

Center for Social Sciences at Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University announced call for applications for admission to International, Interdisciplinary Master's programs in Social Sciences for Academic Year 2011 - 2012

- **Gender Studies** - Georgian-language program, the only Master's program in Gender in the whole South Caucasus
- **Transformation in the South Caucasus (TSC)** - English-language, international Master's program

Deadline for applications: will be announced later

Brief information about programs:

Academic Degree awarded: Master of Social Sciences (MSocSc)

Main Field of Study:

- 1) Gender Studies
- 2) Transformation in the South Caucasus

Length of study: four semesters (15-week terms) to be completed within 2 calendar years (from September 2011 to June 2013)

Language of instruction:

1. Transformation in the South Caucasus - **English**
2. Gender Studies – **Georgian**

Degree requirements: 120 credits (ECTS) acquired through course work (85 ECTS for Gender Studies; 80 ECTS for TSC), internship (5 ECTS for Gender Studies, 10 ECTS for TSC), and masters' thesis (30 ECTS).

The programs are offered by I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and until AY 2011-2012 were administered by the Center for Social Sciences. The Center for Social Sciences (CSS) is a network institution of Higher Education Support Program of Open Society Institute in the South Caucasus and is committed to promoting research and quality education in social sciences www.ucss.ge. I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), the oldest university of Georgia and Caucasus, is an internationally recognized research university www.tsu.ge.

Admission Procedure:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or Diploma in any academic area. Some background in social sciences is an asset.
- Current students expecting to graduate in June 2011 are eligible to apply.

- No working experience is required.
- Passing score in Graduate Record Examinations (for Georgian applicants only) – www.naec.ge

APPLICATION

- TSU registration form
- Appeal to TSU rector (form will be provided)
- Copies of applicant's academic degree documents (diploma of higher education, etc.) or confirmation letter for an excepted degree. **Copy of Diploma and its supplement should be attested by the notary; otherwise the documentation will not be accepted.**
- Copy of Identification Card (Copy of Passport for regional and international applicants)
- Documents certifying status regarding the military service (for Georgian male applicants)
- Copy of English language certificate, if any. **Copy should be attested by the notary; otherwise it will not be accepted.**
- Set of documents translated into Georgian and attested by notary for Georgian Ministry of Education and Science (for International Applicants only):*
 - ✓ Diploma and diploma supplement approved by APOSTILLE
 - ✓ Copies of all filled pages from passport (empty pages are not required) attested by notary.
 - ✓ Letter of certification approving applicants residency in foreign country during last 2 years (This letter should approve that applicant was not residing in Georgia during last 2 years. Official document with signature and stamp should be issued by official house management, branch of city administration or other respective administrative department)
 - ✓ Written consent of the principal of the institution selected by a graduate candidate on possibility of his/her enrollment in vacant positions within the scope of general number of the students defined as a result of institutional accreditation (first/last name and faculty/specialty).

* <http://www.mes.gov.ge/content.php?id=1131&lang=geo>

SELECTION

- Written examination - 40% (Get list of exam topics and reading materials for TSC and Gender Studies programs from the following URL: <ftp://ftp.ucss.ge/>)
- English test - 20%
 - English language proficiency level B2 for TSC
 - English language proficiency level B1 for Gender Studies

Language Proficiency should be demonstrated either by taking the corresponding examination at TSU Language Center or submitting standardized English Language test scores (TOEFL IBT 80 or equivalent on IELTS, Cambridge, etc.)

- Interview with the admissions committee - 40%

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