

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:	Student of a bachelor program can become anyone with full secondary education, who successfully passes national exams. It is obligatory to pass exam in English language and pass 50%+1 range. It is obligatory to pass at the national exams one out of the following obligatory subjects: Mathematics/History/Literature. Enrollment of the citizens of foreign countries will be accomplished according legislation regulation, without passing national exams. Program admission preconditions for foreign citizens is available on the link: https://iro.ibsu.edu.ge/en/home
Purpose of the Programme:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 aim of the program is to expose students to different aspects of American life from diachronic, as well as synchronic standpoint. 1.1. 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 arises interest of the whole world, and of course Georgia towards the Super Power. The program expects from Georgian and multicultural students 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. The courses of this unique program are delivered by high-qualified Georgian and American professors, Fulbright scholars

	<p>from the famous American universities, invited specially for the program by the U.S. Embassy in Georgia.</p> <p>1.2 The program plans to develop student’s creative skills to think, write, speak effectively and creatively; develop respectful attitude in students towards social, ethical and moral values; develop analytical thinking, decision making and communication skills, responsibility, self-education; provide students with opportunities for academic and carrier promotion in such organizations, as: embassies, Ministry of Foreign 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 at M.A. and Ph.D. programs.</p>
<p>Learning outcome</p>	<p>Upon completion of the bachelor's program in American Studies, graduates will develop the following general (transferable) and sectoral competencies necessary for the specialty, which include knowledge and diversity; specific skills, responsibility and autonomy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The graduate understands the role of the democratic United States of America in the formation of political and cultural values of the country; 2. 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; 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; 4. reads and understands complex interdisciplinary texts in English; brings out subtexts and authors' ideas from American literary works; 5. can listen to an American's speech and respond appropriately, regardless of the tempo, intonation or topic of the conversation; respond correctly to the heard impulse and perform complex tasks; listen to audio material, both on current topics, as well as on economic, political, social, cultural issues; 6. can write 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>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. Shares his/her own opinions and thoughts with a representative of another culture and establishes communication about ideas, problems and solutions.</p> <p>10. freely uses modern information/communication technologies (ICT) during presentations; plans multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning process consistently and in a multilateral form;</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;</p> <p>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>
Field of Employment:	<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>

Course / Module / Internship / Research Component	Status	Credit number	Distribution of credits per courses and semesters								Distribution of hours					Distribution of credits per	
			I s.y.		II s.y.		III s.y.		IV s.y.					Independent Work	Total number of hours		
			I Semester	II Semester	III Semester	IV Semester	V Semester	VI Semester	VII I Semester	VIII Semester	Lecture/Consultation	Seminar / Practical work/ lab work / consultation	Midterm exam(s)				Final Exam

Foreign Language Georgian Language (for foreign students) A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/ Russian Language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/ German language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/, French language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/, Spanish language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/, Turkish language A1.1/A1.2/A2.1/A2.2/	Elective	20	5	5	5	5					64	104	8	8	188	312	500	12
Computers Skills	Compulsory	5		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Academic Writing	Compulsory	5		5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Free Credits	Compulsory	20			5	5	5	5			68	104	8	8	188	312	500	12
Additional Credits/Free Credits	Compulsory	60			1 0	1 0	1 0	10	1 0	1 0	204	312	12	12	540	960	1500	18
Compulsory Specialty Component																		
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English for Academic Purposes	Compulsory		5								29	13	2	2	46	79	125	2
American Essay Writing*	Compulsory		5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Fiction and Non-Fiction*	Compulsory		5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Communication Skills	Compulsory		5								29	13	2	2	46	79	125	3
American Landmarks I*	Compulsory		5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Introduction to American Studies*	Compulsory			5							15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Geography*	Compulsory				5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Multicultural Studies I*	Compulsory				5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Multicultural Studies II*	Compulsory					5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Introduction to American Literature*	Compulsory				5						15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American History I*	Compulsory					5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Culture and Society of the U.S.*	Compulsory					5					15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Women's Studies in the US*	Compulsory						5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2

American History II*	Compulsory								5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Politics*	Compulsory								5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Research and Study Skills	Compulsory								5			29	13	2	2	46	78	125	2
Bachelor Thesis*	Compulsory									1	0	30	0	0	0	30	220	250	2
Elective component		40		1	0	0	5	5	1	1	120	104	16	16	256	744	1000	16	
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Advanced English Reading	Elective			5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Advanced English Grammar	Elective			5								29	13	2	2	46	79	125	3
Advanced Composition	Elective			5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Advanced English Language Speaking and Listening	Elective			5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Literary Terms and Currents	Elective			5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Landmarks II*	Elective			5								15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Short Story*	Elective							5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Survey of World Literature	Elective							5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Institutions*	Elective								5			15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Novel*	Elective								5			29	13	2	2	46	79	125	3

Development of Independent Georgia's Relations with the U.S.*	Elective					5				15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Hollywood*	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Music and Cinema*	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Business Law*	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Economics*	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Women's History*	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
North-Atlantic Alliance (NATO)*	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Media*	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Personality and Psychology	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Presidents and U.S. Foreign Policy*	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
American Art*	Elective								5	15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
Race and Modern Political Thought	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2
US Foreign Policy from 1945 to Present*	Elective							5		15	13	2	2	32	93	125	2

Total		240	3	3	3	3	3	30	3	3	796	833	80	80	1,7	3,824	6000	
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