



The National Legal Framework in Georgia

Legislation changes



2004 – New Law on Higher Education of Georgia according to Bologna Process Requirements, but still there were some gaps

2015 – Changes in the Law on Higher Education of Georgia aiming at:

Integration of teaching and research



Improvement of teacher education system

Harmonization with European Higher Education Area

Concept of Joint and Double (Multiple) degrees introduced

Changes in External Quality Assurance – recognition of Accreditation awarded by recognized foreign Accreditation Agencies

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I Step

- Initiative by the MES of Georgia, December 2014

II Step

- Discussions and consultations with stakeholders: HEIs, Research Institutes, spring 2015

III Step

- Approval by the Research and Innovations' Council of Georgia, July 2015

IV Step

- Approval by the Government of Georgia, September 2015

V Step

- Approval by the Parliament at Autumn Session, 2015

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Joint academic degree – as a result of the implementation of joint program by HEIs recognized by Georgian or/and foreign legal system, jointly awarded qualification, which is granted upon completion of appropriate level of higher education;

Double (multiple) degree – as a result of the implementation of joint program by HEIs recognized by Georgian or/and foreign legal system, jointly awarded qualification, which is granted upon completion appropriate level of higher education. The implementer of the joint program according to the Georgian or/and foreign legislation shall be HEI that awards qualification and issues the documentation certifying the acquisition of appropriate qualification

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The joint degree awarding program which is implemented in cooperation with Higher Education Institution recognized by foreign legislation maybe accredited by foreign organization which is recognized by the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement

The accreditation of joint degree awarding program which is implemented in cooperation with Higher Education Institution recognized by foreign legislation is recognized according regulations of HEI program accreditation



Bringing the concept of joint/double (multiple) degree into the legislative level is also preferable for the following factors:

Joint programs are one of the priorities of EHEA, Georgia is part of this area since 2010

Additional source of funds provided for Georgia in higher education

Broadened opportunities for students and academic staff for mobility

Increased awareness and confidence of Georgian higher education system

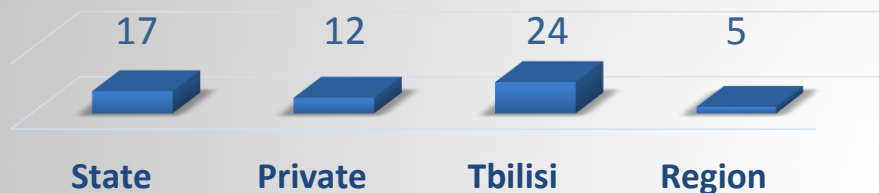
Internationalization, quality development

Opportunity of sharing knowledge and experience, mechanism of increasing confidence, prestige and competitiveness



The request about the programs awarding joint/double degrees was sent to 74 authorized HEI's, including:

29 University



31 Teaching University



14 Colleges





In cooperation with foreign leading HEIs, double degree awarding educational programs are carried out by the following educational institutions:

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (5 programs);

Tbilisi State Medical University (3 programs);

Georgian Technical University (2 programs);

Ilia State University (1 program);

Grigol Robakidze University (3 programs);

Caucasus University (2 programs);

Higher Education Institution "Education Academy" (1 program)



Universities administer double degree awarding programs in cooperation with the following foreign HEIs:

Friedrich Schiller University, Jena (Germany)

San Diego State University (USA)

The University of Paris VIII (France)

University of Bologna (Italy)

Emory University (USA)

French Academy of Management and Performance (France)

International Business School, Budapest (Hungary)

French National School of Administration (France)

Potsdam Center for Policy and Management (Germany)

Grenoble business school (France)

Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia)

Saarland University (Germany)

Czestochowa European Standards Highest Linguistic School (Poland)

European University of Kiev (Ukraine)

Julich Research Center (Germany)



Programs include all three levels of education and the following fields:

Economics

Business

Health

Humanities

Social Sciences

Political Sciences

Natural Sciences



Double degree educational programs are planned to be implemented in the following Universities:

Akaki Tsereteli State University;

Georgian-American University;

East European University;

Interbusiness academy



San Diego State University engineering school

30 million US dollars investment

Bachelor's degree programs in electrical engineering, computer science, chemistry (biochemistry studies) and Computer Engineering

Graduates will receive San Diego State University and Georgia State University Diplomas

Cooperation with Julich Research Center

Co-supervising of PhD candidates by German and Georgian professors and scientists

Research done both German and Georgian facilities

Signed Co-tutelle agreements

Double Degree of TSU and Koln University already issued



Thank you