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Ilia State University ERASMUS + INCOMING STUDENT GUIDE





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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

In a Nutshell

Ilia State University (ISU) is a flagship public research and comprehensive higher education institution in Georgia that was established in 2006 as a merger of six different institutions, each having a long history and a diverse institutional profile.

With the highest competition rate for Ph.D. programs in the nation, approximately 17 000 students including around 800 international students from 61 countries, 988 highly qualified academic staff, and with renovated research infrastructure,

ISU has become one of the most desirable universities to study in the country over the last 10 years. ISU has been ranked by THE, Scimago Institutions Ranking, and others in top positions among regional and local universities.

ISU IN FIGURES



338 Professors &
803 Invited Teachers



113 Degree Programs
17 EMI Programs
9 Double Degree Programs



17 122
Students



239 Researchers
90 Ongoing Research
Projects



47 Research
Centers & Institutes



N1 Research
University in South
Caucasus (Scimago
Institutions Rankings)
1st in Country in the
World University
Rankings (THE) 2024



Over 50 Million
GEL - Income from
International Donors
during 2006-2018

4 FACULTIES:



Faculty of Arts &
Sciences



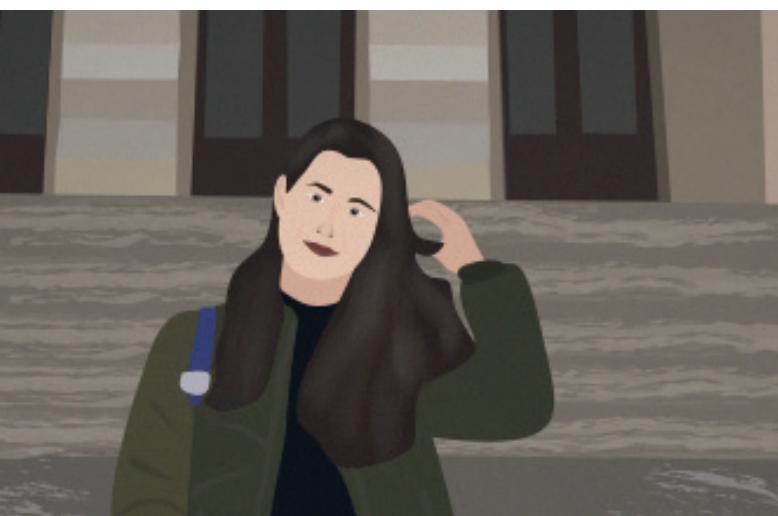
Faculty of Natural
Sciences &
Medicine



Faculty of Business
Technology and
Education



School of Law



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (IRO)

Erasmus+ Contact Information

International Relations Office (IRO) (IRO) is the central administrative unit coordinating Erasmus +exchanges and is the main contact point for incoming students and staff from partner universities.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR & Erasmus+ Deadlines (2025/2026)

Academic Calendar

- **Fall Semester:**
September 23, 2025 – February 22, 2026
- **Spring Semester:**
March 10, 2025 – July 19, 2026



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Academic calendar

Erasmus+ Nomination Deadlines for institutions:

- Fall Semester: May 31, 2025
- Spring Semester: November 30, 2025



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Nomination Form

Erasmus+ Application Deadlines for students:

- Fall Semester: June 15, 2025
- Spring Semester: December 15, 2025



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Application Form



ERASMUS + APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application Requirements:

- Nomination from Partner University
- English language skills min. B2

Required documents:

- Europass CV
- Transcript of records
- Proof of enrollment at Home University
- Language Certificate/reference issued by the home university (language level is B2 at minimum)
- Approved Learning Agreement from both, home and host universities (for the list of courses please see Exchange courses)
- Diploma of previous academic level completed
- Copy of passport

All documents must be issued or translated into English



ACADEMIC MATTER SCOURSES FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Language of Instruction:	English / Georgian
Recommended Language Skills:	English: min. B2 level is recommended
Academic Offer:	<p>Incoming exchange students can take a number of English-taught courses across different faculties</p> <p>All exchange students will have the possibility to learn Georgian language for 6 ECTS. The Practical Course of Georgian Language is available for Bachelor, Master and PhD students</p>
Credits and Grading System:	<p>ECTS credits: one ECTS credit equals 25 hours of work including lectures, seminars, practical work, and self-study.</p> <p>Most of the courses are 6 ECTS. A typical semester includes 30 ECTS credits.</p> <p>Grading system (ECTS): seven-level (A to FX) grading scale from 0 to 100. Transcript of Records will be issued within 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished. It will include information on courses taken, credits earned and final grades.</p>



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Course Catalog



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Argus | Library

ARGUS is an electronic program for selecting the courses and following/managing your ECTS credits at the university. It helps students:

- Enroll for the courses of their choice including mandatory, mandatory-selective, selective, as well as free credit courses.
- This program makes it possible to obtain information on course materials throughout the semester.
- This program makes it possible to see the midterm exam results during the semester and check the final exam grade at the end of the semester.

Every student gets personal university email (namesurname@iliauni.edu.ge) address as well. Through this email you may contact students and academic personnel.

<https://argus.iliauni.edu.ge/en>

Iliauni LIBRARY provides easy-to-use and accessible information resources by offering diverse services to students and staff. Up to 4 million printed items, electronic catalogues and library, and video lectures and a number of academic and scientific databases are at your disposal in all 10 reading halls across the university campus. The library is divided into sections or departments, depending on the subject field.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & PROGRAM MARKETING OFFICE

International Students and Program Marketing Office coordinates to promote the development of English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) programs, recruits both international and domestic students to join the EMI programs, and contributes to the improvement of support services.

The office is a centralized contact point for international students and committed to providing comprehensive support, encompassing a range of services vital to their academic and personal success. This includes assisting international students, including degree-seeking and exchange students, with admissions procedures, facilitating enrollment processes, coordinating visa and immigration arrangements, and offering guidance on various aspects of student life.

The International Students and Program Marketing Office is eager to foster a vibrant and diverse student life experience by providing welcome and orientation sessions, personalized consultations, a wide array of support services, and additional resources tailored to the unique needs of international students.

The office takes pride in welcoming approximately 800 students from over 61 countries.

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QUICK FACTS

About Georgia

Georgia is in Europe, not the United States

- A land of contrasts under the high peaks of the Caucasus, at the crossroads of East and West, and a unique, welcoming country famous worldwide for its hospitality.
- A place where an ancient artistic heritage and unique traditions meet modern lifestyle.
- Cradle of wine, one of the oldest wines producing regions of the world.
- A land full of colors, sights, historic monuments and UNESCO heritage sites.
- Homeland of first Europeans, with a unique alphabet and language, music and dance.

A multiethnic country with the richest history, beautiful monuments of architecture and picturesque nature, located between the ghatas of the Greater and Lesser Caucasus Mountains. There are about 300 mountain, coastal climatic, balneological and mud resorts in Georgia.



ABOUT TBILISI

Tbilisi – the Capital of Georgia

Tbilisi is not only the capital of Georgia, but it has also always been considered as the “great metropolis of the Caucasus.” Founded in the 5th century, Tbilisi is a city of ancient history and a multiethnic, multicultural, and multireligious city because of its fascinating mix of European and Asian cultures. Every corner of this welcoming place is full of stories and adventures. Tbilisi is home to major cultural events held in Georgia, starting from international exhibitions, concerts and festivals, and extending to small-scale, extraordinary cultural celebrations found on tiny stages and squares throughout the city.

For more information, download the “Tbilisi Loves You” app – the most extensive mobile source for the city of Tbilisi - from your AppStore or PlayStore!





VISA INFORMATION & ARRIVAL

Check whether you are required to obtain Visa or Residence permit for studying in Georgia:

- EU citizens/permanent residency holders are free to enter and stay in Georgia for up to 1 year without a visa.
- Some non-EU countries may require a visa. The fastest and easiest way to check whether you need a visa to enter and/or stay in Georgia - <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia>

Flights to Georgia:

Georgia has two main international airports: **Tbilisi International Airport (TBS)**, the largest and busiest, and **Kutaisi International Airport (KUT)**, serving mainly low-cost and regional flights. Both airports connect Georgia with major European and regional cities. (tbilisiairport.ge)



ACCOMMODATION & LIVING

Ilia State University does not have a student dormitory, however, visiting students and staff can receive guidance and support from IRO in finding housing options according to their preferences.

The prices for a furnished studio in a central area range from 400 to 500 EUR, while the prices for a shared apartment in a normal/peripheral area range from 200 to 400 EUR per month, depending on the number of roommates and area. Please be aware that the cost of renting depends on the location.

The local currency in Georgia is Georgian Lari (GEL)

Sources for estimates:

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Tbilisi>

<http://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/tbilisi>

Health Insurance:

While not mandatory for incoming students at Ilia State University, we recommend having health insurance to ensure coverage during your stay in Georgia. If interested, the International Relations Office (IRO) can provide further information and guidance.



TRANSPORTATION & Other Useful Info

Transportation card costs 40 GEL (monthly) and 250 GEL (yearly) and it covers all types of public transportation (Metro, Bus, Minibus and Cable Car.)

- METRO – One of the most popular city transports is Metro, underground transport
- MINIBUS - Also called as “marshutka”
- Buses and minibuses run at fixed times from 7am till 12pm. The public transportation has fixed routes and schedules
- TAXI - Bolt
Using a taxi is the best option for getting around Tbilisi by car. The app “Bolt” is best for taxi services.



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schedule
prices
other information



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transportation schedule,
prices & other information





Useful GEORGIAN PHRASES

Hello გამარჯობა! [gamarjoba!]	Thank you მაღლობა [Madloba]	You are welcome არაფრის [ara'pris]
Yes / No კი / არა [ki / ara]	Excuse me უკაცხავად [ukatsravad]	Sorry მაპატიეთ [map'at'iet]
Please თუ შეიძლება [tu sheidzleba]	I don't understand ვერ გავიგე [ver gavige]	Goodbye ნახვამდის [nakhvamdis]
My name is ... მე მქვია ... [me m'kvia]	How Are You? ხოგორ ბრძანებით? [rogor brdzandebit?]	I'm a student მე ვარ სტუდენტი [me var st'udent'i]
Where do you live? სად ცხოვრობთ? [sad tskhovrobt?]	I'm good, thanks გმაღლობ, კარგად! [gmadlob, k'argad!]	How much is this? რა ღირს? [ra ghirs?]
I live in Georgia ვცხოვობ საქართველოში [vtchkovrob sakartveloshi]	What is your name? რა გევიათ? [ra g'kiyat?]	What is this? რა არის ეს? [ra aris es?]
Can I help you? დახმარება ხომ არ გინდა? [dakhmareba xom ar ginda?]	Can you help me? შეგიძლია დამებარო? [shegidzlia damekhmaro?]	Are you okay? კარგად ხარ? [k'argad khar?]
Where is the airport? სად არის აეროპორტი? [sad aris aerop'ort'i?]	Nice to meet you სასიამოვნოა თქვენი გაცნობა [sasiamovnoa tkveni gatsnoba]	need a doctor ექიმი გჭირდება [ekimi mch'irdeba]
I am sick ცუდად ვახ [tsudad var]	Call the police პოლიცია გამოიძახეთ! [p'olitsia gamoidzakhet!]	Help! დამებარეთ! [damekhmeret!]
I am sick ცუდად ვახ [tsudad var]		Call the ambulance! სასწაფო გამოიძახეთ! [sasts'rapo gamoidzakhet!]



CULTURAL LANDMARKS

The Best Places to Visit in Georgia

- Mtskheta
- Mestia, Ushguli and other villages in Svaneti
- Vardzia
- Batumi
- Kazbegi
- Gudauri
- Sighnaghi, Kakheti Region
- Kutaisi
- Ananuri
- Uplistsikhe Ancient Cave City
- Tusheti
- Rabati Castle



Other resort list can be found here: [Georgian Travel Guide](#).



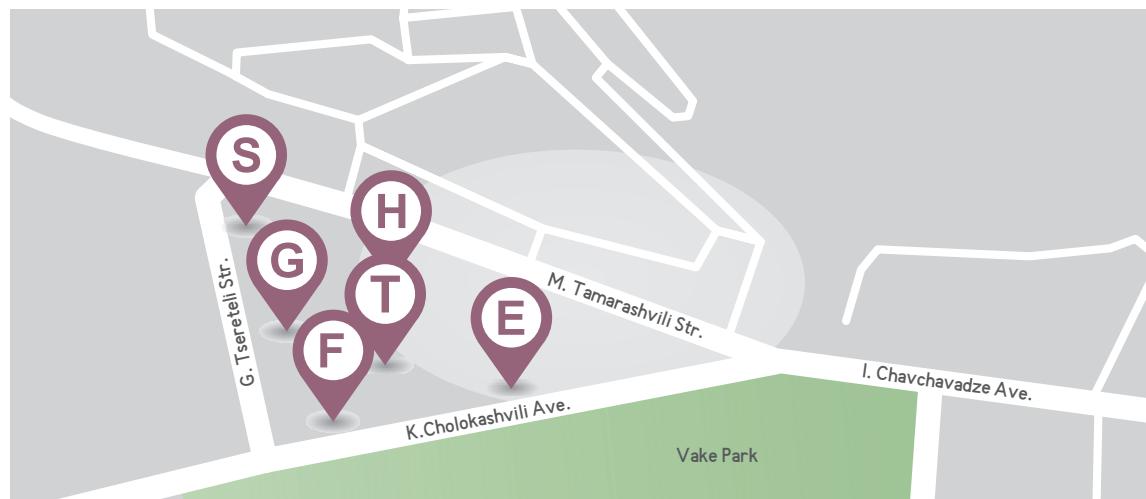
TIPS

you must bare in mind

CHECK OUT 10 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT GEORGIA:

- Georgians do not call their country Georgia, it is called Sakartvelo (საქართველო) in Georgian
- While in the bus, you can enter and leave through any door, not necessarily enter from front or get off from back
- Georgians usually drink a lot, maybe better not to compete
- Georgians drive crazy; keep this in mind for your safety
- While crossing the street, look both of the sides, even though it is green light for pedestrians
- People are very helpful. If you ask for directions to a location to a random person on the street, they may not only tell you where it is but may also directly walk with you to show you
- Most food stores and shopping malls are open until 22:00 every day with no breaks. You may find many 24/7 markets and pharmacies throughout the city
- If you want to call a taxi, it is easiest and cheapest to call a taxi company. You only have to give your location and destination, and the taxi will arrive in a few minutes
- Tipping is usual in Georgia but not obligatory
- Georgia is a “close distance country”. So do not be surprised if after a few meetings someone will give you kiss and hug

The University CAMPUSES



📍 Building A

- Book House "Ligamus" (floors I-II)
- Administration and Information Center of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences (floor IV)
- Administration and Information Center of School of Law (floor II)
- Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani Reading Hall (A 401)
- Library Computer Resource Center (A 208)
- "Unifood" (floor -I)
- Iliauni Theater (courtyard)
- Conference Hall (A 101)

📍 Building B

- Learning space of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences
- Conference Hall (B 201)

📍 Building E

- Chancellery (floor I)
- Development Office (floor I)
- International Relations Office (floor I)
- "Unifood" (floor I)
- Administration and learning space of the Faculty of Business, Technology & Education (floors II, III, IV)
- Reading Hall of Ilia (floor II)
- Library Computer Resource Center (E 307)
- Student space (floor -I)

📍 Building F

- Rectorate (floor II)
- Office of the head of administration (floor II)
- University Administration: Offices and Services
- Department of Student Affairs (F 105)

📍 Building G

- Conference Hall (G 106)
- Learning space of the Faculty of Natural Sciences & Medicine

📍 Building H

- Administration of the Faculty of Natural Sciences & Medicine

📍 Building C

- Learning space of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences
- Learning space of the School of Law (floor IV)
- Learning space of the English Language Center
- Administration of the English Language Center
- Child Development Institute
- Advanced Visualization and Virtual Reality Laboratory (VRLab Iliauni)

📍 Building D

- Fine and Applied Arts Center of Ilia State University (floors V-VI)
- Learning space of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences
- Music Center

📍 Building S

- Industrial Innovation Laboratory of the Future (FABLAB ILIAUNI)
- Austrian Center Hall (S 506)
- Italian Center Hall (S 501)
- Hall of Oriental Studies (floor IV)

📍 Building T

- Resting space (floor I)
- Lecture hall-media center (floor I)
- Geotechnical laboratory (floor I)
- Laboratory of constructions (floor I)
- Electrical and computer engineering student design laboratory (floor II)
- Analogue electronics laboratory (floor II)
- Digital Electronics Laboratory (floor II)
- Hydraulics laboratory (floor II)
- Information technology room (floor III)
- Computer room (floor IV)
- Library (floor IV)
- Technological lab – Unilab (floor IV)
- Classrooms (floors I, II, III, IV)
- Work room (floors II, III, IV)

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