

**"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

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 October 17 and November 7 referenced as N27496/10 and N30069/10 respectively, issued by the Head of the Department of Foreign Relations.

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

1. The following changes are to be made to the "Selection Rules for Participation in International Student Exchange and Mobility Programs of LEPL - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University," as authorized by the joint order of the Rector of the University and the Head of Administration, No. N15/04, dated May 31, 2021

**a) Subparagraph "a" of Clause 13 of Article 4 shall be formulated as follows:**

"13. For the purposes of subparagraph "e" of paragraph 11 of this Article, proof of proficiency in a foreign language shall be provided:

a) on the basis of the following certificates taken no earlier than six calendar years prior to the completion of the relevant registration:

a.a) In the case of English: TOEFL (90 iBT), IELTS (6.5 minimum average score), or Cambridge B2 First (Cambridge English First /FCE) certificate;

a.b) German language: TestDaF (TDN 3), DSH (DSH 1), DSD (B2), Goethe Certificate (90-100);

a.c) French language: DELF (B2);

a.d) Italian language: CILS (B2), PLIDA (B2);

a.e) Spanish language: DELE (B2);

a.f) Portuguese language: CAPLE (B2);

a.g) Greek language: Certificate of Attainment in Greek (B2);

a.h) Turkish language: TYS (B2).

**b) Subparagraphs "e" and "f" of paragraph 13 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be revised as follows:**

"e) For master level applicants, on the basis of the document confirming the completion of a Bachelor's degree program in a foreign language, indicating the language of instruction, it is essential that the language of instruction at the Bachelor's level corresponds to the language of instruction at the foreign higher education institution the student is applying to. This document will serve as the basis for the student's preferred language of instruction when registering for participation in the exchange program.

f) For doctoral level applicants:

f.a) On the basis of an official certificate confirming the completion of a research internship at a foreign higher education or research institution, the internship must be conducted in person and specify the language of the research internship. This language must align with the language of instruction used in the educational program at the relevant foreign institution, corresponding to the language in which the student wishes to study, research, or intern when registering for the exchange program under this rule. The minimum duration of the research internship must be 2 months.

f.b) On the basis of an official certificate confirming pedagogical activity/teaching experience at a university level, specifically the completion of a course with a minimum load of 5 credits per semester for at least two semesters, where the language of instruction corresponds to the language applicable to the educational program at the relevant foreign higher education institution, the doctoral student may register for participation in the exchange program in accordance with this rule.

f.c) On the basis of a document confirming the completion of a bachelor's or master's degree program in a foreign language, this document is required for registration in the exchange program if the language of instruction matches that of the relevant educational program at the foreign higher education institution where the doctoral student intends to study.";

**c) After sub-paragraph “g” of Claus 13 of Article 4 of the Rule, sub-paragraphs “h” and “i” shall be added as follows:**

“h) Students of TSU joint foreign language educational programs are exempted from the obligation to take respective foreign language test (which is the language of instruction of the joint language program they are students of) if the mobility is carried out at a partner university of the joint foreign language educational program and the foreign university co-implementing the program does not request a certificate confirming the foreign language test from the scholarship holders selected from among the students registered in the joint program.

i) All conditions for students at all three levels, based on which applicants are exempted from submitting a document confirming foreign language proficiency, are valid only if the host university does not require the selected scholarship holders to submit such a document.

**d) Paragraph 19 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be reworded as follows:**

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

		Minimum score	Maximum score
<i>Academic Merit</i>	<i>GPA (2.5 - 4.0) To calculate the score, multiply by 10.</i>	25	40
<i>Performance (0-40 points)</i>	<i>Relevance of the mobility for studies (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cycles) or research (3<sup>rd</sup> cycle) purposes for home university study program</i>	0	15
	<i>Motivation</i>	0	15
	<i>Oral presentation</i>	0	10
<i>Experience in participating in exchange programs administered by TSU (0-10 points)</i>	<i>Taking advantage of the opportunity to study abroad (through exchange and mobility programs offered or administered by TSU)</i>	0 – Taking advantage of the opportunity to study abroad twice during the current level of study	5 – Taking advantage of the opportunity to study abroad once during your current level of study 10 - No experience studying abroad.
<i>Additional support for applicants with fewer opportunities (0-10 points))</i>	<i>Person with medical disabilities (status must be confirmed by a certificate issued by a recognized authority)</i>	0	2
	<i>Person belonging to the socially vulnerable group (dully registered and status allocated by the Social Service Agency of Georgia)</i>	0	2
	<i>Internally displaced person from the occupied territories of Georgia (dully registered and status allocated by The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia)</i>	0	2
	<i>Parent of an under-aged child (status must be confirmed by the minor child's birth certificate)</i>	0	2
	<i>National minority</i>	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			100

**e) Paragraph 28 of Article 4 of the Rule shall be revised as follows:**

"28. According to the objectives outlined in Article 3 of this Rule, each individual student has the right to participate in exchange programs, provided that their total period of mobility in foreign higher education institutions at a single level of study does not exceed 12 calendar months. This period may be distributed over a maximum of 2 semesters for bachelor's and master's level students, and 3 semesters for doctoral level students. If the registration and selection of a student interested in participating in the exchange program would result in exceeding the deadline specified in this paragraph, the student will be restricted from participating in the selection process."

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 on January 1, 2025.

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: 64, Davit Aghmashenebeli Avenue, Tbilisi).

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Rector

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