

"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: 33/04

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 14, 2021, referenced as N26788/10 respectively, issued by the Head of the Department of Foreign Relations.

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

1. The "Rule of selection for participation in the international exchange and mobility programs of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University," originally approved by joint order N15/04 of May 31, 2021 and issued by the Rector and Head of Administration of the University, shall undergo the following amendments and additions, hereby referred to as the "Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University International Student Exchange and Approval of Selection Rules for Participation in Mobility Programs."

- a) Sub-paragraph "b" of the Clause 4 of Article 4 shall be formulated as follows:
"the person must not be a student of the last or the penultimate semester of education, and the student of the bachelor educational level must have accumulated at least 50 credits";
- b) Sub-paragraph "a" of Clause 14 of Article 4 shall be formulated as follows:
„on the basis of the following certificates taken no earlier than 4 calendar years before the completion of the relevant registration;

In case of:

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

- c) Following subsection "c" of Article 4, paragraph 13 of the rule, the subsequent subsections "d" to "f" shall be added with the following content:
 - “d) For bachelor’s degree applicants, on the basis of an official certificate confirming the successful completion of the most recent full academic year of secondary education, specifying the language of instruction, which must align with the instruction language in the educational program at the pertinent higher educational institution, where the student desires instruction within the exchange program pursuant to this regulation based on the current regulation;
 - e) For master’s degree applicants who are enrolled in a foreign language program at TSU, the language of instruction utilized in the educational program at the relevant higher educational institution must align with the language of instruction of the exchange program.
 - f) For doctoral level applicants:
 - a) On the basis of an official certificate confirming the completion of a research internship in a higher educational or research institution abroad, indicating the language of the internship, which must align with the language of instruction utilized in the exchange program where the student desires to participate. The internship program must have a minimum duration of 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;
 - c) 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 a minimum of 2 semesters during the previous academic year.

d) Clause 19 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be revised as follows:

19. The assessment outlined in paragraph 18 of this article is conducted according to the following criteria:

- a) GPA (multiplied by 10) of the registered student presenting complete application documentation, on the basis of which the student can be awarded 25-40 points;
- b) status of a disabled person - 1 point;
- c) Interview (the interview is conducted in the appropriate foreign language, in which language is taught in the receiving higher educational institution/institutions selected by the student) and its components are:
 - a. compatibility of participation in the exchange program with the student's educational and/or research goals (0-10 points);
 - b. Evaluation of student's motivation (0-15) points;
 - c. student's oral presentation (0-15) points

e) Clause 20 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be formulated as follows:

., 20. A positive decision cannot be made for a registered student (who has reached the interview stage) for the purpose of participating in the exchange or mobility program, if he was awarded a total of 59 (60 in the case of a SEN person) and less points or was awarded 19 or less points in the components provided by the subsection "c" of paragraph 19 of this article.

f) Clause 24 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be formulated as follows:

., 24. In accordance with the decisions made and the ranking list established within the exchange program, information regarding the mobility of specific students to host higher educational institutions (submission of the student to the relevant foreign higher educational institution) is sent to the respective corresponding receiving higher educational institution. At the same time, the results of the selection process are sent to all students participating in the selection process individually, via e-mail. The results provided for in this paragraph are not final, and the receiving institution of higher education has the right to refuse (in whole or in part) the submission, which will be indicated in the relevant messages sent to the electronic mail mentioned in the same paragraph. A student who has been awarded a scholarship in order to participate in an exchange program retains the right to refuse participation in said program, provided that the refusal is communicated no later than within 10 working days of receiving the relevant electronic letter.";

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 compliance with the Georgian law within 1 month of its enactment at the Tbilisi City Court (address: Tbilisi, 64 Davit Aghmashenebeli Avenue).