

Center for Social Sciences

Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, TSU

International Master's Program: *Transformation in the South Caucasus*:

Degrees Offered: Master of Social Sciences (MSocSe).

Length of Study: Four semesters - 1.5 calendar years.

Graduation Requirements: 120 ECTS.

Program curriculum

Revised on May 7, 2009				
Academic Year 2008-2009;				
Obligatory Preparatory courses				
#	Course/Seminar Title	Contact hours	ECTS credit	Dates
0.1	Academic Writing and Presentation skills (Nestan Charkviani)	30	pass/fail	01.09 - 22.09.2009
0.2	Quantitative Research Methods/Statistics (Koba Turmanidze)	30	pass/fail	01.09 – 25.12.2009
FIRST SEMESTER (September 22 – December 23, 2009; January 4 - 19, 2009; 15 weeks)				
Core courses (40ECTS)				
#	Course/Seminar Title	Contact hours	ECTS credit	Dates
1.1	Research Methods: - Philosophy of Social Sciences (Tamar Tskhadadze) - Qualitative Research Methods (Tamar Khuntsaria)	60	10	23.09 - 25.12.2009 04.01 - 19.01.2010
1.2	Introduction to Economics (Michael Tokmazishvili)	60	10	23.09 - 25.12.2009 04.01 - 19.01.2010
1.3	Policy Analysis (Nani Macharashvili)	30	5	23.09 - 25.12.2009 04.01 - 19.01.2010
1.4	Public International and International Human Rights Law (Ana Tabidze)	30	5	23.09 - 25.12.2009 04.01 - 19.01.2010
1.5	Transformation in the South Caucasus (George Mchedlishvili)	30	10	23.09 - 25.12.2009 04.01 - 19.01.2010
<i>Examination week for I semester: January 25 - 30, 2010</i>				
ECTS accumulated in I Semester			40	
SECOND SEMESTER (February 8 - May 22, 2010; 15 weeks)				
Elective Courses (40 ECTS)				
Track A (Student must take 2 courses, 20 ECTS)				
2.1.1	Comparative Politics: From Authoritarianism to Democracy with Adjectives (<i>intensive</i>) (Koba Turmanidze)	30	10	Intensive course in May-June
2.1.2	Foreign Policy Analysis (George Mchedlishvili/KhatunaSalukvadze)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.1.3	Culture and Identity in Globalizing World (Beppe Karlsson)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.1.4	Theories of International Relations (???)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
Track B (Student must take 2 courses, 20 ECTS)				
2.2.1	Politics of Development: Theoretical and Institutional Aspects (David Abesadze)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.2.2	International Organizations in the South Caucasus /European Politics (Tamar Khuntsaria)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.2.3	Politics of Post-Communist Transition (Dimitri Gugushvili)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.2.4	Social Policy (<i>intensive</i>) (Dimitri Gugushvili)	30	10	Intensive course in May-June
2.2.5	History of the Soviet Union (Timothy Blauvelt)	30	10	08.02 - 22.05.2010
2.2.6	Policy Analysis of Development (Ketevan Vashakidze- to be confirmed)	30	10	9.02 - 23.05.2009
<i>Examination week for II semester: May 24-29, 2010</i>				
ECTS accumulated in II Semester			40	

Academic Year 2010 – 2011				
THIRD SEMESTER <i>(June 1 - September 20, 2010; 15 weeks)</i>				
Activities for TSC (15 ECTS)				
3.0	Intensive course (1 elective course from II semester program)	30		24.05 - 12.07.2010
3.1	Internship (3 months)	250 hours	10	01.06 - 20.09.2010
3.2	Work on Research Proposal (regular meetings at CSS)			01.06 – 20.09.2010
ECTS accumulated in III Semester			10	
ECTS credits accumulated in study program and internship			90	
FORTH SEMESTER <i>(September 13, 2009 - January 24, 2011; 15 weeks)</i>				
Activities for TSC (30 ECTS)				
4.1	Research Proposal submission			1.10.2010
4.2	Pre-Defense of Research Proposals			15.10.2010
4.3	Research Seminar on MA thesis	24 hours	5	18.10 - 22.11.2010
4.2	MA Thesis submission			22.01.2011
4.3	MA Thesis Defense		25	27.02.2011
ECTS accumulated in IV Semester			30	
<u>Total ECTS</u>			<u>120</u>	