



The University Of Georgia

Program name:	Security Studies
Study Level:	Graduate
Program leader:	Shalva Dzebisashvili
Study language:	English
Qualification:	Master of Security Studies
Program capacity:	120
Program permission:	English language requirement: B2 Level. English language competence of candidates is assessed by either 1) the university through university exams, with a minimum threshold of 70%; or 2) internationally recognized exams, such as IELTS, TOEFL, or Cambridge English Exam. (B2 level equivalent scores: IELTS 5.5-6.5; TOEFL 87-109 IBT; Cambridge English Exam 160-179) Those candidates whose undergraduate degree was fully taught in English are exempted from this requirement. Georgian citizens must successfully pass the Unified Post-Graduate Exam. Georgian applicants must complete requirements 1-3. International applicants must complete 1-2.
Program goals:	MA program in Security Studies The program objective is to provide graduates with the ability to understand the formation and conduct of the security policy in the field of international politics. Further, to provide the graduates with the competence of understanding security policy making and organizing defense matters as an integral component of the security, as well as to research independently international political processes as intersection of the state policy, security and defense issues. Graduates of this program will be able to work at the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government, Parliament (Committees), The SSS (State Security Service) of Georgia, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Foreign Intelligence, International Organizations in Georgia, Embassies, and local analytical organizations.
Methods for Attaining Learning Outcomes:	• Interactive lectures • Discussions/debates • Explanation method • Method of working on a book • Material/Source search and selection in Libraries • Simulation • Critical analysis • Project presentation • Verbal method • Case study and analysis • Brief analytical papers
Learning outcomes:	Knowledge and understanding A Graduate has: • Deep and systemic knowledge of interconnection between theories (realism, neo-realism, institutionalism etc.) and policies implemented in the field of international relations. • Deep and systemic knowledge of crucial elements relevant to the security field, including the complex nature of defense system, its organization and challenges of defense policies. • Deep knowledge of the genesis, forms and consequences of conflicts in the context of international and state security, that will help generate new ideas while developing and implementing defense/security policy. Skills A graduate has the ability: • To resolve the dilemma of using a defense/military element as a priority foreign or domestic political instrument, along with the ability to deal with the problem of the ranking of national interests in the context of global security. • To calculate threat-response ratio resource wise (incl. force structure and capabilities) and apply legal and normative/regulatory mechanisms in legal disputes, or sectoral policies. • To critically comprehend and evaluate the effectiveness of elements of state power, incl. in a combination with military power. • To conclude the effectiveness of particular sectoral policies within the different institutional constraints. • Ability to formulate the proper format of findings, information exchange and language of communication to different audiences. • To conduct and develop a small size research project, as well as draft a general program based budget and negotiation agreements.

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Update protocol number:

The Master's program of Security Studies of 120 (ECTS) credits.

Program details:

If she/he chooses to pursue this program the student passes the major in total of 78 credits. The remaining 42 credits may be taken from electives block of the same program.

Graduates of this program hold a Master's degree in Security Studies.

Teaching Process Characteristics:

The Master's program of Security Studies of 120 (ECTS) credits.

Student passes the major in total of 84 credits. The remaining 36 credits may be taken from electives block of the same program.

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Program Core

Code	Subject	ECTS	Semester
IREL6227	Research Design	6	2
IREL6228	Research Methods	6	1
IREL5110	Theories of International Relations	6	1
IREL6120	International Conflict Analysis	6	1
IREL6133	U.S. Security Policy Priorities	6	1
IREL5310	Security Aspects of European Integration	6	2
IREL5320	Strategy and Defence Planning	6	2
IREL5131	Peace, War and Security	6	3
IREL5330	Defence Resources Management	6	3
IREL6264	Master Thesis in Security Studies	30	3

Total ECTS to be taken: 84

Program Elective

Code	Subject	ECTS	
IREL5230	Theory and Practice in Diplomacy	6	
IREL5380	Introduction to Information Security	6	
IREL5235	South Caucasus in Global Politics	6	
IREL5240	Global Energy and Environment Studies	6	
IREL5245	Global Supply Chain Management	6	
IREL5255	Intelligence, Counterintelligence and National Security	6	
IREL5326	Transnational Migration	6	
IREL5360	War and International Law	6	
ECON6052	Global trade	6	
IREL5126	Nuclear non-proliferation	6	
IREL6153	Global Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	6	

ECON6051	Banks, international financial institutions and international financial system	6	
ECON6053	Emerging markets and global economy	6	
IREL5325	Human Right and International Law	6	
IREL5340	Conflicts, Non-conventional Warfare and Special Operations	6	
IREL5350	Military–industrial complex	6	
IREL5370	Introduction to Nuclear Strategy	6	
	Total ECTS to be taken:	102	

[Matrix Of Privequisites](#)

Classes begin at 19.00 and end 21:15.

Lectures-120 minutes, break - 15 minutes.

The maximum number of students in a group is 30 students. The bachelor and master program components consist of 19 weeks.

Point	GPA	The university assessment	The general assessment in Georgia	
97-100	4,00	A+	A	Excellent
94-96	3,75	A		
91-93	3,50	A-		
87-90	3,25	B+	B	Very good
84-86	3,00	B		
81-83	2,75	B-		
77-80	2,50	C+	C	good
74-76	2,25	C		
71-73	2,00	C-		
67-70	1,75	D+	D	Satisfactory
64-66	1,50	D		
61-63	1,25	D-		
51-60	1,00	E	E	Sufficient
Not passed				
41-50		FX	FX	Insufficient
<40		F	F	Failed