

American Studies

Name of the Educational Programme:	American Studies
Awarded Qualification:	Bachelor of American Studies / ამერიკისმცოდნეობის ბაკალავრი
Credit Value of the Programme:	240 ECTS
Language of Education:	English
Programme Admission Preconditions:	<p>The entrant is enrolled in the bachelor's educational program in accordance with the rules established by the legislation of Georgia - based on the results of the Unified National Examinations. The entrant must pass only English as foreign languages at the Unified National Examinations and is required to exceed the 50% + 1. It is obligatory to pass at the national exams one out of the following obligatory subjects: Mathematics/History/Literature.</p> <p>A person with a full general education has the right to enroll in a bachelor's degree program. Enrollment in cases provided by law is possible in accordance with the rules established by law, without passing the Unified National Examinations. Conditions for admission to the program for foreign citizens can be found at the link - https://iro.ibsu.edu.ge/admissions/</p> <p>The order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia №10 / N (4.02.2010) on the “Rules for Transfer from the Higher Education Institution to Other Higher Education Institutions and Approval of Fees” students shall be enrolled in accordance with the mobility rules.</p>
Purpose of the Programme:	<p>American Studies Bachelor English program, opened in 2002 as a result of cooperation with the U.S. Embassy first time in Georgia at the International Black Sea University, an only English program in the country, gives chance to Georgian, as well as foreign students to acquire Western type multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary education about the United States envisaging Georgian requirements. The courses of this unique program are delivered by high-qualified Georgian and American professors, Fulbright scholars from the famous American universities, invited specially for the program by the U.S. Embassy in Georgia. The program provides students with opportunities for academic and career promotion in such organizations, as: embassies, Ministry of Foreign</p>

	<p>Affairs, offices of public relations, State Administrative Body, departments of culture, banks, NGO-s, Parliament, museums, Archives, etc. Besides, B.A. Degree Program in American Studies is a solid basis for further scholarly studies on M.A.</p> <p>The aim of the program is:</p> <p>1.to expose students to different aspects of American life from diachronic, as well as synchronic standpoint. With the need of Multidisciplinary, as well as interdisciplinary methodology – the sphere’s unique specificity – and interactive methods, the program will develop analytical skills concerning different conceptual issues, which arouses interest of the whole world, and of course Georgia towards the Super Power.</p> <p>2. to equip Georgian and multicultural students with the skills that will enable them to compare the aspects of the American Culture and their own cultures through the interdisciplinary courses: American Multicultural Studies, American Women’s Studies, American Culture and Society.</p> <p>3. to develop student’s creative skills to think, write, speak effectively and creatively; develop analytical thinking, decision making and communication skills, responsibility, self-education;</p>	
<p>Learning outcome</p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding</p>	<p>1.recognizes and understands the role of the democratic United States of America in the formation of political and cultural values of the country;</p> <p>2.recognizes and understands complex interdisciplinary texts in English; brings out subtexts and authors' ideas from American literary works;</p>
	<p>Skills</p>	<p>3. describes the United States of America - a multicultural society, in a historical and contemporary perspectives, where citizens with opposite views are united by fundamental civic values;</p> <p>4. reviews and describes the most important segments of the United States of America, such as: immigration, religion, urbanization, media, American government, economy, transportation system and environmental issues;</p> <p>5. listens to an American's speech and respond appropriately, regardless of the tempo, intonation or topic of the conversation; responds correctly to the heard impulse and</p>

		<p>perform complex tasks; listens to audio material, both on current topics, as well as on economic, political, social, cultural issues;</p> <p>6. writes an essay orthographically and semantically correctly; can clearly express his/her opinions while writing, compose works/essays with field specific and high literary style vocabulary (synonyms, antonyms, phraseological units);</p> <p>7. prepares research or practical project/papers in accordance with predetermined guidelines on issues of American culture, history, literature, geography, American women in American studies; establishes his/her own attitude, uses the received multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary theoretical knowledge of American studies for analysis;</p> <p>8. draws parallels between native and foreign cultures, finds differences and similarities (administrative structure of the country, way of life, peculiarities of historical era, etc.) and makes relevant conclusions;</p> <p>9. communicates freely with a representative of another culture and shares ideas, problems and solutions; freely uses modern information/communication technologies (ICT) during presentations; plans multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning processes consistently and in a multilateral form;</p>
	<p>Responsibility and autonomy</p>	<p>10. Identifies the needs for further learning, researches materials, adheres to ethical norms while conducting research and achieves a high degree of independence</p>
<p>Evaluation Criteria</p>	<p>The goal of evaluation is to determine student's education results qualitatively in relation to academic program goals and parameters.</p> <p>Student may be assessed orally and/or in a written way. A student's knowledge and skills are assessed through 100 points grading system. It consists of midterm and final evaluations, sum of which makes up 100 points.</p> <p>The grading system allows:</p> <p>five types of positive grades:</p> <p>(A) Excellent – 91-100 points;</p> <p>(B) Very good – 81-90 points;</p> <p>(C) Good - 71-80 points;</p> <p>(D) Satisfactory - 61-70 points;</p>	

	<p>(E) Enough - 51-60 points; two types of negative grades:</p> <p>(FX) Fail – 41-50 points, meaning that a student requires some more work before passing and is given a chance to sit an additional examination after independent work;</p> <p>(F) Fail – 40 points and less, meaning that the work of a student isn't acceptable and he/she has to study the subject anew.</p> <p>For the midterm and final evaluations minimal passing grade is set. The final evaluation minimal passing grade must not exceed 60% of final evaluation grade.</p> <p>Midterm and final evaluation grade distribution, their minimal competence levels and assessment criteria are described in the corresponding syllabus.</p> <p>A credit can be awarded only after the attainment of learning outcomes, envisaged by the course syllabus and following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining minimal competence levels set for midterm and final evaluations; • Obtaining minimum 51 points out of 100 points of final grade. <p>A student is allowed to take an additional (make-up) exam in case he/she scored 41-50 points of final grade or minimum 51 points, but did not obtain minimal competence level set for final evaluation.</p>
<p>Field of Employment:</p>	<p>After completion of the Bachelor program, the graduate can work as an American expert in state organizations: Parliament, committees (International Relations), departments of culture, scientific research institutions, historical museums, Archives, the Institute of Manuscripts; Governmental organizations: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (American Department), Ministry of Defense (NATO Department), American Embassy, American and other foreign organizations, non-governmental organizations.</p>

#	Code	Course / Module / Internship / Research Component	Status	Prerequisite	Distribution of credits per courses and semesters								Distribution of Hours							
					I Year		II Year		III Year		IV Year		Contact Hours					Independent work	Total number of hours	
					I Semester	II Semester	III Semester	IV Semester	V Semester	VI Semester	VII Semester	VIII Semester	Lecture	Seminar / Group Work / Laboratory	Midterm exam(s)	Final exam	Total number of			
I	Compulsory Free Credits				30 ECTS															
1	-	Foreign Language	Elective		20	5	5	5	5					64	104	8	8	188	312	500
2	CS129	Computers Skills	Compulsory	without prerequisites	5	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125
3	AMS108	Academic Writing	Compulsory	without prerequisites	5	5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125
II	Blocks I – Translation; Blocks II - American Pop Culture and Public Relations (PR)		Additional Credits/Free Credits		60		10	10	10	10	10	10	204	312	12	12	540	960	1500	
III	Compulsory Component of the main field				105 ECTS															
	Compulsory Courses of the main field			95	95	25	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	340	209	32	32	583	1496	2250

4	AMS426	English for Academic Purposes	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							29	13	2	2	46	79	125
5	AMS427	American Essay Writing	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
6	AMS423	American Fiction and Non-Fiction	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
7	AMS425	Communication Skills	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							29	13	2	2	46	79	125
8	AMS111	American Landmarks I	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
9	AMS113	Introduction to American Studies	Compulsory	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
10	AMS205	American Geography	Compulsory	Introduction to American Studies									15	13	2	2	32	93	125
11	AMS201	American Multicultural Studies I	Compulsory	without prerequisites									15	13	2	2	32	93	125
12	AMS202	American Multicultural Studies II	Compulsory	American Multicultural Studies I									15	13	2	2	32	93	125
13	AMS409	American Women's History	Compulsory										15	13	2	2	32	93	125
14	AMS204	Introduction to American Literature	Compulsory	without prerequisites									15	13	2	2	32	93	125

15	AMS305	American History I	Compulsory	without prerequisites															5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125		
16	AMS303	Culture and Society of the U.S.	Compulsory	Introduction to American Studies																5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
17	AMS308	Women's Studies in the US	Compulsory	without prerequisites																5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
18	AMS306	American History II	Compulsory	American History I																5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
19	AMS414	American Politics	Compulsory	without prerequisites																	5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
20	AMS411	North-Atlantic Alliance (NATO)*	Compulsory	without prerequisites																	5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
21	AMS406	American Media	Compulsory	without prerequisites																	5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	
22	AMS401	Research and Study Skills	Compulsory	without prerequisites																	5					29	13	2	2	46	79	125	
23	AMS410	Bachelor Thesis ¹	Compulsory	max. four obligatory study courses	10																					10	30	0	0	0	30	220	250

¹ The student must complete all obligatory components of the program during the semester of working on the Bachelor thesis. At the same time, in parallel with the Bachelor thesis, the student has the right to pass max. four obligatory study courses

IV	Elective Courses of the mainc field				40	10	0	0	5	5	10	10	120	104	16	16	256	744	1000
24	AMS429	Advanced English Reading	Elective	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
25	AMS428	Advanced English Grammar	Elective	without prerequisites		5							29	13	2	2	46	79	125
26	AMS433	Advanced Composition	Elective	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
27	AMS110	Advanced English Language Speaking and Listening	Elective	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
28	AMS206	Literary Terms and Currents*	Elective	without prerequisites		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
29	AMS112	American Landmarks II*	Elective	American Landmarks I		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125
30	AMS107	American Short Story*	Elective	without prerequisites					5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125
31	AMS302	Survey of World Literature	Elective	without prerequisites					5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125
32	AMS408	American Institutions*	Elective	without prerequisites						5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125
33	AMS301	American Novel*	Elective	without prerequisites						5			29	13	2	2	46	79	125

34	AMS422	Development of Independent Georgia's Relations with the U.S.*	Elective	without prerequisites						5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125
35	AMS417	Hollywood*	Elective	without prerequisites							5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125
36	AMS407	American Music and Cinema*	Elective	without prerequisites							5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125
37	AMS405	American Business Law*	Elective	without prerequisites							5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125
38	AMS404	American Economics*	Elective	without prerequisites							5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125
39	AMS304	Personality and Psychology	Elective	without prerequisites									5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125
40	AMS416	American Presidents and U.S. Foreign Policy*	Elective	without prerequisites									5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125
41	AMS418	American Art*	Elective	without prerequisites									5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125
42	AMS421	Race and Modern Political Thought*	Elective	without prerequisites									5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125
43	AMS420	US Foreign Policy from 1945 to Present*	Elective	without prerequisites									5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125
V	Free Credits		Additional Credits/Free Credits		5			5	5	5	5			68	104	8	8	188	312	500