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Syllabus Structure and Content

Name of the course (English and Georgian)	სამაგისტრო პროგრამა ევროპისმცოდნეობაში Master Programme in European Studies
Qualification to be awarded (in Georgian and English)	ევროპისმცოდნეობის მაგისტრი Master of European Studies
ECTS credits and hours taught	<p>The Master's Programme in European Studies includes a total of 120 credits (ECTS).</p> <p>Mandatory training courses: 35 credits (ECTS);</p> <p>Compulsory research component (Master Thesis): 30 credits (ECTS);</p> <p>Elective courses: 25 credits (ECTS);</p> <p>Free training courses: 30 credits (ECTS);</p> <p>Standard duration of study: 4 semesters, 2 years.</p> <p>Depending on the student's individual workload, the number of credits per year may be less or more than 60 credits, but not more than 65 credits. However, a student is eligible to receive 75 credits only in the final academic year.</p>
Language of teaching	English
Program Supervisor/ Supervisors / Coordinator	<p>Heads of Master's Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natia Lapiashvili, PhD Basel University, Switzerland, Head of EU Law at TSU Institute for European Studies and Visiting Professor, Visiting Professor at Grenoble University, Associated Professor at Caucasian School of Law, Associated Professor at University of Georgia 2. Tamaz Zubiashvili, Doctor of Economics, Associated Professor at TSU Faculty of Business and Economics; 3. Daniela Urse, PhD in Sociology, University of Bucharest, Visiting Professor at the TSU Institute for European Studies; <p>Author and Academic Coordinator of the Master Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nino Lapiashvili, Director of the TSU Institute for European Studies, Jean Monnet Module holder Academic at IES of TSU; MSc in Policy Studies, University of Edinburgh, UK; Master in EU Law, European School of Law and Governance, Athens, Greece; Master of Human Rights Law, Central European University / Budapest, Hungary; Master and Bachelor of Law, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Law



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Admission precondition	<p>The student of the MA Program in European Studies might become a person holding the Bachelor's Academic (those with a Bachelor's degree in Law, Social and Political Science, Economics and Business, Bachelor of Humanities) who shall successfully the general Master's exam and internal University exams at: 1. English language test on B2 level; 2. Professional examination (written component); 3. Interview (oral component).</p> <p>Candidate who has an International Certificate of English Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, FCE) is exempted from the English language test, as well as a candidate who has completed a Bachelor's/Master's degree in English (within the last 2 years), which is confirmed by an official document issued by the relevant university.</p> <p>Enrollment or transfer of foreign citizens to the Master's Programme from a recognized foreign higher education institution is carried out on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, in accordance with the rules established by law.</p> <p>Enrollment in the Master's Programme through mobility is possible twice a year, within the timeframe set by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, in compliance with the mandatory procedures and rules established by the University.</p>
Aim of the course	<p>The Master's Programme in European Studies aims to train highly qualified specialists and for this purpose it shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide students with in-depth and systematic interdisciplinary latest knowledge of the history of European and EU integration, EU law, EU economic integration and EU policy-making, including various policy-making processes and contemporary theories of European integration; 2. Develop relevant practical skills for students to assist in the study and development normative, political, economic and other documents related to the current processes in the EU, their analyzing from an interdisciplinary perspective, explaining, substantiating, interpreting and introducing them into daily practical activities; 3. Prepare highly qualified experts in the field, who will develop research and practical projects of high academic standards in the field of EU law, economics, politics, history, research papers, including a Master's Thesis in compliance with the principles and standards of analytical work; 4. Training of highly qualified specialists with European values, who will be committed to use their knowledge and experience in various public or private sectors, as well as for proceeding with their studies at the next level in the academic space.



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Learning outcomes	After completion of the Master's Programme in European Studies, the graduate:
<i>a) Knowledge and understanding</i>	<p>1) Profoundly and systematically describes and discusses the History of Europe, EU Law, Economics and Politics of as well as the theories of European integration, enabling for the capacity building in critical understanding of the accumulated knowledge in the field;</p> <p>2) Understands the tools and mechanisms for solving problems pertaining to the field and creates a basis for the development of new, original ideas in the field of European studies.</p>
<i>b) Skills</i>	<p>3) Critically and profoundly analyzes the complex challenges, crises and ongoing processes within the EU and across its neighborhood, including the normative, economic as well as political basis for their solution in a new and interdisciplinary environment;</p> <p>4) Apprehends and elaborates the professional non-papers including the normative, political, economic and other types of documents aimed at addressing current issues in the EU; In this process synthesizes the data accumulated in the field of European studies, including the latest research outputs, while extrapolating some innovative approaches to this process;</p> <p>5) Develops independently and in accordance with the principles of academic good faith a high quality research including Master's thesis, as well as the practical projects in the field of EU law, EU economics, EU politics, European history, while using and applying the contemporary research methods and approaches;</p> <p>6) Presents to epistemic and professional communities its own research findings, conclusions and key arguments in accordance with the standards of academic ethics.</p>
<i>C) Responsibility and autonomy</i>	<p>7) Leads his/her own learning process independently, is able to evaluate this process consistently and in a comprehensive manner, as well as identifies and implements further learning needs;</p> <p>8) Analyzes the scope of ethics of one's own activities and promotes the protection of the rights of individuals. Aspires to take part in the formation of European values and takes practical steps to advance and implement them;</p> <p>9) Contributes to the development of the professional knowledge and practice in the field of European Studies by adapting to a complex multidisciplinary environment and through introducing innovative strategic approaches.</p>
Learning-teaching methods	The Master' Programme in European Studies is based on a variety of teaching methods: discussion, teamwork, problem-based learning, case analysis, brainstorming, EU simulation and mock trial, presentations, webinars, mixed learning or distance learning as separate e-learning elements.



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The training courses are interactive and focused on understanding theory and practice. During their studies, Masters students often have to take tests consisting of case analysis and closed questions in order to better understand the subject matter and to be able to adapt to European standards of practice.

Lecture-seminars are the main method of teaching the program. During the semester, students are required to prepare theoretical material, complete various assignments in the form of tests, exercises or otherwise. At lectures, they have the opportunity to take part in debates and discussions. During one course, the academic staff uses several teaching methods simultaneously. Especially noteworthy is the problem-based teaching method, which is becoming increasingly relevant.

One of the most important components of the study process at the Institute for European Studies is the simulation of the EU, which in turn is an innovative way of conveying knowledge about the EU to students, because it is the way providing a correct understanding of the concept of European integration itself and the phenomenon of cultural diversity in the EU. In addition, students develop important skills such as oratory, refined writing style, negotiation and problem-solving skills. By organizing various mock trials, students become better acquainted with the environment that exists in international organizations or courts.

Students are given one midterm writing test during the semester, which is assessed by the professor with the appropriate score. However, students usually have to prepare a presentation. For this each student is given a specific topic to prepare and present to the audience. During the presentation, students engage in discussion, ask interesting questions, and receive answers from the presenter student. In the absence of an unambiguous answer, students come to certain conclusions through reasoning. Prior to the presentation, students prepare a written overview of the topic to be discussed. The review covers the main issues of the discussion, their findings and conclusions, which they made during the process of processing the issue, as well as various statistics. All students are required to participate in discussions about the EU and its institutions. Students will analyze the situation in the EU, the problems facing its institutions; also, they review the process of developing policies and regulations of the EU as a supranational entity and issues of its implementation, both internationally and nationally.

All activities have an individually selected learning method that helps the course supervisor to achieve a specific outcome. However, after the generalization, a



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common approach is outlined - the so-called format of lectures-seminars. In particular, the preparation of reading material is mandatory before coming to the lecture. At the beginning of the lecture-seminar, the first 10-15 minutes are devoted to discussing the most important aspects of the pre-read material, after which the lecturer moves on to explaining the issue to be discussed during the day and highlights the main aspects. An integral part of this process is the active participation of the student in the discussion in order to further specify the main issues and deliver them to the student.

Prior to the start of the course, students will be provided with complete literature from readers prepared by the professor, as well as from the Institute for European Studies and the TSU Library. Students actively use the latest technologies in the learning process and Internet tools designated for group work.

In addition, within the framework of the EU Tempus project "Innovative Teaching and Learning of European Studies" (INOTLES 543955), an Innovative Training Center was established at the TSU Institute for European Studies, which aims to introduce innovative teaching methods over time (simulation method, problem-based teaching, e-learning, mixed training) in the training process. At this stage, the simulation method is actively used in the following courses: EU law; EU Law and Investment; International Investment Law and Human Rights, International Dispute Resolution, International Commercial Arbitration (Prof. Natia Lapiashvili); Governance and Policy Making in the EU; Theories of European Integration; Theory of Law; Social, Economic and Cultural Rights - Universal, Regional (Council of Europe, EU) and Constitutional Protection" (Nino Lapiashvili); The Art of Negotiation (Tornike Nozadze).

The use of e-learning component depends on the will of the students and is an additional learning resource for them. At this stage, the following e-lecture courses are available on the website of the TSU Institute for European Studies: 1. Social Policy and Multicultural Processes in Europe (Prof. Ia Natsvlshvili); 2. Statistics (Prof. Kartlos Kachiashvili); 3. EU law (Prof. Natia Lapiashvili); 4. Economics of EU integration (Prof. Merab Abdaladze); 5. European Human Rights Law (Prof. Konstantine Korkelia); 6. Public Policy and Sustainable Development – EU Example (Prof. Farhad Mukhtarov).

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the academic and administrative staff of the TSU Institute for European Studies was fully prepared to meet the transition to electronic and mixed format teaching. Thus, an e-learning format is considered as one of the alternatives when needed.



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Assessment system	<p>The level of student achievement in the implementation of the Master's Programme in European Studies is assessed in accordance with the assessment system approved by the Order #3 of January 5, 2007 of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia "On the Rule of Calculation of Credits for Higher Education Programmes".</p> <p>The assessment of the level of achievement of student learning outcomes in the curriculum component of the European Studies Master's Programme includes forms of assessment - student independent work, midterm grade (single or multiple) and semester final assessment, the sum of which is the final assessment (100 points).</p> <p>Midterm and final assessment (assessment forms) includes the assessment component / components, which determines the student's knowledge and / or skills and / or competencies assessment method(s) (oral/written test, oral/written survey, homework, practical / theoretical work, etc.).). The assessment component combines uniform assessment methods (test, essay, demonstration, presentation, discussion, practical / theoretical assignment, working in a group, participating in a discussion, simulation, solving a case, participating in a simulated process, etc.). Assessment method (s) is measured by the assessment criteria or unit of measurement of the assessment method, which determines the level of achievement of learning outcomes.</p> <p>Each form and component of the assessment has been determined a share from the total scores (100 scores) in the final assessment, which is reflected in a specific syllabus and is communicated to the student at the beginning of the semester.</p> <p>Prerequisite for admission to the final exam is defined in the syllabus of the relevant course, and the final exam is considered passed if the student received 50% of the maximum score for the exam (additional conditions are determined by the syllabus of the relevant course)</p> <p>The assessment system combines five types of positive assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) (A) Excellent – 91-100 scores; b) (B) Very good –81-90 scores of maximal assessment; c) (C) Good – 71-80 scores of maximal assessment; d) (D) Satisfactory – 61-70 scores of maximal assessment; e) (E) Sufficient – 51-60 scores of maximal assessment; <p>And two types of negative assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) (FX) Not passed - 41-50 scores of maximal assessment, which means that the student needs more work to pass the exam; he/she is given the right to take
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	<p>additional exam once more with independent work;</p> <p>g) (F) Failed - 40 scores or less of maximal assessment, which means that the work carried out by the student is not enough and he/she has to study the subject from the beginning.</p> <p>The interval between the final and additional exam shall be not less than 5 calendar days.</p> <p>Credit is awarded to a student only upon receipt of a positive assessment.</p>
Areas of employment	<p>The Master's Programme in European Studies ensures valuable competencies for teaching, conducting independent research, and provides career development perspectives in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public service • Non-governmental and international organizations, European institutions • Political organizations • Private sector • Consulting organizations • Media and Information Centers <p>The Master of European Studies has the opportunity to continue his/her studies in Master's and Doctoral Programmes both in Georgia and abroad.</p>
Tuition fees for Georgian and foreign students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual tuition fee for Georgian students is 3000 GEL. • The annual tuition fee for foreign students is 4200 GEL. • Tuition for the Programme for the purposes of the dual degree Master's Programme is set in agreement with the relevant university.
Human and material resources required for the implementation of the program	<p>TSU professors, associated and assistant professors, support and administrative staff participate in the implementation of the Master's Programme, also, specialists with relevant qualifications invited by the TSU Institute for European Studies.</p> <p>The interdisciplinary and interfaculty Institute for European Studies is equipped with modern equipment (including three projectors) and renovated 252 square meters of space with three classrooms, including a conference room, three offices</p>



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	<p>for administrative staff and a library.</p> <p>The book fund of the library of the TSU Institute for European Studies was originally purchased immediately upon establishing the Institute – in 2007 within the framework of the European Commission TACIS project. In the next phase, the library was significantly renovated under the EU-funded ENPI project in 2012-2014. In addition, in 2017, a fundamental renewal of the library's book fund was carried out within the framework of the EU Tempus INOTLES project. The renewal of the library's book fund in the following years was carried out with the proceeds from economic activities carried out by the TSU Institute for European Studies.</p> <p>Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the Programme, material resources of the faculties of Law, Economics and Business, Social and Political Sciences and Humanities are also used in its implementation. Students have unrestricted access to all electronic library databases operating at the TSU.</p> <p>The smooth operation of the program is provided by the following material and technical resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSU computer bases; • Resource centers of TSU and faculties; • Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Libraries (Central University Library, located at University Street N11; Shota Rustaveli Reading Hall, located at I. Chavchavadze Avenue N1, Building I); https://www.tsu.ge/ka/library • TSU e-learning portals; https://e-learning.tsu.ge/ • TSU students and staff have unlimited and unrestricted access to online platforms and journals such as EBSCO Publishing, Cambridge University Journals, JStor, Scopus, etc. https://www.tsu.ge/ka/library/page / 893 • Material and technical bases equipped with the appropriate inventory of TSU faculties; • National Science Library and others.
Financial support of the program	<p>The Master's Programme in European Studies is financially supported by Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, including with the revenue from economic activities of the TSU Institute for European Studies.</p>
Additional information (If necessary)	<p>The Master's Programme in European Studies was established in 2007 within the framework of the EU-funded TACIS project (TACIS / 2006/119115). The Institute for European Studies administers the Programme, offers elective courses to students from various faculties of TSU, introduces and disseminates innovative methodologies for teaching and learning in the field of European Studies.</p> <p>The decision to award the academic degree of Master of European Studies is made by the Board of the Faculty of Law of TSU.</p>



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Integrated parts of the Master's Programme in European Studies are the Dual Degree Master's Programme, which is implemented under a cooperation agreement with the University of Vilnius, and the Regional Master's Programme, which is implemented through a Memorandum with the Yerevan State University.

The regional Master's Programme "Human Rights and Democratization" is part of the ongoing global campus under the auspices of the European Commission, which is implemented worldwide. The Programme is coordinated by Yerevan State University (Republic of Armenia) in the South Caucasus region and includes Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia), Belarus State University (Republic of Belarus) and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine) as partner universities.

The implementation of the Master's Programme started in 2015 and the TSU Institute for European Studies hosts each spring semester of the academic year and provides specially adapted interdisciplinary courses for the Programme students. Information about the mandatory courses offered under this Programme is indicated in the attached curriculum.

The dual degree Master's Programme is implemented in cooperation with the University of Vilnius (Republic of Lithuania). Applicants with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, who are successfully enrolled in the Master's Programme in European Studies may, if desire, have the opportunity to enroll in the Master's Programme in International and European Law at Vilnius University, faculty of Law and after completing the mandatory and elective components of both Programmes, to obtain, on the one hand, the academic degree of Master of European Studies from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and, on the other hand, degree of Master of Laws from Vilnius University. The dual degree Master's Programme is based on this document and the cooperation agreement between the TSU and Vilnius University for the implementation of Master's Programme. Information on the training and research components for the purposes of the Dual Degree Programme is provided in the attached curriculum as well as in the Annex N1 to the Cooperation Agreement: "Integrated Curriculum". The implementation of the Programme will start from the 2022-2023 academic year.



Syllabus

Faculty: **Law**

Institute / department / faculty / direction: **Institute for European Studies**

Name of educational program: **European Studies**

Step: **Master's Programme**

Credits: **120**

Head (s)/Coordinator of the Educational Programme:

Heads of the Programme:

Natia Lapiashvili, Doctor of Law from Basel University, Switzerland, Head of EU Law Module at TSU Institute for European Studies and Visiting Professor, Visiting Professor at Grenoble University, Associated Professor at School of Law of Caucasus University, Associated Professor at University of Georgia

Tamaz Zubiashvili, Doctor of Economics, Associated Professor at TSU Faculty of Business and Economics;

Daniela Urse, Doctor in Sociology, University of Bucharest, Visiting Professor at the TSU Institute for European Studies;

Author and Academic Coordinator of the Programme:

Nino Lapiashvili, Director of the TSU Institute for European Studies, Jean Monnet Module holder Academic at IES of TSU; MSc in Policy Studies, University of Edinburgh, UK; Master in EU Law, European School of Law and Governance, Athens, Greece; Master of Human Rights Law, Central European University / Budapest, Hungary; Master and Bachelor of Law, Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Law.

Date of Approval of the syllabus by the Academic Council, Resolution Number: 11/04/2022, N 36/2022.

Date of effectiveness of the curriculum (academic year): **2007-2008**



Structure of the Programme

Teaching courses / type of module:													
Mandatory Teaching Component - 35 ECTS													
N	Code	Code	ECTS	Student's workload in hours				Prerequisite	Semester				Lecturer(s)
				Contact Hours	Independent Work	Examination Hours	Total		I	II	III	IV	
1	LawM AES-1	History of Europe	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	√				Author of syllabus: Vasil Kacharava. Lecturer: Teimuraz Papaskiri
2	LawM AES-2	EU Law	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	√	√			Author of syllabus: Natia Lapiashvili Lecturers: Natia Lapiashvili, Nino Lapiashvili
3	LawM AES-3	Economics of EU Integration	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	√				Author of Syllabus: Merab Abdaladze. Lecturer: Giorgi Machavariani
4	LawM AES-4	EU Governance and the Policy Making Process	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	√				Nino Lapiashvili



5	LawM AES-5	Academic Writing	5	45	78	2	125	N/A	✓	✓			Giuli Shabashvili
6	LawM AES-6	Research Design and Methods of Social Inquiry	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓	✓			Daniela Urse
7	LawM AES-7	Theories of European Integration	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Nino Lapiashvili
Mandatory Research Component - 30 ECTS													
8	LawM AES-8	Master's Thesis	30		750		750	80 ECTS including all mandatory courses				✓	
Elective Courses - 25 ECTS													
9	LawM AES-9	Negotiation Skills	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓				Tornike Nozadze
10	LawM AES-10	Theories of Law	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓				Nino Lapiashvili
11	LawM AES-11	European Cultural Mosaic	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Author of syllabus: Vasil Kacharava. Lecturer: Nino Silagadze
12	LawM AES-12	Population and European Development	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Tamaz Zubiashvili
13	LawM AES-13	EU Law and Investments	5	45	75	5	125	EU Law		✓			Natia Lapiashvili
14	LawM AES-14	International Law	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓	✓			Konstantin Korkelia



1 5	LawM AES-15	International Investment Law and Human Rights	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Natia Lapiashvili
1 6	LawM AES-16	Social, Economic and Cultural Rights – Universal, Regional (CoE, EU) and Constitutional (of selected jurisdictions) Protection	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Nino Lapiashvili
1 7	LawM AES-17	International Human Rights Law and Minorities	5	45	75	5	125	N/A		✓			Besarion Bokhashvili
1 8	LawM AES-18	EU Consumer Law	5	30	92	3	125	EU Law		✓			Solomon Menabdishvili
1 9	LawM AES-19	International Dispute Resolution	5	18	102	5	125	N/A		✓			Natia Lapiashvili
2 0	LawM AES-20	Practical Aspects of EU-Georgia Cooperation	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Archil Karaulashvili
2 1	LawM AES-21	Social Policy in Europe	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Daniela Urse
2 2	LawM AES-22	EU Competition Law	5	30	92	3	125	EU Law			✓		Solomon Menabdishvili
2 3	LawM AES-23	International and EU Intellectual Property Law	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Giorgi Meskhi
2 4	LawM AES-24	The Concept of Man in European Literature from the Renaissance to the Present Day	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Author of syllabus: Temur Kobakhidze, Lecturer: Natia Zoidze
2 5	LawM AES-25	European Law of Human Rights	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Konstantin Korkelia
2 6	LawM AES-26	EU Private International Law	5	30	92	3	125	EU Law			✓		Solomon Menabdishvili
2 7	LawM AES-27	International Commercial Arbitration	5	45	75	5	125	N/A			✓		Natia Lapiashvili
2 8	LawM AES-28	Internship	5	30	95		125	N/A		✓	✓	✓	Tamila Shabashvili, Khatia Bukhrashvili



29	LawM AES-29	American Legal History	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓				Nino Lapiashvili
30	LawM AES-30	Principles of Economics	5	45	75	5	125	N/A	✓				Giorgi Machavariani
31	LawM AES-31	Impact of the EU Enlargement Policy and Law on the Democratization of the Candidate Countries (Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module)	10	60	180	10	250	EU Governance and the Policy Making Process		✓	✓	✓	Nino Lapiashvili
32	LawM AES-32	Research Seminar	5	45	80	0	125	N/A				✓	Nino Lapiashvili
Free Credits - 30 ECTS													

Signature of the Head(s) of the Program/coordinator_____

Signature of the Head of Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty_____

Signature of the Head of Training Process Management Service of the Faculty _____

Signature of the Faculty Dean_____



Signature of the Head of Quality Assurance Service of the University _____

Date _____

Seal of the Faculty