

Ilia State University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Master's Program: German Studies – Culture, Politics, Society
Curriculum

Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Title of the Program	გერმანიის კვლევები - კულტურა, პოლიტიკა, საზოგადოება Deutschland-Studien – Kultur, Politik, Gesellschaft German Studies – Culture, Politics, Society
Qualification	გერმანიის მცოდნეობის მაგისტრი Master of German Studies
Length of the Program (semesters, credits)	4 semesters, 120 ECTS Credits (1 ECTS Credits - 25 academic hours)
Language of Instruction	Georgian
Head(s) of the Program	Prof. Levan Tsagareli
Program Elaboration and Updating Issues	The program was developed in 2023. The program is updated at the beginning of each academic year for further improvement of the learning process.
Prerequisites (requirements)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's or equivalent academic degree (in any field, although preference is given to graduates of the following fields: Humanities (any field), Social and Behavioral Sciences (Economics, Political Science and Foundations of Citizenship, Sociology, and Cultural Studies), Law. 2. Successfully passing the Common Master's Exam; 3. Internal university exam, which includes two components, namely: internal university test/written exam in the German language (the candidate must confirm German language competence at B 2 level (checked based on internal university exam or international valid certificate presented by the candidate); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o internal university oral exam/interview (in German). <p>Information about the conditions, requirements, evaluation components, and criteria of the entrance exams is given in detail in the "Program Admission Document" and is placed on the university's website in the "Admission" section.</p>	
Program Aims	
<p>German Studies is a new type of multi- and interdisciplinary study program related to Germany, that aims to promote the socio-cultural rapprochement of Germany and Georgia based on the study and research of the connections and relations between these two countries.</p> <p>The goal of the program is to prepare competitive specialists in the field of German studies who, based on modern research methods and complex and interdisciplinary knowledge about Germany and its context (culture, politics, society), will be able to study German-language documents and artifacts preserved in Georgia and German-Georgian intercultural literature and sources depicting contacts; To study the socio-cultural relations between Germany and Georgia.</p>	
Learning Outcomes and Competencies (General and Field Specific)	
<p>The graduate can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. analyze the historical dynamics and current trends of the development of German culture (philosophy, literature, art) and society; 2. evaluate the social, political, economic, and legal aspects of Germany and determine the country's place in the global context; 	

3. use new methods and approaches established in social and cultural sciences, or if necessary, creatively and originally synthesize them for independent study of current interdisciplinary tasks in the field of German studies;
4. critically analyze and evaluate German-language primary sources (literary, historical, legislative, political, philosophical, audio-visual, oral) as media of German culture and, based on supporting (scientific) literature, carry out an innovative synthesis of the information sought;
5. present the results of his/her research to the academic and professional society using modern means of communication and observing the standards of academic integrity;
6. use the German language at a professional level, i.e. read and process scientific texts related to the field in German. conduct oral and written communication in German;
7. manage the intercultural environment and adapt to it by using strategic approaches to intercultural communication and considering cultural diversity;
8. assess the need to acquire additional knowledge and experience in the direction of German studies and independently plan the educational process according to his/her own needs and goals.

Structure of the Program

To obtain the academic degree of **Master of German Studies**, the student must accumulate 120 credits, according to the following scheme:

Structure of the program:

1. Compulsory Module – Research Methods - 18 credits;
2. Compulsory Module- Intercultural and Field-related Communication - 18 credits;
3. Compulsory Module - Politics and Society of Germany - 18 credits;
4. Elective Module - European Context - no more than 18 credits;
5. Master's thesis - 30 credits.

Instead of the courses offered in the optional block, the student can additionally choose courses from one or several mandatory blocks. All students enrolled in the program are required to write a master's thesis (30 credits) in the last semester of their master's studies.

Instruction Methods

- Lecture;
- Seminar;
- Analysis and Synthesis;
- Electronic and hybrid learning elements;
- Demonstration method;
- Practical method;
- Discussions/Debates;
- Brainstorming;
- Group work;
- Case study;
- Cooperative learning;
- Induction/deduction;
- Supervision;
- Reflection, etc.
- Active learning;
- Flipped class;
- Problem-based learning;
- Project-based learning.

Depending on the specifics of the learning components, other teaching methods can be used during the program's implementation, which is presented in the syllabi of certain courses.

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100-point Assessment System defined as follows:

- (A) Excellent – 91-100 points;
- (B) Very good – 81-90 points;
- (C) Good – 71-80 points;
- (D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points;
- (E) Sufficient – 51-60 points;
- (FX) Didn't Pass – 41-50 points, which means that a student needs to work more and is allowed to resit the exam once by working independently;
- (F) Failed – 40 or less, which means that the work done by the student is not enough and he/she has to retake the course.

Note: Details of assessment components, methods, and criteria are given in the course syllabi/concept documents.

Career Opportunities

- The graduate can be employed
- in international organizations of the appropriate profile (e.g.: German Academic Exchange Service, foundations, GIZ, etc.);
 - in the field of tourism;
 - in mass media (e.g.: newspapers, magazines, television, radio, and new media);
 - in the publishing business (e.g.: editorial offices, publishing houses...);
 - in translation work;
 - in the field of international relations (e.g.: embassies, consulates, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Integration Agency, EU Delegation to Georgia...)
 - in the field of education (Goethe Institute).

Essential and Supplementary Resources

- University information and computer center;
- University computer lab;
- Lecture halls;
- Library with its constantly updated fund of foreign language literature, the latest educational and scientific literature, dictionaries, and audio-visual material;
- Argus, the internal university network for student registration and educational process management, which provides information on any issue related to the educational process;
- E-learning, Turnitin;
- Study and research grants:
- Institute of Social and Cultural Studies;
- Institute of Comparative Literary Studies;
- Institute of Linguistic Studies;
- International School of Caucasus Studies.