

**Curriculum**

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| **Program name** | | International Relations |
| **Academic degree / qualification to be awarded** | | **BA in International Relations** |
| **Name of the faculty** | | Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences |
| **Program Manager / Supervisors / Coordinator** | | Professor Davit Gegechkori  E-mail: [d.gegechkori@atsu.edu.ge](mailto:d.gegechkori@atsu.edu.ge) |
| **Program duration / volume (Semester, number of Credits)** | | The duration of the program is - 4 academic years, 8 semesters.  Number of credits - 240 ECTS credits (major/minor)  **- Major Program** - 180 ECTS credits  - **Minor program –** 60 ECTS credits. |
| **Language of the program** | | Georgian |
| **Program development and renewal dates;** | | Resolution of the Academic Council of ATSU № 46 (20/21), July 21, 2021 |
| **Prerequisites for admission to the program:** | | |
| * Document -certificate of Full General Education and results of the Unified National Examinations; * Without passing the Unified National Examinations, in accordance with the rules and within the timeframe established by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia learning is admissible:  1. For foreign nationals and stateless people who have received full general or equivalent education in a foreign country; 2. For Georgian citizens who have received full general or equivalent education in a foreign country and last 2 years of general education received in a foreign country; 3. For people who have been studying / studied and received credits in a foreign country in a higher education institution recognized in accordance with the legislation of that country.  * External and internal mobility. | | |
| **Program Objectives** | | |
| The aim of the program is to give the student the opportunity to:   * Acquire general, theoretical and practical knowledge of international relations, political, economic, social, global and regional processes. * Understand and generalize the key problems of modern international relations, as well as apply theoretical knowledge to these problems. * Master the basics on such level, which will allow him / her independent orientation, original development of ideas and practical application in the relevant field. * Learn a foreign language at the level of free communication. * The program will provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to enable graduates to be employed in the civil service, the non-governmental sector and international organizations. | | |
| **Learning Outcomes: After completing the undergraduate program, the student** | | |
| **Knowledge and understanding** | * Describes the essence of international politics, regularities, system and structure of international relations; * Defines the importance and place of the state in the modern system of international relations; * Identifies and critically considers all the factors that affect the process of international relations and institutions; | |
| **Skills:** | * Prepares a report on current processes in the field of international relations using the sectoral terminology in Georgian and foreign languages, presents it and substantiates his/her position with the academic and professional community. * Makes decisions in accordance with the fundamental norms of international relations based on the principles of the supremacy of the law. * Identifies a key problem in the field of international relations. | |
| **Responsibility and autonomy:** | * Respects the values and approved standards in international relations and diplomacy. * Plans post-learning needs and professional ways of development based on the self-assessment of his/her knowledge level in the field of international relations. | |
| **Teaching methods:** | | |
| Teaching - Learning methods include relevant activities (discussion, debates, demonstration, presentation, group (collaborative) work, case study, written and verbal, working on the book, analysis, synthesis, explanatory methods, etc.);In the teaching process it is possible to prioritize and combine methods.The choice of method or combination of methods for achieving learning outcomes depends on the specifics of the individual studying course, the set goals and the learning outcomes.The methods used to teach the components of the program are listed in the relevant syllabi, and their explanations are posted on the official website of the institution [www.atsu.edu.ge](http://www.atsu.edu.ge) | | |
| **Program structure** | | |
| Program volume -240 ECTS credits.  Including:   * Compulsory training courses of free component- 45 credits * Compulsory training courses relevant to the content of the basic education - 120 credits, * Elective training courses in the field of basic education - 15 credits * Free Credits or Minor Program - 60 ECTS Credits.   Minor program is chosen at the end of the second semester.Within the program it is possible to choose between two minor programs: "International Relations" and "Political Sciences".  **Curriculum See Annex 1.** | | |
| **Student Knowledge Assessment System and Criteria** | | |
| **The assessment system at Akaki Tsereteli State University is divided into the following components:**  Out of the total score of an educational program (100 points), mid-term evaluation amounts to a total of 60 points,which in turn includes the following assessment forms   * **Student activity during the semester (*includes various components of assessment*) - not more than 30 points;** * **Midterm exam – not less than 30 points;** * **Final exam - 40 points.**   The right to take the final exam is given to a student whose minimum competency threshold in the components of the midterm assessments is at least 24 points.  **The system of assessment recognizes:**  **a) 5 types of passing grades**:  a. a) (A) excellent –91-100 points  a. b) (B) very good – 81-90 points  a. c) (C) good – 71 -80 points  a. d) (D) satisfactory– 61-70 points  a. e) (E) sufficient– 51-60 points  **B) two types of negative assessment:**  b. a) FX (unsatisfactory) **-** 41-50 points out of the maximum grade, which means that some more work is required to pass the exam and the student has the right to retake the exam one more time after the independent study.  b. b) F (fail) **–** 40 points out of the maximum grade or lower, meaning that considerable further work is required and the student has to study the subject again.  In case of receiving FX in the educational component of a program, an additional exam will be scheduled **in no less than 5 days** after the announcement of the final exam results.   * The minimum grade obtained by the student in the **final exam has to be 17 points.** * The grade obtained by the student in the final exam is not added to the additional exam result. * The additional exam provides the final result and is reflected in the final assessment of the learning component of the educational program. * Considering the additional exam result, in case of getting 0-50 points in the final assessment of the educational component, the student will be given the grade F-0.   ***Note:*** The midterm and final (additional) exams will be conducted in a formalized manner:  ***Basis:*** In accordance with order №3 ( 05.01.2017) and order №102 / N ( 18.08.2016) of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia. | | |
| **Employment sectors:** | | |
| Graduates of the International Relations Education Program:   * Will have sufficient knowledge and experience to be employed in both Georgian and foreign international organizations, state and public institutions, non-governmental sector, non-governmental organizations and diplomatic service; In institutions that are involved in the development and implementation of foreign and security policy; * Carry out professional activities for which an academic degree - Bachelor in International Relations-is required / sufficient. * The program provides internships for students in the private and public sectors based on partnerships and memorandum with employers. Part of the employers undertake the obligation to employ a certain part of the graduates of the mentioned program. * can continue their studies in higher education institutions at the next level of higher education - master's degree, in accordance with the rules established by the law. | | |
| **Supporting conditions / resources for learning** | | |
| **Necessary human resources for the implementation of the educational program:**  The program is served by academic staff of various fields, as well as doctoral students and invited specialists. Including: Professor - 3; Associate Professor - 14; Assistant Professor - 4; Invited specialist - 6.  **Necessary material resources for the implementation of the educational program:** The following material resources are used for the implementation of the undergraduate educational program "International Relations". ATSU Educational buildings (Address: Kutaisi, Tamar Mepe Street №59, educational buildings № I, II and III, as well as the existing auditoriums in Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue # 21), ATSU Library and reading halls; Library fund in the Department, University Computer Center Auditoriums. | | |



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**Name of the program : International Relations**

**Qualification to be awarded: Bachelor of International Relations**

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| **№** | **Name of the course** | **Cr** | **Work-load volume, per hour** | | | **L/P/Lab/Ex.** | **Semester** | | | | | | | | **Prerequisite for admission** |
| **Total** | **Cont.** | **Addit.** | **I** | **II** | **III** | **IV** | **V** | **VI** | **VII** | **VIII** |
| **1** | Compulsory training courses of free component- 45 credits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **1.1** | Foreign language 1 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1.2** | Foreign language 2 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.1 |
| **1.3** | Foreign language 3 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  | 1.2 |
| **1.4** | Foreign language 4 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  | 1.3 |
| **1.5** | Foreihn language 5 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 1.4 |
| **1.6** | Foregn language 6 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  | 1.5 |
| **1.7** | Foreign language professional course 1 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  | 1.6 |
| **1.8** | Foreign language professional course 2 | 5 | 125 | 63 | 62 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 1.7 |
| **1.9** | Academic writing | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 1/2/0/3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | | **45** | **1125** | **552** | **573** |  |  | **10** | **5** | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| **2** | Compulsory training courses relevant to the content of the basic education - 120 credits, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **2.1** | Introduction to International Relations | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.2** | Introduction to Political Science | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.3** | Theory of International Relations | 6 | 150 | 48 | 102 | 2/1/0/3 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.4** | Fundamentals of Sociology | 4 | 100 | 48 | 52 | 2/1/0/3 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.5** | Introduction to Comparative Politics | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.6** | Political ideologies | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.7** | Foreign policy of Georgia | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.8** | International organizations | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.9** | International Economic Relations | 6 | 150 | 48 | 102 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.10** | Geopolitics | 4 | 100 | 48 | 52 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.11** | International Public Law | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.12** | Globalization and International Relations | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  | 2.1 |
| **2.13** | European integration | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **2.14** | International Relations and Foreign Policy | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 2.3 |
| **2.15** | NATO, EU and International Security | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **2.16** | International conflicts and world order | 6 | 150 | 48 | 102 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 2.8 |
| **2.17** | Diplomatic and consular services | 4 | 100 | 48 | 52 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| **2.18** | Migration and International Relations | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| **2.19** | Georgia’s political system | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  | 2.7 |
| **2.20** | Theory and practice of diplomatic negotiations | 5 | 100 | 48 | 52 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| **2.21** | International Terrorism | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  | 2.15 |
| **2.22** | Collapse of the USSR and political problems of post-Soviet countries | 5 | 150 | 48 | 102 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 2.6 |
| **2.23** | Corruption and transnational crime | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |
| **2.24** | Professional practice | 5 | 125 | 93 | 32 | 0/6/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |
| Total: | | 120 | 3000 | 1197 | 1803 |  | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 16 |  |
| **3** | Elective training courses in the field of basic education - 15 credits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **3.1** | Foreign language | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 0/4/0/3 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.2** | History of Philosophy | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.3** | Democracy and citizenship | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.4** | History of Political Doctrines | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.5** | Foreign language | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.6** | Cybersecurity | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.7** | Role of civil society | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.8** | Organizational and communication skills | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.9** | Foreign language | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 0/4/0/3 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.10** | Geopolitics of Georgia's neighborhood | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.11** | Cultural diversity and the modern world | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.12** | Middle East political problems | 5 | 125 | 48 | 77 | 2/1/0/3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | | **15** | **375** | **144** | **231** |  |  | **5** | **5** | **5** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Minor program credits** | | **60** | **1500** | **576** | **924** |  |  |  | **10** | **10** | **10** | **10** | **10** | **10** |  |
| **Total** | | **240** | **6000** | **2469** | **3531** | **0** | **30** | **30** | **30** | **30** | **30** | **30** | **29** | **31** |  |