

Title of the Program: Eurasian and Caucasian Studies (ევრაზიისა და კავკასიის კვლევები)

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

3. Examination Format:

- Written Examination (applicants write two short essays in response to essay questions) – 40% of overall score
- English test (B2 level) – 20 % of overall score
- Interview – 40% of overall score
- National exam for Master’s programs – pass/fail

Suggested topics that may be included in the written examination:

1. The South Caucasus and international rivalry in the region
2. Prospects of regional cooperation in the South Caucasus
3. Nationalism and regional politics in the South Caucasus
4. Political aspects of transition
5. International Organizations and security of the South Caucasus
6. Post-Soviet nation-building and globalization
7. Social aspects of transition
8. Economic reforms in transition countries

Academic materials recommended for general reading before the examinations:

1. Svante Cornell, Small Nations and Great Powers: A Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict in the Caucasus, Curzon: 2000, pp. 333-411.
2. Svante Cornell, Pipeline Power: The War in Georgia and the Future of the Caucasian Energy Corridor, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, Business & Economics, Winter/Spring 2009.
3. Charles Grant, Europe's Blurred Boundaries: Rethinking enlargement and neighborhood policy, pages 49-72, Ch. 5 & 6, London: Centre for European Reform.
4. Rosa Balfour & Antonio Missiroli, Commentary: Dealing with troubled neighborhoods, European Policy Centre, 12/02/2009.
5. Baylis J / Smith S. The Globalization of World Politics. 1st chapter – Scholte J A pp 13-34 6.

6. Dawisha, K., Parrott, B., Conflict, Cleavage, and Change in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997, pp 1 – 156.
7. Wright, J, et al., Transcaucasian Boundaries, London: UCL Press, 1996, pp 11-54, 89-227.
8. Wigell, M. (2008). Mapping 'Hybrid Regimes': Regime Types and Concepts in Comparative Politics. *Democratization*, 15 (2): 230-250.
9. Graeme Gill, Democracy and Post-Communism: Political Change in the PostCommunist World, London, Routledge, 2002.
10. Valerie Bunce, The Political Economy of Post-Socialism, *Slavic Review*, Vol 58, No.4, pp. 756-793
11. World Bank, Making transition Work for Everyone, Washington, 2001, pp.29-138
12. Way, L. (2008). The real causes of color revolutions. *Journal of Democracy*, 19 (3): 55-68.

Additional reading recommended:

1. Golts T. Georgia Diary, A Chronicle of War and Political Chaos in the Post-Soviet Caucasus. M.E. Sharpe. 2006 - Available in CSS library
2. De Waal T. Black Garden. New York University Press. 2003 - Available in CSS library
3. Mathijs Pelkmans. Defending the Border: Identity, Religion, And Modernity in the Republic of Georgia (Culture and Society After Socialism) - Available in CSS library
4. Charles King. The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus – To be purchased in Prosperos' Books
5. Emerson M – Regional Cooperation in the south Caucasus / Center for European Policy and Study - Not found yet
6. Charles King. The Five Day War: Managing Moscow after the Georgia Crisis. *Foreign Affairs*, Nov. Dec. 2008 - Full text is not available <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/64602/charles-king/the-five-day-war>

General consideration - there is no reading material on displacement.

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