



## Bachelor's in Social Sciences

### Programme Title:

Governance and Social Sciences

### Qualification Awarded:

Bachelor's in Social Sciences

### Programme Credits:

240 ECTS

### Language of Instruction:

Georgian

### Objectives of the Programme:

The goal of the program is to prepare critically-minded young professionals, who have high civic consciousness and who are ready for leadership.

The aim of the program is to provide students with wide and thorough education in humanities (history, art, literature), social and political sciences (philosophy, anthropology, sociology, psychology), also give knowledge in the fields of economy, law, management and administration.

The program aims to create a prerequisite that the graduates of the programme could be successful analysts, leaders, administrators, consultants.

### Career Options:

After completing the Bachelor Program, graduates will be able to work in various fields, including, but not limited to:

- private legal companies;
- NGOs and international organisations (project management, research);
- consulting companies (analysts)
- mass media (journalism, columnists, expert-work)
- private sector (own business, project, research)
- state organizations (Ministries, Parliament, Municipal Councils, City Halls, Departments, Diplomatic Service)
- Educational institutions

### Admission Prerequisites

Admission to the programme is carried out in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Higher Education and in accordance with the provisions of the unified national examinations approved by Order N19/N of 18 February 2011.

To facilitate the mobility of high school graduates and prospective students, it is permissible to enrol in an educational programme without passing unified national examinations, in



accordance with the rules and terms defined by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, for those that are:

- foreign citizens or persons without citizenship, who received complete general education or its equivalent abroad;
- Georgian citizens who received complete general education abroad or its equivalent and during the last two years of complete general education had been studying abroad;
- foreign citizens, who have studied/ are studying and have received credits/qualifications abroad from a Higher Educational Institution recognized by the legislation of that country.
- Georgian citizens, who, for the term defined by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, lived/are living, studied/are studying and have received credits/qualifications abroad from a Higher Educational Institution recognized by the legislation of that country.

Enrolment in educational programs is also possible through mobility, in accordance with the Rule of Transfer Between High Educational Institutions defined by the by Order N10/N of February 4, 2010 by the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia.

### Learning Outcomes (Competences)

After completion of the Bachelor Program, graduates will own general and specific competencies listed below:

#### General Competences:

Ability to:

- critically analyse, discuss and debate;
- professionally write and communicate in native language;
- write and communicate in foreign language (English);
- adapt and act in unfamiliar and changing environments;
- work in a group;
- continuously learn and deepen the knowledge;
- use modern information and communication technologies;
- appreciate and respect differences and cultural diversity.

#### Specific Competences:

- knowledge of the general principles, theories and methodology of social sciences;
- knowledge of the structure and function of social, cultural and political institutions;
- ability to manage organizations, businesses, projects, human resources and state structures;
- ability to participate in debates, comprehend alternative opinions and justify their positions, analysing social science issues;
- ability to perform appropriate procedures in public institutions and act on legal means;
- ability to identify interests and values of community groups;
- comprehension of professional responsibilities, awareness of ethical norms and sustainable development principles.



Competences developed in Bachelor of Governance and Social Sciences Programme are evaluated in accordance with the six criteria for the first level of Higher Education set by the National Qualification Framework:

### **Knowledge and Understanding:**

Graduates of the programme will have a deep knowledge of the field that include critical understanding of theories and principles, understanding of complex issues of law. In particular:

- knowledge of general principles, theories and methodology of social sciences;
- knowledge of the structure and function of social, cultural and political institutions
- knowledge of sociological research, comparative analysis of cultures, identification of different social strands and methods of determining factors of their requirements and activities;
- knowledge of qualification of information and other technological means relevant to the situation and challenges it faces;
- knowledge and understanding of project management theory, it's solid connection between public and private sectors in almost all on-going activities;
- knowledge of the art of managing a project - formulation of objectives, goals, stages and results of correlation between planning, scheduling and time-management.

### **Applying Knowledge into Practice:**

Graduates will be able to use specific methods of the field and other important methods in problem-solving, research or practical projects, in accordance with predetermined instructions. In particular, the graduates will be able to:

- administer organizations, businesses, projects, human resources and state structures;
- perform appropriate procedures for protection of organizations and public institutions, using legal means of action.

### **Ability to Make Conclusion:**

Graduates will have the ability to collect, interpret and generalize field-specific data, also analyse stand-alone data and/or events, using standard or some specific methods. Graduates will be able to form a justified conclusion, capable of critical and logical analyses, understand different opinions and analyse the issues of social sciences.

### **Communication Skills:**

Graduates will be able to:

- professionally write and communicate in native language;
- write and communicate in foreign language (English);
- work in groups;



- communicate with partner organisations and with customers;
- use modern information and communication technologies.

### **Ability to Learn:**

Graduates will be able to:

- adapt and act in unfamiliar and changing environments;
- continuously learn and deepen the knowledge.

### **Values:**

Graduate will be able to:

- appreciate and respect the differences and cultural diversity;
- identify interests and values of community groups;
- comprehension of professional responsibilities, awareness of ethical norms and sustainable development principles.
- ability to recognize and appreciate individual autonomy, freedom of choice and of expression.

## **Learning and Teaching Methods**

In order to achieve the learning outcomes, following methods are used: lecture, seminar, critical reading of *Libri Magni*, debates, simulations. Socratic method of teaching is also actively used.

Within the framework of academic freedom, the lecturer is entitled to specify and use methods that are not included in the programme and/or not use any of the learning and teaching methods from the programme, based on the course content.

## **Knowledge Assessment System**

Student's knowledge is assessed by score system out of 100 points. The assessment is multicomponent and meets the rules of calculating higher educational program credits approved by the Order N3 issued on 5 January 2007 by the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia.

During the assessment of student's knowledge, all the academic staff and any invited personnel are obliged to use the above-mentioned rule. Following scheme is used to assess the knowledge:

### **1. Five types of positive assessment:**

- (A) Excellent – score between 91-100;
- (B) Very good – score between 81-90;
- (C) Good – score between 71-80;
- (D) Satisfying – score between 61-70;
- (E) Sufficient – score between 51-60.



## 2. Two types of negative assessment:

(FX) Fail to pass – score between 41-50, which means that student needs to work more and he or she is able to redeliver exam after the independent preparation;

(F) Fail – score 40 and below, which means that work done by students is not sufficient and he or she must study the course over again.

During the assessment of study outcomes, forming and summary assessment forms are used.

### Study plan (Curriculum)

Curriculum and semester plan are available. The description of the study components is described in the syllabi.

### Human and Material resources

Free University employs outstanding academic and invited personnel with the successful experience for its educational programmes.

Educational programmes are financially and materially supported. For implementation of the programmes university allocates relevant financial resources. Programmes are also supported materially. Educational programmes are taught at Kakha Bendukidze University Campus, which is equipped with all the necessary inventory and other resources needed for high quality education.