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OUR HISTORY

GEORGIAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY is a private American university with a rich European academic tradition tracing its roots to the famous Greek philosopher Plato and his family. In the United States Georgian International University is incorporated as a non-profit (not for profit) institution directed by the Board of Governors. Georgian International University was established by the Decree of the Great Academic Council and the President of the Georgian International Academy to function as the exclusive global branch of the Academy in the United States of America and throughout the world. The Georgian International Academy was founded by member Academicians of the Fazisi Academy, which itself was established in the 2nd century BC in Georgia. Plato's son was one of the many noted graduates of the Fazisi Academy.

The Primary mission of Georgian International University is to assemble academic talent and provide comprehensive, custom-tailored graduate level education. Our students can earn highly prestigious Master of Science and Doctoral degrees in the United States, as well as participate in joint study programs and earn degrees from premier European universities, including the degree of Doctor Academician – the highest academic honor in Europe.

Georgian International University and the Georgian International Academy boast of numerous distinguished post-graduate program alumni. The list of academic and honorary graduates includes the following notable public figures and outstanding scholars: the current president of the Laissez-Faire Fraternity; the current chairman of the Economic Society of America; Catholicos-Patriarch of Georgian Apostolic Autocephalous Orthodox Church, Ilia the 2nd (HON); the prominent African American political theorist, Temple University, Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Dr. Chieke E. Ihejirika (HON).

Georgian International University consists of six graduate schools: the Hayek School of Economics, the Gari School of Government and International

Politics, the Mathewson School of Education, the Solon School of Justice, the Jungian School of Psychology, and the Academy of Iberian Philosophy. The schools are independent and highly specialized academic institutions within Georgian International University. Our mission is to provide intellectual autonomy in order to achieve greater educational and scholastic success in each field of study. Each school within Georgian International University has its own distinct academic culture, tradition and scholastic approach.

Georgian International University offers several Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctoral programs. The programs are highly concentrated, with emphases on academic excellence, as well as professional aptitude. In many cases, students are awarded Master of Science (M.S.) degrees en route to the doctorate. The Board of Governors of Georgian International University, as well as its distinguished academic faculty, strongly believe in professional specialization in conjunction with academic scholasticism. The programs are carefully designed to address professional demands of vibrant economic and academic communities in America and in the world. This philosophy is fully reflected in field-specific Doctoral programs offered at Georgian International University, such as Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.), as well as Ph.D. degrees in numerous disciplines.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Georgian International University!



It is my belief that people make an enterprise great. We seek special men and women, we encourage competition; we foster enlightenment; we reward hard work; and with these we achieve mutual greatness. We

make no secret that admission to our schools is a competitive process. Through competition and rigorous curricula we develop talented professionals and erudite scholars who work, innovate and lead.

Tracing its rich academic history to early Christianity, Georgian International University is an academic enclave with honored European traditions. Our graduate schools offer incredible opportunities for learning and research at the Master of Science and Doctoral levels. We combine in-class seminars and examinations with online guidance. It has been my personal mission to provide a truly global scholastic opportunity for our students. To support this endeavor we have created the European Study Abroad Program (ESAP) which offers Georgian International University students unique opportunities to study and teach in Europe.

We live in serious times and we must prepare ourselves for the realities of the 21st century most seriously. We are faced with accelerating global competition, rapid scientific innovation, economic challenges and a technologically sophisticated job market. We do not offer excitement and thrill, instead we offer an exceptional educational opportunity. Georgian International University is dedicated to providing quality education for those who seek remunerative and intellectual success.



Zviad Klimt Lazarashvili, J.D., Ph.D.
President

PROVOST'S GREETINGS



As the Provost of Georgian International University, it is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our historic institution. We are a graduate school whose modern roots were established

in 1812, but the seed for this vast tree of knowledge was planted over two thousand years ago by our predecessor institution.

Georgian International University is dedicated to providing a traditional European education within a global environment. Our core curriculum is grounded in traditional education; our mission is to produce enlightened and successful scholars and leaders.

We invite you to join us in pursuit of knowledge, wisdom and success.



George P. Stasen, Ph.D.
Provost

MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Georgian International University is a student-centered university. Its core value is the pursuit of academic truth, freedom and independence. Its overall aim is to enhance the quality of life through scholarship. *“The primary mission of Georgian International University is to bring together academic talent from the United States of America and the entire world”*.*

Both in its research and its teaching programs, Georgian International University is committed to the Iberian Orthodox philosophy, upon which it recognizes and asserts the fundamental equal rights of all human beings. The University is committed to creating for all members of its community an environment that is just, equitable, and intellectually challenging. For that purpose the University is committed to be reflective of the ever-changing dynamics of the law and common consciousness of society, as it actively pursues positive improvement of its policies.

The University offers a wide range of exceptional programs, both, theoretical and applied, disciplinary and interdisciplinary, graduate (Master of Science) and post graduate (Doctoral), in humanities, social sciences, education, jurisprudence, as well as professional fields. Among these, it recognizes economics, education, political science, jurisprudence and philosophy as areas of special responsibility. The University is committed to providing applied expertise alongside theoretical education. It is in constant pursuit in developing joint programs with other universities, businesses and professional institutions for the purpose of providing opportunities for its students to acquire expertise through practical training in highly specialized facilities outside of Georgian International University, which includes businesses, government, hospitals, international organizations, mass media, pedagogic institutions and others.

*The Bylaws, Addendum I, 2011

RECENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

Georgian International University, with its distinguished faculty, students and scholars, is a recipient of several prestigious national and international academic awards.

2003 National Medal of Honor

President of Georgia

2010 Medal of Liberty

The Economic Society of the United States of America

2010 Plato Gold Medal

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

2011 Plato Gold Medal

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

2011 Laissez-Faire Fraternity Medal of Freedom

The Laissez-Faire Fraternity

2012 Laissez-Faire Fraternity Medal of Freedom

The Laissez-Faire Fraternity

2012 Gogebashvili Medal of Honor in Pedagogy

The Gogebashvili Pedagogic Society of Georgia

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

EUCEN: Georgian International University is recognized by the EUCEN, which is one of the largest European multidisciplinary collegian associations. It is registered in Belgium as an international non-governmental non-profit organization and has 222 members from 43 different countries.

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Membership of an institution at the EUCEN indicates that an institution meets or exceeds criteria

for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through the annual review process and that it has the necessary resources available to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the future.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS: Georgian International University is recognized by a number of reputable educational, academic and professional organizations, including: the Economic Society of the United States of America, Chelis Education Group, the RAPC National Security Division of America, the Military Transition Group of the United States of America and the Laissez-Faire Fraternity of the United States of America.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Georgian International University, in compliance with Title IX of the United States Education Amendment of 1972 and other Civil Rights laws,

offers equal opportunity for admission and employment. The programs and activities of the University are offered to all students without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or physical disability. This policy is enforced by federal law under Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Disclaimer: Georgian International University reserves the right to change or amend the policies, rules, regulations and procedures described in this catalog and/or website. The calendar, course requirements and descriptions, tuition and fees are also subject to change.

Students who have a disability are asked to notify the Office of Student Services prior to registration as soon as possible. Early notification prevents undue delays and ensures the timely access to educational activities for our students.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

President Zviad Kliment Lazarashvili, J.D., Ph.D. is the chief executive, educational and administrative officer of the University. He provides the administrative and academic leadership needed for the functioning of the university. The Provost and all Directors report directly to him, and he is an ex-officio member of every faculty and governing board, and of all committees or other bodies concerned with administration, educational policy or with faculty appointments or promotions.

Contact Information

Please direct inquiries for the president's office to:

President's Office

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Administrative Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Media and photo requests for the President should be directed to the **Office of Public Relations:**

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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Provost George Stasen, Ph.D. is the chief educational and administrative officer of the University after the president. The provost oversees academic policies and activities throughout Georgian International University. The University Provost is expected to provide the strong academic leadership needed to enhance Georgian International University's commitment to academic excellence and scholastic values as a vigorous graduate school. All Deans report to him, and he is an ex-officio member of every faculty and governing board and of all committees or other bodies concerned with educational policy or with faculty appointments or promotions.

Contact Information

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The Solon School of Justice

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ACADEMIC POLICIES/PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

In-class Courses

Regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of graduate education. Georgian International University expects students to exercise good judgment regarding attendance and absence. Students accept full responsibility for ensuring that work does not suffer from absence. All students are expected to attend every scheduled meeting of each class on time. Exceptions may be made for work-related activities, illness, or valid emergencies.

Online Courses

Georgian International University stresses that regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of graduate education. Attendance for an online course is defined as “logging onto the course”, participating in course assignments and discussions as directed by the instructor. Without prior approval by the course instructor, failure to do so may be considered an unexcused absence.

GRADING SYSTEM

Georgian International University utilizes a standard (not plus/minus) grade range of 0.00-4.00 grading system in assessing student achievement. The following grading chart provides the minimum requirements for all courses:

Letter	Percentage	Grade	Explanation
A	= 90-100	4.0	
B	= 80-89	3.0	
C	= 70-79	2.0	
D	= 60-69	1.0	
F	= 0-59	0.0	
FA	= 0-0	0.0	Failure Due to Absence.
S	= 0-0	0.0	Satisfactory: Student has met minimum course requirement. This grade signifies acceptable performance.
U	= 0-0	0.0	Student has not met minimum course requirement.
IP	= 0-0	0.0	Course in Progress
AU	= 0-0	0.0	Audit. Does not yield credit.
W	= 0-0	0.0	Withdraw. No academic penalty applied.

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Courses at Georgian International University are identified and numbered to reflect the academic level for a particular course.

Prerequisite Preparation Courses

000-099 Non-credit courses

100-399 Prerequisite courses for Master of Science Program

Graduate Courses

400-599 Master of Science level courses

600-900 Doctoral level courses

GRADES/ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Full-time Graduate Students

Nine credit hours per quarter constitute a full-time graduate course load. For international graduate students 18 credit hours over a one-year period constitute full-time status. A course load in excess of 16 credit hours per quarter is not recommended, but doing so does not require any approval. Georgian International University recognizes that exceptional students may have the ability to pursue their graduate education at a fast pace.

ACADEMIC LEVELS

Courses with 4.0 Credit Hours (Quality Points) constitute Doctoral level courses.

Courses with 3.0 Credit Hours (Quality Points) constitute Master of Science and Prerequisite level courses.

Courses with 0.0 Credit Hours (Quality Points) constitute certification non-credit courses.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A student's grade point average (GPA) is obtained by multiplying grades by the credit hours for all courses and dividing by the total number of credit hours. For transfer students, credits earned include transfer credits; however, the cumulative grade point average is computed only on courses attempted at Georgian International University.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum(\text{Course Grade} * \text{Course Credits})}{\sum \text{Gradable Credits}}$$

The grade of "F" is used in computing the grade point average. Courses with the grade of "F" are counted in attempted credit hours and receive zero quality points.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR YEAR

The Academic year is divided into four quarters:

Fall:	September 1 – November 30
Winter:	December 1 – February 27
Spring:	March 1 – May 30
Summer:	June 1 – August 30

DUAL DEGREE POLICY

Dual Master of Science

A minimum of 12 additional credit hours above the total credit hour requirement for a primary Master of Science degree must be completed in order to earn a second Master of Science degree, and all course requirements of the second degree must be

met. The 12 additional credit hours required to earn a second Master of Science degree must be earned at Georgian International University (see the school Dean for specific course requirements), but the completion of the two degrees does not have to occur simultaneously. As long as a student earns the minimum additional credits and the specific program requirements are met, the second degree may be completed at a later time.

Dual Doctoral

A minimum of 16 additional credit hours above the total credit hour requirement for a primary Doctoral degree must be completed in order to earn a second Doctoral degree, and all course requirements of the second degree must be met. The 16 additional credit hours required to earn a second Doctoral degree must be earned at Georgian International University (see the school Dean for specific course requirements), but the completion of the two degrees does not have to occur simultaneously. As long as a student earns the minimum additional credits and the specific program requirements are met, the second degree may be completed at a later time.

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Admission to Georgian International University is a competitive process. It is through competition and rigorous curricula that we strive to develop functional professionals and erudite scholars. Doctoral degree candidates must demonstrate exceptionally strong propensity for contributing to theory and performing advanced scholastic research. Master of Science degree aspirants are required to place greater emphasis on applied and functional aspects of their chosen discipline.

Enrollment as an Auditor

Students who wish to audit a specific course for no credit may do so by seeking permission of their academic advisor or the Dean in whose school the course resides. Students may then follow established registration procedures, clearly stating which courses they wish to audit. Course auditors pay the same tuition as non-auditors and may

participate fully in classroom activities. They are not required to take examinations or complete class assignments. Course auditors receive a grade of “AU” (audit) that does not affect grade point average (GPA).

ACADEMIC COMPLAINT/APPEAL OF A FINAL COURSE GRADE/REQUEST FOR HEARING

Academic Complaint

A student with a specific complaint about a course has an option to speak directly with the faculty member concerned. If such a conversation is not desired under the circumstances, the student should formally communicate with the Dean in whose school the course resides. This communication must occur within 30 days from the time the grade is posted in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If the matter is not resolved with the Dean, the student has an option to submit a letter to the Provost. This letter should include the specific reason(s) for setting aside the decision of the Dean.

Appeal of a Final Course Grade

A student who seeks to appeal a final grade in a course should first speak with the faculty member concerned. If the student wishes to proceed further with the appeal, the student should formally communicate with the Dean in whose school the

course resides. This communication must occur within 30 days from the time the grade is posted in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If the matter is not resolved with the Dean, the student has an option to submit a letter to the Provost. This letter should include the specific reason(s) for setting aside the decision of the Dean.

REQUEST FOR A HEARING

(for final course grade or academic complaint)

If there is a question about the decision of the Provost regarding the appeal of a final course grade or an academic complaint, a student can register a grievance in writing to the President of the University to determine if the matter warrants a hearing before the Academic Review Committee. This letter should include the specific reason(s) for taking the student’s grievance beyond the Provost. If the President determines that a hearing is appropriate, the Academic Committee will be convened and a copy of the student’s letter will be forwarded to the committee. Should the President determine that a hearing is not warranted, the student will be so informed within 30 days. The decision of the Academic Review Committee or the President shall be final.

ADMISSION

ADMISSION: GENERAL OVERVIEW

U.S. applicants, or the institution they attended, should send sealed undergraduate and/or graduate transcript(s) of their academic records to the Office of Admissions at Georgian International University (mailing address provided below) for the thorough evaluation. The fee for transcript evaluation is \$70.00 payable by a U.S. check, money order or bank wire to Georgian International University. For bank wire information please contact the Office of Bursar. Our Office of Admissions in some cases may employ services of an independent institution which will make a recommendation to the Office of Admissions and/or Graduate Committee regarding the standards of credits and the institutions attended. Download the online admissions [APPLICATION FORM](#)

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General Requirements for Master of Science (M.S.) Program:

All applicants to Georgian International University's M.S. program must provide undergraduate transcripts with a GPA of 3.0, or instead a GRE test score of 550 on the verbal and 600 on the quantitative portion. Although it is rare, Graduate Committee may make exceptions for exceptional applicants. For prerequisites and other requirements please check with the appropriate school. Download the online admissions [APPLICATION FORM](#)

General Requirements for a Doctoral Program:

All applicants to Georgian International University's doctoral program must provide a graduate transcript with a GPA of 3.0, or instead a GRE test score of 550 on the verbal and 600 on the quantitative portion. Although it is rare, Graduate

Committee may make exceptions for exceptional Doctoral program applicants. For prerequisites and other requirements please check with the appropriate school. Download the online admissions [APPLICATION FORM](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Georgian International University's programs are designed to draw exceptional graduate and postgraduate students from every corner of the world. These students represent a broad spectrum of economic, ethnic, racial, social, religious and demographic backgrounds, and they play an important role in advancing the core values and the global academic philosophy of Georgian International University.

Georgian International University welcomes international students from foreign universities of recognized standing. Applicants may be admitted with such advanced credits as the previous record may warrant. Evaluation of undergraduate and graduate credits at Georgian International University is a selective process. It rests entirely on the Graduate Committee's independent judgment of the applicant's qualifications.

Applicants, or the institution they attended, should send transcript(s) of their academic records to the Office of Admissions at Georgian International University (mailing address provided below) for the thorough evaluation. The fee for transcript evaluation is \$100.00 (one hundred) payable by a U.S. check, money order or bank wire to Georgian International University. For bank wire information please contact the Office of Bursar, Tel: 1-302-366-0505, extension 3. Our Office of Admissions in some cases may employ services of an independent institution which will make a recommendation to the Office of Admissions and/or Graduate Committee regarding the standards of credits and the institutions attended.

If an international student has not previously attended an accredited English-speaking college or university, he/she will be required to take the

TOEFL and obtain a score of at least 61 on the Internet-based test (IBT) or 173 on the computer-based test (CBT), minimum IELTS score of Band 5.5 or greater, or the successful completion of 12 credit hours from an accredited American institution.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Georgian International University welcomes transfer students from other universities of recognized standing. Transfer students may be admitted with such advanced credits as the previous record may warrant. Credit transfer to Georgian International University is a selective process. It does not follow automatically from admission to graduate program, but rests entirely on the Graduate Committee's independent judgment of the applicant's qualifications. A graduate student must have received at least 3 transferable credit hours and have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 3.0 (B).

Transfer applicants must ask the institution(s) they attended to send a transcript of their academic records to the Office of Admissions at Georgian International University for transcript evaluation. The fee for transcript evaluation is \$70.00 payable by a U.S. check, money order or bank wire to Georgian International University. For bank wire information please contact the Office of Bursar, Tel: 1-302-366-0505, extension 3.

The applicant must write a letter explaining the courses for which he/she is petitioning to get transfer credits, and indicate the academic program for which he/she is applying at Georgian International University. Our Office of Admissions in some cases may employ services of an independent organization which will make recommendations to the Office of Admissions and/or Graduate Committee at Georgian International University the standards of credits and the institutions attended.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL

Students may withdraw from a course without any academic penalty prior to the course withdrawal deadline stated in the University academic calendar, semester (quarter) guides, and on our website. Generally the course withdrawal deadline, unless stated differently in the University academic calendar, semester (quarter) guides, and on our website, is the tenth day from the commencement of the course.

Students will not receive any payment reimbursements or refunds for withdrawal after withdrawal deadline. Students will need to conclude all payment arrangements at the time of withdrawal or continue to be billed under the existing payment plan agreement. Course withdrawals may be completed at the Office of Academic Affairs, by certified mail or fax using an official Withdrawal Form. Students who choose to fax or mail withdrawal forms are responsible for calling the appropriate office to verify receipt of the request.

Failure to withdraw after the deadline will result in the grade of "F", which will have a negative impact on the student's GPA. Timely withdrawal before the deadline will result in the grade of "W", Withdraw, with no academic penalty applied.

Georgian International University will consider employer/medical-based withdrawals on a per course basis and entire quarter basis. Students are required to complete the Withdrawal Form and submit it as stated above. In addition, a typed letter explaining the employer/medical conditions that warrant a withdrawal and supporting documents from an employer or doctor (on a professional letterhead) is to be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for consideration. A special committee will meet to consider all requests on as needed basis. The decision of this committee is final.

REPEATING A COURSE

Whenever a course is repeated, the new grade is recorded on the transcript, as well as the previous grade earned. For the purpose of grade point average (GPA) computation, the new grade will be used so that only one grade is calculated into the cumulative GPA. The most recent quarter in which a student has taken the repeated course will be the course grade that is calculated into the grade point average. All grades will remain on the transcript. A successfully completed course can be applied to graduation requirements only once.

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT METHODS

Georgian International University grants academic credit for work completed through five alternative credit sources. These sources are in addition to transfer credits which may be granted for work completed at another academic institution. A brief description follows. Additional information may be found on the University website, the Academic Program Guide or from Student Academic Advising and Success Center.

CHALLENGE BY EXAMINATION

Challenge by examination measures undergraduate or graduate-level knowledge through an examination process. Challenge by examination is limited to prerequisites. Students interested in challenge by examination must register in advance for the specific course and, upon payment of the specified fee, will receive notification of prearranged date, time, and place of the examination. Results of the examination will be available to the student immediately after the examination.

EXTRA-INSTITUTIONAL COURSE ASSESSMENT (ECA)

The University recognizes that college-level learning takes place both, in and out of the

classroom. A process of reviewing corporate training programs and other formal training/courses offered by non-accredited institutions/entities has been implemented to determine if college-level learning is present and to determine what credit, if any, should be awarded for the prior learning.

ECA credit often requires independent study, original research, critical analysis, or the professional application of the specialized knowledge within the discipline.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students desiring to study areas of knowledge outside of disciplines available through regular course work must secure written permission from the appropriate the Dean one month (minimum) prior to the quarter's registration period in which the independent study is to be conducted. Tuition and fees for independent study are the same as those for standard courses. Independent study is graded on a pass/fail basis. A maximum of sixteen (16) credits may be earned through the independent study format.

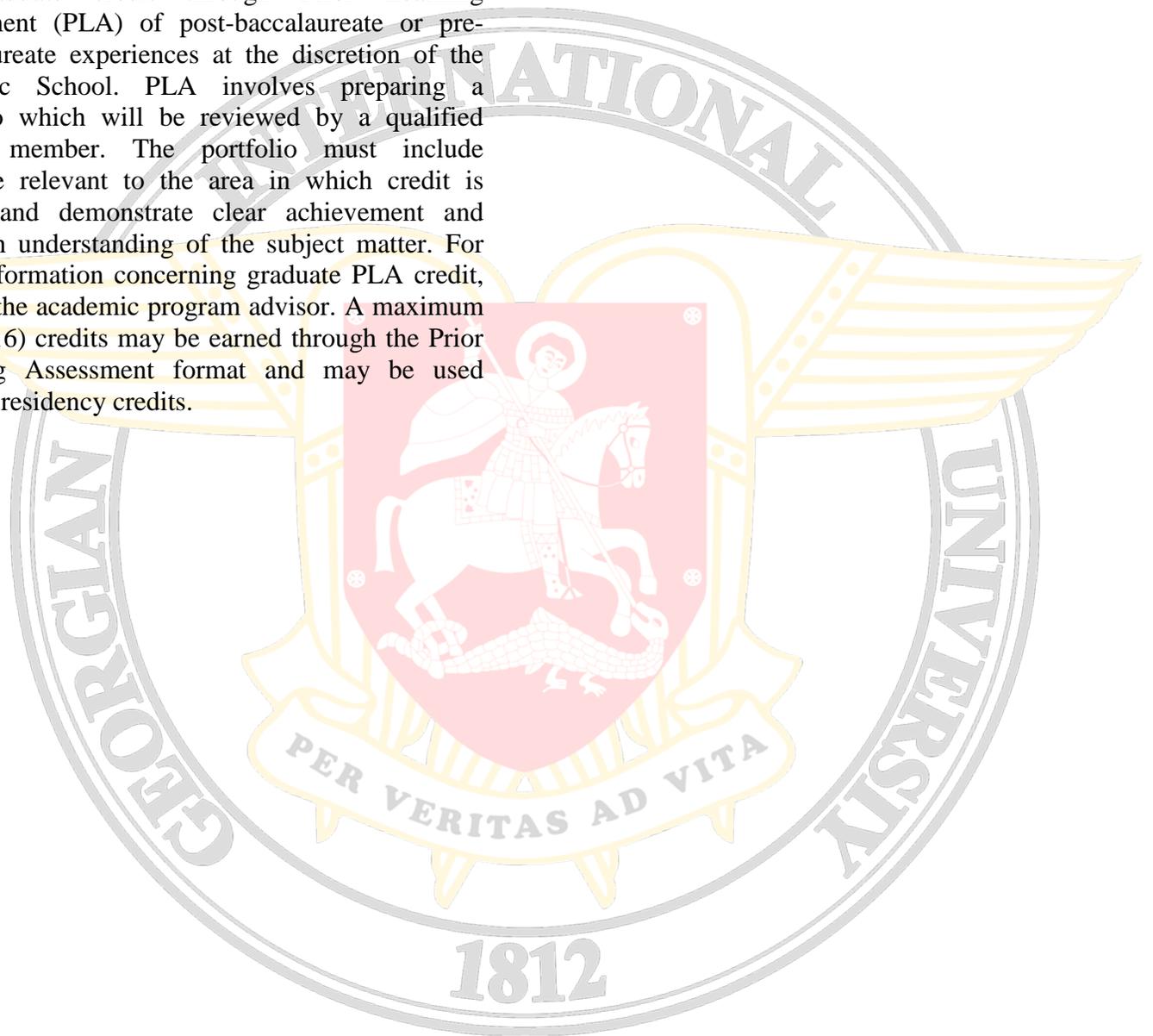
INTERNSHIP/FIELD PLACEMENTS

Students can be provided with a field placement in public or private agencies and companies. Field placements provide first-hand experiences upon which future career choices can be based as students gain a better understanding of the relationship between theoretical concepts and their practical application.

For additional information related to internships and field placements, students should consult their specific academic program guides and handbooks. A maximum of sixteen (16) credits may be earned through internships/field placements.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

The University offers graduate students in selected programs the opportunity to obtain academic credit for learning that has taken place outside the traditional classroom setting. As a result, Georgian International University may award graduate or undergraduate credit through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) of post-baccalaureate or pre-baccalaureate experiences at the discretion of the academic School. PLA involves preparing a portfolio which will be reviewed by a qualified faculty member. The portfolio must include evidence relevant to the area in which credit is sought and demonstrate clear achievement and thorough understanding of the subject matter. For more information concerning graduate PLA credit, contact the academic program advisor. A maximum of six (6) credits may be earned through the Prior Learning Assessment format and may be used towards residency credits.



PRIVACY POLICY

Release of Student Information

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students have the following rights: Right to inspect and review student's record: Students should submit a written request to the Office of Academic Affairs, indicating which records they wish to inspect. The University will make such records available within 30 days of the receipt of the request. Students do not have the right to inspect confidential letters and recommendations if the student has waived the right to inspect.

Right to seek amendments to records: Students should submit a written request to the Office of Academic Affairs, indicating which records they wish to have amended and the reasons. The University will notify the student in writing of the decision regarding amendment of the record.

Right to consent to disclosure: The University may disclose the following directory information unless the student or parent of a dependent student makes a written request to withhold information: name, address (only for official requests for group lists for legitimate agencies such as the US Air Force), major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status, GPA, degrees, honors, awards, most recent educational agency attended. Written request for nondisclosure should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Exceptions to student rights regarding disclosure: Georgian International University is authorized to disclose student information without consent in the following circumstances:

- Information designated as "directory information"
- Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests
- Disclosure to an alleged victim of a crime of violence
- Disclosure to officials of another institution where student seeks to enroll
- Request from Comptroller General of US, Secretary, or state/local educational authorities
- Disclosure in connection with financial aid for which student has applied
- Disclosure to accrediting agencies
- To comply with judicial order or subpoena (reasonable attempt to notify must be made)
- Disclosure in connection with a health or safety emergency

Right to file a complaint: Students have a right to file a complaint concerning alleged failure of Georgian International University to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Complaints should be mailed to:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
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Annual Notification to Students: Georgian International University is required to notify students annually of their rights regarding privacy. An ongoing message is inserted in each semester (quarter) guide, directing students to a web address: www.GIUAmerica.org/GeorgianInternationalUniversity/Privacy.htm

CODE OF CONDUCT

(Each Applicant must sign, date and submit this along with the Admissions Application)

Interaction

Georgian International University is a community of individuals who come together to learn, work and grow in character. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner that demonstrates commitment to the ideal of honorable behavior for oneself and the community as a whole. Students are also responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the policies and regulations of the University, which are communicated in the University Student Handbook and this catalog. Copies of the handbook are available upon request through the Office of Student Services.

GEORGIAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IS ANCHORED ON IBERIAN (GEORGIAN) ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN VALUES. NO ONE AT GEORGIAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IS PERMITTED TO DEFILE, TAINT, RIDICULE, MOCK, DESECRATE, OR OTHERWISE DISHONOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN OR GEORGIAN MANUSCRIPTS, FRESCOS, ICONS, SYMBOLS, HYMNS, CHANTS AND OTHER RELICS.

General Regulations

Each student is responsible for being informed and must observe all program regulations and procedures at Georgian International University. Each student must be familiar with Georgian International University's general regulations and requirements recorded in the current Faculty and Student Catalog, specific degree program requirements, and offerings and requirements of the major academic unit. *Rules are not waived for ignorance.* Any exceptions to the policies stated in the Catalog must be approved by the Dean of the School. After admission to Georgian International University, but before registration, the student should consult the Dean's Office or the Office of Student Services about courses and degree requirements, deficiencies if any, and special regulations of the academic unit.

Intellectual Property Policy

By enrolling in the University, the student gives Georgian International University a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to mark on, modify, and retain the student's Intellectual Property (work) as may be required for course completion. The University will not have the right to use the Intellectual Property (work) in any other manner without the written consent of the student. Additional information is available at the Office of Academic Affairs.

Academic Integrity

Students of Georgian International University are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic pursuits. It is inappropriate to falsify the results of research; steal phrases, concepts or ideas of another; cheat or attempt to cheat on an examination; or to aid, assist, or allow another to commit an act of academic dishonesty. Acts of academic dishonesty are serious offenses. When a student places his or her name on submitted work, the student certifies the originality of all work not otherwise identified by appropriate acknowledgement.

Change of Policy

Georgian International University reserves the right to change or adjust its academic policies, tuition, fees, payment plan procedures, academic calendar, and to cancel or add courses at any time. Georgian International University is a nondiscriminatory institution of higher learning and welcomes men and women of every race, color, creed, and national origin. Admission at the University is a highly competitive process.

DISCLAIMER: The courses are subject to change. Georgian International University maintains a policy of avoiding textbooks that are overpriced, and, when possible, encourages students to buy textbooks independent of the school to minimize cost. Multiple criteria are considered for admission, and special attention is given to aptitude, motivation and ability. All applicants to our graduate programs will be interviewed in person or by means of telecommunication. **CAVEAT:** Georgian International University reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to screen and remove any content it deems inappropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, content that harasses, abuses, threatens, or in any other way violates the rights of others, as well as commercial content which promotes selling a product, a service, or any other such practices via the Georgian International University webpage, website, interactive online classroom or any other form of communication. Although it may screen and remove content, Georgian International University is not responsible for the content posted by others on the Georgian International University webpage. We also reserve the right to remove posts containing any and all links or posts at the sole discretion of Georgian International University.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct of the University, I the undersigned acknowledge that on the date indicated below I reviewed and understood the Code of Conduct furnished by the University in this Catalog. I agree to comply with its policies. I understand that my permission to enroll in Georgian International University is contingent on my complying with its Code of Conduct:

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