

Ilia State University INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE





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EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN GEORGIA!



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 ghats 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!





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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Useful

GEORGIAN PHRASES

Hello
გამარჯობა!
[gamarjoba!]

Yes / No
კი / არა
[ki / ara]

Please
თუ შეიძლება
[tu sheidzleba]

My name is ...
მე მქვია ...
[me m'kvia]

Where do you live?
სად ცხოვრობთ?
[sad tskhovrobt?]

I live in Georgia
ცხოვრობ საქართველოში
[vtskhovrob sakartveloshi]

Can I help you?
დახმარება ხომ არ გინდა?
[dakhmareba xom ar ginda?]

Where is the airport?
სად არის აეროპორტი? [sad aris
aerop'ort'i?]

I am sick
ცუდად ვარ
[tsudad var]

I am sick
ცუდად ვარ
[tsudad var]

Thank you
მადლობა
[Madloba]

Excuse me
უკაცრავად
[ukatsravad]

I don't understand
ვერ გავიგე
[ver gavige]

How Are You?
როგორ ბრძანდებით?
[rogor brdzandebit?]

I'm good, thanks
გმადლობ, კარგად!
[gmadlob, k'argad!]

What is your name?
რა გქვიათ?
[ra g'kviat?]

Can you help me?
შეგიძლია დამეხმარო? [shegidzlia
damekhmaro?]

Nice to meet you
სასიამოვნოა თქვენი გაცნობა
[sasiamovnoa tkveni gatsnoba]

Call the police
პოლიცია გამოიძახეთ! [p'olitsia
gamoidzakhet!]

You are welcome
არაფრის
[ara'pris]

Sorry
მაპატიეთ
[map'at'iet]

Goodbye
ნახვამდის
[nakhvamdis]

I'm a student
მე ვარ სტუდენტი
[me var st'udent'i]

How much is this?
რა ღირს?
[ra ghirs?]

What is this?
რა არის ეს?
[ra aris es?]

Are you okay?
კარგად ხარ?
[k'argad khar?]

need a doctor
ექიმი გჭირდება
[ekimi mch'irdeba]

Help!
დამეხმარეთ!
[damekhmeret!]

Call the ambulance! სასწრაფო
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
- Signaghi, 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



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



English Taught DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA in Management)
- Bachelor of Computer Engineering
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Bachelor of Computer Science

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Public Health and Health Policy (MPH)
- Master of Applied Genetics (MSC)
- MBA program implemented by FH Burgenland and ISU
- Central and East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (CEERES)
- Master of Atmospheric and Near Space Sciences

ONE CYCLE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- Medical doctor educational program – Medicine (MD)

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Students'

CLUBS AND SPORT

Student Club is the union of students which enables a student to discover himself at the University. At ISU, every student has the opportunity to register their own club based on his/her interest with the support of the Department of Student Affairs or a student can join any of the 25 student clubs.

Sports - The Department of Student Affairs aims to support a healthy lifestyle. To achieve this goal, the department organizes different types of activities, such as: local competition in football, basketball, rugby, volleyball, chess, table tennis, etc.

UNIFOOD

Unifood is a catering facility located on both campuses of Ilia State University. Unifood offers ISU students delicious food from European and Georgian cuisine for a rather moderate price. Here you can enjoy free wifi and hang out with your peers while also grabbing a bite. Unifood cafeterias are located:

- Building A (32, I. Chavchavadze ave)
- Building E (3/5 K.Cholokashvili ave)





INNOVATIONS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Startup Line | FabLab

As the flagship higher education institution in Georgia, ISU is striving towards meeting the challenges of the 21st century and finding its niche as an entrepreneurial and innovative university of the country.

Recently ISU has launched STARTUP LINE, a space that aims to contribute to the popularization of innovations and formation of successful startup companies. STARTUP LINE, one of a kind in the South Caucasus region, strives to become the driving platform of innovation development in Georgia. It integrates the pre-acceleration of startups, training centers, FabLab, Virtualization Lab (VR Lab) and Technology Commercialization Office (TCO).

FabLab is a laboratory equipped with modern digital and computer equipment, latest machines, devices (3D printers, 3D scanners, laser cutters, programmable lathe, etc.) and software.

Fablab will give you the opportunity to create a proto type of your idea/product and work on refining and improving it.

Fablab works in two purposes:

- Promotion of startups;
- Promotion of innovating ideas.



Bookstore LIGAMUS

Ilia State University's book house, Ligamus, offers an extensive selection of books by both Georgian and foreign publishers. At Ligamus, readers of various literary tastes and ages can find a book of their choice. On weekdays, Ligamus hosts open literary events and book presentations.





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>

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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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

K. Cholokashvili Ave. 3/5, Room T106

(995 322) 220009 - 385 (ext.)

international@iliauni.edu.ge



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (IRO)

International Students Department

International Relations Office (IRO) facilitates the positioning and internationalization process of the University by launching cooperation with international institutions, implementing exchange programs, and recruiting international students.

QUICK FACTS:

- More than 500 partners around globe
- 1st Georgian degree awarding institution within the EMJMD program CEERES
- More than 110 partners within Erasmus +
- Over 250 student & staff exchanges every year

CONTACT INFORMATION:

IRO: Cholokashvili St. 3/5, Room E120 (995 322) 220009 - 367(ext)

For Exchange Program enquiries:

erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge / foreign-relations@iliauni.edu.ge



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Department of STUDENTS AFFAIRS

Department of Student Affairs is committed to create and maintain a student-centered environment. The department has been active at ISU since 2010. The goal of the department is to deepen the relationship between students, instructors, administrative and academic staff.

The staff of the department helps students to acquire information about job openings, internships, local and foreign grants and scholarships, based on their interests and specialization.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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K. Cholokashvili Ave. 3/5, Room F106
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student.affairs@iliauni.edu.ge



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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