

"On approval of the selection rules for participation in the international exchange and mobility programs of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University" of the Rector of the University and the Head of Administration, dated May 31, 2021 N15/04, jointly on making changes to the order

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Order N: 1/04

In accordance with the legal framework outlined in the Law of Georgia "On Higher Education", as well as the pertinent sections of the General Administrative Code of Georgia, Ministerial Decree No. 135/N of September 11, 2013, and the Charter of Ivane Javakhishvili State University, we confirm our commitment to upholding the stipulations outlined therein. This includes adherence to various articles and provisions, namely Art. 2 (L) and (H), Art. 22(1), Art. 23(1), Art. 51(1) of the General Administrative Code of Georgia, Art. 52(1) and (3), Art. 53(3), Art. 54(1), Art. 55, Art. 56(2) and (3), Art. 57, and Art. 63, as well as the Ministerial Decree No. 135/N dated September 11, 2013, and the regulations set forth in the Charter of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, such as Art. 14(1), Art. 8(a) (b) and (p), Art. 9, Art. 15(1), Art. 16 subsections (a), (n), (o), (p). This commitment is further reinforced by the letters dated December 19, 2022, referenced as N33529/10 respectively, issued by the Head of the Department of Foreign Relations.

In accordance with the legal provisions outlined above, I hereby order:

The following changes are to be made to the selection rules for participation in the international exchange and mobility programs for state university students of Ivane Javakhishvili State University, as authorized by the University Rector and Head of Administration on May 31, 2021. The changes are endorsed in accordance with joint order N15/04.

A) Article 4(19) will be revised as follows:

13. For the purposes of subsection "e" of paragraph 11 of this article, the knowledge of a foreign language must be confirmed:

a) On the basis of the following certificates obtained no earlier than 4 calendar years before the completion of the relevant registration;

In the case of:

1. English language: TOEFL (90 iBT), IELTS (6.5 minimum average score), or Cambridge B2 First (Cambridge English First /FCE) certificate;
2. German language: TestDaF (TDN 3), DSH (DSH 1), DSD (B2), Goethe Certificate (90-100);
3. French language: DELF (B2);
4. Italian language: CILS (B2), PLIDA (B2);
5. Spanish language: DELE (B2);
6. Portuguese language: CAPLE (B2);
7. Greek language: Certificate of Attainment in Greek (B2);
8. In case of Turkish language: TYS (B2).

- b) On the basis of a result of institutional testing of foreign languages organized by the university (not less than 71 points), the result of which is valid during the semester of testing and the following 1 semester;
- c) On the basis of an official certificate of attendance of at least 1 semester that can be obtained at a foreign higher educational institution; the certificate must specify the instruction language, which must match the language student wishes to receive instruction while participating in the exchange program;
- d) For prospective bachelor's degree applicants, on the basis of an official certificate confirming the completion of the last full academic year of school; the certificate must indicate the language of instruction that must correspond with the language in which the student wishes to be taught when registering to participate in the exchange program on the basis of the present regulation;
- e) For prospective master's degree applicants, on the basis of studying at a foreign language program at TSU, where the language of instruction in the educational program at the relevant foreign higher educational institution must correspond with the language of instruction in which the student wants to be taught when registering for participation in the exchange program based on the present regulation;
- f) For prospective doctoral degree applicants:
 - a) On the basis of an official certificate confirming the completion of a research internship at a foreign higher educational or research institution, indicating the language of the research internship, which must correspond with the language of instruction in which the student desires to teach/research/internship by exchange based on the current regulation;
When registering to participate in the program, the minimum duration of research/internship should be 3 months and the maximum - 5 months;
 - b) On the basis of an official certificate confirming pedagogical activity/teaching experience at a university level, while applying for participation in the exchange program to undertake a course workload of at least 5 credits per semester for at minimum of 2 semesters during the previous academic year; the certificate must indicate the language of instruction used in the relevant foreign higher education institution that must align with the instructional language of the exchange program desired by the doctoral student, as stipulated by the current regulation;
 - c) For doctoral level students from the Faculty of Medicine, on the basis of a certificate confirming the completion of the doctor's degree program in a foreign language; the language of instruction utilized in the educational program at the relevant foreign higher educational institution must align with the language used during the participation in the exchange program. The host university does not require proof of foreign language testing from the selected students.
 - d) Students enrolled in fully foreign language educational programs of TSU are exempted from the obligation of foreign language testing (whichever foreign language program they are students of), unless the host university requests a certificate of foreign language testing from the selected students.

B) Clause 14 of Article 4 shall be formulated as follows:

14. For the purposes of subparagraph "b" of Clause 13 of this article, the test in a foreign language is organized and conducted by the university. The Department of Foreign Relations of the University, the Examination Center and the Language Center participate in the organization and administration of the

testing. Registration for the test is announced on the university's website for students who are potentially interested in exchange programs administered by the university. Since the test result remains for the duration of the testing semester and the subsequent semester, students at the bachelor's level from the 2nd to 6th semester, students at master's level in the first and second semesters, and the students at doctoral level from the very first semester will be eligible to participate in the testing.

a) Based on the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs, a foreign language test will be conducted once at the beginning of each semester for students of all three levels, and an additional test will be conducted in the middle of each semester only for students of doctoral educational programs.

b) The Department of Foreign Relations will also organize an individual test in the specified foreign language, in the case of a request for an additional test in a foreign language from the host university when nominating students selected for exchange programs.

2. The order must be published on the official TSU website by the university department of Information Technologies.

3. The order must be placed in a place accessible to everyone by the University Chancellery.

4. The order shall enter into force upon its issuance.

5. The interested party may appeal this order in accordance with the Georgian law within 1 month of its enactment at the Tbilisi City Court (address: Tbilisi, 64 Davit Aghmashenebeli Avenue).