



NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Internationalization Policy



Preamble

The internationalization policy of the “NEU- National Educational University” has been developed in accordance with the mission, vision and values of the university and includes the goals of planning joint studies and research, foreign language educational programs, international exchange of students and staff, creation and implementation of joint programs, holding conferences and various cultural, sports, educational activities.

The stated priority of the “NEU- National Educational University” is the implementation of internationalization processes to prepare generations with multicultural and democratic values and for its continuous progress in the global world. The contribution of the university community to internationalization in the global arena is a key actor in the ever-changing digital era.

The internationalization of the education system implies the organization and management of educational institutions in such a way that high-level international relations can be established.

The university strives to develop the quality of education in order to offer the best opportunities to both local and international students. The university aims to enable students and graduates to study and work in a globalized world.

Coordinated Internationalization Policy

Georgia, as part of the Single European Educational Space (a signatory to the Bologna Declaration), strives for close cooperation with European universities, therefore, NEU is committed to constantly deepening cooperation with European universities and also entering the international arena.

An important role in the implementation of university internationalization is played by the management, coordinated conduct and resolution of issues aimed at institutionalizing internationalization and implying the establishment of systems and processes that promote and develop international cooperation, exchange and double degree programs, attraction of foreign students, joint scientific and research activities, etc. The Single European Higher Education Space is a powerful positive external influence factor for the internationalization of higher education institutions. The aim of this process is to preserve the diversity of national systems, while ensuring their compatibility in the sense of enabling mobility and exchanges between higher education institutions of the countries participating in the Bologna Process, which is achieved through the European Credit Transfer and

Accumulation System - ECTS. The process allows and simplifies the task of universities to send their own and attract students for exchange programs with the recognition of relevant credits.

Main priorities of internationalization

For students - development of exchange programs, development of joint programs, development of English - language programs for the purpose of receiving foreign students, sending Georgian students to study abroad. The English language component in the educational program is focused on the use of English-language sources in the learning and teaching process and on strengthening the element of internationalization, in particular, it ensures the mastery of skills corresponding to the B2 level of the English language defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, knowledge and updating of language aspects, and the development of communication skills.

For academic staff - development of exchange programs, development of joint programs, involvement of foreign professors in the program, joint research work and participation in international scientific conferences.

For the management of the educational process - planning of the students' educational process, recognition of acquired knowledge, international recognition of educational documents, issues of assessing the quality of education. Taking into account international standards and recommendations of foreign experts when developing educational programs. Management of the educational process taking into account the European model: European Credit System (ECTS), percentage distribution model of assessment.

International cooperation and internationalization – the university cooperates with various foreign higher educational institutions in order to develop internationalization.

The memorandums include:

- Promoting international mobility of students;
- Exchange of academic staff for the purpose of gaining experience and improving qualifications;
- Organization of trainings;
- Organization of international conferences, seminars, webinars and symposiums;
- Exchange of information, educational materials and publications;
- Support for students in implementing exchange and/or joint programs.

Mechanisms of international cooperation and internationalization and assessment of their effectiveness

The internationalization policy includes mobility of students and academic staff, joint educational programs, international cooperation within the framework of research projects, academic aspects.

Results of internationalization policy:

- Improvement of the quality of learning/teaching and science and expansion of academic horizons;
- Institutional growth and development, improvement of institutional profile and status;
- Ability to orientate towards international academic standards in teaching and research.

Indicators for assessing the effectiveness of international cooperation and internationalization mechanisms:

- Foreign language educational programs;
- Joint educational programs;
- Intensity and quality of growth in the number of international partners;
- Number of students involved in exchange programs;
- Indicator of international mobility of university academic staff;
- Number of joint international research and academic staff and students involved in it
- Number of international scientific conferences.

The activities to be implemented by the university to strengthen internationalization are:

- A. Attracting foreign personnel for the purpose of developing institutional internationalization;
- B. Attracting foreign students for the purpose of developing institutional internationalization.

One of the goals of institutional internationalization is to attract foreign personnel for the purpose of internationalizing learning and teaching, for which:

- The university actively cooperates with various partner international universities;
- The university actively cooperates with economic agents;
- The university's International Relations Service is actively involved in the systematization of this process;
- The university supports the resolution of technical issues for attracting foreign personnel. In particular, visa procedures, finding housing, planning social activities and other issues.

One of the goals of institutional internationalization is to increase the number of foreign students. To achieve this goal, the university has developed mechanisms for attracting foreign students, which are facilitated by the following circumstances:

- English - speaking human resources and educational programs of the university;
- Student support services (assistance in admission procedures, translation and recognition of documents, assistance in submitting documents required for visa application);
- Meetings with foreign students to understand their needs and views;
- After the creation of foreign language courses, modules, and programs, involving students in them and creating additional opportunities for them;
- A flexible payment system.

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the internationalization policy

The internationalization policy is implemented by the International Relations Service once a year and reports to the rector. The internationalization policy is fully consistent with the university's strategic and action plan.