



Joint MA in Political Science – Integration & Governance

From 2025 Tbilisi State University, the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences with its partner universities will offer the new joint Master Program in Political Science – Integration and Governance (PoSIG)! Within the framework of this program, Tbilisi State University becomes a member of a consortium, which includes 13 universities from different European countries.

General Information

Name of the Master Program: **Political Science – Integration and Governance**

Qualification awarded: **MSc in Political Science**

Language of instruction: **English**

Academic Head of the program: **Associate Professor Salome Dundua**

Duration of teaching: **4 semesters**

Distribution of credits ECTS: 120 credits

Mandatory courses – 66 credits

MA Thesis – 28

MA Thesis defense - 2

Elective courses - 24 credits

The English language MA program offers modules in all areas of Political Science:

- Comparative Politics
- European Integration
- International Relations Public
- Administration and Policy
- Political Theory

This 2 year course will target all international students who have completed their Bachelor's degree in Political Science and who have a certain level of methodology education.



Goals

The goal of the master's program as a modernization and Europeanization project is to support higher education standards in the European Union, intensifying regular academic exchanges of good practices, and sustainable networking between the EU and partners in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus. To provide students with comprehensive knowledge of political science theories, political concepts, actors, institutions, processes, norms, and central policy areas so that students can understand, evaluate, and apply research with high methodological standards in political science; To be able to analyze social and political problems using theories, to have the ability to lead a debate, to compare one's own and others' views, positions and, if necessary, to modify them; To be able to critically and comprehensively use methodological tools of empirical-analytical political research, to plan and conduct research independently.

Prerequisite

BA degree/equal to it in political science, international relations, or related fields

Teaching language: English

Applicants wishing to continue their studies in the program must have passed the Unified Postgraduate Examinations.

The call 2025 is available from 15 February until 15 April 2025 at the application platform: <https://www.posig.uet.edu.al>.

For more details visit: posig.info and www.facebook.com/posig.

Tuition Fee – 1 500 Euro (one semester) for international students

Based on the Erasmus+ KA 107 Joint Master's Programme in Political Science (PoSIG) student grants are available per academic year in 2025/26. Students are eligible to apply at the partner university.

Outcomes

- 1.1 comprehensive knowledge of theories of political science, political concepts, actors, institutions, processes, norms, and central policy fields
- 1.2 the ability to understand, assess, and apply political science research with high methodological standards to other modules;
- 1.3 the ability to analyze political and societal problems based on social science concepts and theories.
- 2.1 the ability and knowledge to thoughtfully and critically apply the methodological instruments of empirical-analytical political science research, including the ability to use statistical software, and to plan and carry out independent research;
- 2.2 the ability to cooperate with others (interdisciplinarily and/or in groups), to carry out research collectively;
- 2.3 the ability to present complex research and research findings convincingly in front of an audience.
- 3.1. the ability to understand scientific, social, and political science literature and to critically analyse and assess it by drawing on the insights of neighboring disciplines (such as law, economics, sociology, history);
- 3.2. the ability to assess the presentation of scientific research outcomes, to make comparisons, and to give self-reflecting feedback;



- 4.1. the ability to grasp political and social problems, develop practical strategies and policy reform contributions, and present them in public debates;
- 4.2. the ability to connect science and political practice;
- 4.3. the ability to engage in politics effectively based on scientific insights.
- 4.4. the ability to work within the scope of the standards of academic and professional integrity and ethics;

Employment

- ✓ employment at local and national levels in public administration, parliaments, political parties, non-governmental organisations, interest groups, trade unions, the business sector, media, and public relations;
- ✓ employment in international organisations, foreign services (careers in diplomacy), institutions of the European Union and in international profit and non-profit organizations, development agencies, and NGOs;
- ✓ employment in the field of civic and political education (foundations, academies, educational institutes, think tanks etc.);
- ✓ academic careers (PhD, teaching and research at universities and research institutions);

International Cooperation

Students will be free to choose some PoSIG partner universities who offer courses of the first program year and can choose another partner for the second-year program. They have to register at least at two different institutions, all attended universities give the Joint MA degree to the student. The joint degree is awarded by all universities attended by a student during the two-year study programme.

Partner universities are as follows:

Paris-Lodron University of Salzburg



University of Trieste (UNITS)





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Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (UKIM)



Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)



European University of Tirana (UET)



University of Tirana (UNITIR)



University of Sarajevo (UNSA)





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Sarajevo School of Science Technology (SSST)



Yerevan State University (YSU)



Eurasia International University (EIU)



Academic Staff



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