour and of EU matters. It is also a major contribution to the building of competencies which are critical for efficient democracy and economy.

Through the new MAES will be implemented new teaching methods.

### **Degree is Awarded**

- This MAES will form experts in European Studies and offer a specialty through a Minor in Law taken at the faculty of Law.

After one year-test this Minor system will be extended to other Faculties:

Economy and Business, Humanities and Political Science

- The Master of Arts degree is awarded after successful completion of both the course curriculum and a written Master's thesis. Fulfilling all the requirements will normally take four semesters, but seven semesters are also possible (between two and three and a half years).

**Thesis:** The Master's thesis is a research project carried out by the student under the supervision of a faculty members of TSU and UPMF consortium members

### **Learning Outcomes and Competences:**

#### ***Instrumental Competences:***

- *Cognitive* abilities, capacity to understand and manipulate ideas and thoughts.
- *Methodological* capacities to manipulate the environment: organising time and strategies, making decisions or solving problems.
- *Technological* skills related to use of technological devices, computing and information management skills.
- *Linguistic* skills such as oral and written communication or knowledge of a second language.

#### ***Interpersonal Competences:***

- *Individual* abilities related to the capacity to express one's own feelings, critical and self-critical abilities.
- *Social* skills related relating to interpersonal skills or team work or the expression of social or ethical commitment. These tend to favour processes of social interaction and of co-operation.

***Systemic Competences:*** those skills and abilities concerning *whole systems*. They suppose a combination of understanding, sensibility and knowledge that allows one to see how the parts of a whole relate and come together. These capacities include the ability to plan changes so as to make improvements in whole systems and to design new systems. Systemic competences require as a base the prior acquisition of instrumental and interpersonal competences.

### **After the completion of the second cycle, students in the area of European Studies should:**

- a. Have a knowledge of ideas/concepts of: Europe, European integration, European institutions and decision making policies, EU policies, Europe in the world
- b. have an ability to interpret European events, developments and policies in national, regional, and local frameworks

- c. have an ability to use different disciplinary methodologies in an integrated way
- d. have sufficient competences to do guided research
- e. have an ability to work independently
- f. be able critically to follow and interpret EU policies
- g. be able critically to follow and interpret ideas and concepts of Europe and European integration
- h. have an ability to communicate orally in their own and an international language using the appropriate terminology
- i. have international mobility and cultural understanding

**Employment opportunities:** The Master's degree programme in European Studies provides valuable competencies for conducting independent research, or considering a career in:

- Public sector and governmental agencies
- NGOs, international organizations and European institutions
- Political organizations
- Business and other private sector
- Advisory organization
- Media and information centres

**Preconditions for Admission to the Master's Program:**

- a) At least Bachelor degree or equivalent
- b) At least **intermediate, B2** level knowledge of English
- c) General knowledge of the European Union
  - Undergraduates of Departments of Law, Political Science, Social Science, Mass media, Economics and Business, International Relations, Human Geography, Modern languages, Cultural Studies are eligible to apply for admission in the Department's Master's degree programme, but admission is not necessary limited only to students in these fields.
  - Candidates are obliged to submit:
    - a) together with a copy of their degree, a transcript of their marks for the total of their studies;
    - b) a letter of motivation.
  - Candidates are required to take:
    - a) a test of language proficiency, which will be conducted by the Centre of Languages of TSU;
    - b) a test measuring general knowledge and interest in political, economical, social and historical processes related to the of the European integration and Europe in general.
    - c) Candidates who pass the language proficiency test and test in specialization are subsequently interviewed.

Undergraduates of foreign Universities are allowed to submit their applications

**Structure of the Master Program:**

№	Subject name	Status	ECTS	Distribution of credits			
				Semester			
				I	II	III	IV
1.	Methodology Academic Writing and Research Methods	Obligatory	2	2			
1*.	Methodology Research Design	Obligatory	3				3
2.	European Cultural Mosaic, Jean-Luc Lamboley(UPMF), <i>Vasil Kacharava/Tom Trier</i>	Obligatory	5	5			
3.	EU Law <i>Gaga Gabrichidze(with some intervation of Katrin Metcalf)</i>	Obligatory	5	5			
4.	Economics of EU Integration <i>Merab Abdaladze</i>	Obligatory	5	5			
5.	History of Europe: XX Century, from Disntegration to European Integration <i>Vasil Kacharava</i>	Obligatory	5	5			
6.	EU Governance and Policy Making Process <i>Sergi Kapanadze/Friedericke Bundschuh-Rieseneder (CPR)</i>	Obligatory	5	5			
7.	The EU as a Global Actor <i>Korneli Kakachia (Alexander Katranis, Konstantine Stephanou, Pantheion Univ., Athens, Greece)</i>	Obligatory	5		5		
8.	Social Policy and Multicultural Processes in Europe <i>Ia Natsvlishvili</i>	Obligatory	5		5		
9.	Population and EU Development <i>Tamaz Zubiashvili</i>	Obligatory	5		5		
10.	ENP/Black See Synergy/EaP <i>Tamar Beruchashvili/Hubert Duhot</i>	Obligatory	5			5	
11.	Project Cycle Management (PCM) <i>Peter Strobants</i>	Obligatory	5			5	
12.	Policy Analysis <i>Ia Natsvllishvili</i>	Obligatory	5			5	

13.	European Politics, Parties, and Democratic Transition <i>Korneli Kakchia</i>	Obligatory	5			5	
14.	EU Foreign Policy and External Relations, <i>Eka Akobia</i>	Obligatory	5			5	
15.	International Law <i>Konstantine Korkelia</i>	Obligatory	5		5		
16.	Nationalism – Theory and Parctice <i>Tom Trier</i>	Obligatory	5				
17.	European and International Economic law <i>David Kereselidze</i>	Elective	5		5		
18.	EU Competition Law <i>Gaga Gabrichidze</i>	Elective	5		5		
19.	Europeanization of Eastern Europe <i>Sergi Kapanadze</i>	Elective	5		5		
20.	The Black Sea - History of Inteaction, <i>Tedo Dundua/Tom Trier</i>	Elective	5			5	
21.	EU trade policy and Direct Investments in Georgia <i>Merab Abdaladze and Yann Echinard</i>	Elective	5			5	
22.	Common EU Agricultural and Environmental Policy <i>Martin Mautner Markhof (CPR)</i>	Elective	5			5	
23.	Approximation of Georgian Legislation with that of the EU, <i>David Kereselidze</i>	Elective	5			5	
24.	European Law of Human Rights, <i>Konstantin Korkelia</i>	Elective	5			5	
25.	Theories of European Integration <i>Sergi Kapanadze, Friederike Bundschuch (CPR)</i>	Elective	5			5	
26.	The Role of the European Union in the Resolution of Ethno-Political Conflicts. A Comparative Analysis <i>Oliver Wolleh (Berghof Foundation) and Georgian Instructor</i>	Elective	5			5	
27.	EU Banking and Finance TBD	Elective	5			5	
28.	EU Energy and Transport Policy, <i>Lejla Uzicanin (USAID, Bosnia)</i>	Elective	5			5	

29	Business and Management in EU SMEs and Corporations	Elective	5			5	
30.	German Language	Elective	5	5		5	
31.	French Language	Elective	5		5	5	
32.	Internship	Elective	5				
33.	IT <i>Zurab Modebadze</i>	Elective	5				
33.	Humanitarian Intervention: the Modern Approach <i>Natia Kalanadrishvili</i>	Elective	5		5		
34.	<b>Master Thesis</b>	Compulsory					30
	<b>Total</b>		<b>120 (1)</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

(1) Semesters III contains a large number of elective courses. Students will be asked to gather a total of 30 credits per semester out of the 85 available credits.

**Minor in Law – Courses are from MA of Law Faculty:**

№	Subject name	Status	ECTS	Distribution of credits			
				Semester			
				I	II	III	IV
1.	EU Corporate Law <i>Avto Svanidze</i>	Elective	5			5	
2.	International Economic Law <i>David Kereselidze</i>	Elective	5			5	
3.	Private International Law <i>Vakhtang Zaalishvili</i>	Elective	5			5	
4.	International Law <i>Konstantine Korkelia</i>	Elective	5			5	
5.	European Law of Human Rights, <i>Konstantin Korkelia</i>	Elective	5			5	
6.	EU Competition Law <i>Gaga Gabrichidze</i>	Elective	5			5	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>			<b>30</b>	

(2) The Total of credits gathered by a student during the four semesters should amount a minimum of 120 out of the 190 available credits

**Minor in International Relations – Courses are from MA of International Relations:**

№	Subject name	Status	ECTS	Distribution of credits			
				Semester			
				I	II	III	IV

1.	International Negotiations 1 (Theory): Spring Semester 2010 ( <i>Sergi Kapanadze</i> )	Elective	5			5	
2.	International Negotiations 2 (Practice): Fall Semester 2010 ( <i>Sergi Kapanadze</i> )	Elective	5			5	
3.	Theories of International Relations: Fall Semester 2009 ( <i>Eka Akobia</i> )	Elective	5			5	
4.	Small States in International Relations: Spring Semester 2010 ( <i>Alexander Rondeli</i> )	Elective	5			5	
5.	MA Seminar and Research Design: Spring Semester 2010 ( <i>Sergi Kapanadze</i> )	Elective	5			5	
6.	Foreign Policy of the United States: Spring Semester 2010, or Fall Semester 2009 ( <i>Tornike Turmanidze</i> )	Elective	5			5	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>30</b>		<b>30</b>	

**Compulsory: 70**

**Elective: 85**

**One course: 5 ECTS =125 hours.**

**Thesis: 30**

**TOTAL: 120 ECTS**