

GAU AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION



GAU has been repeatedly recognized for its academic achievements and public activities. The University co-sponsored an international conference "The Role of Young Economists of Eastern and Central Europe in Economic Development". GAU also cosponsored an international seminar, "Millennium Challenge Initiatives of Young Leaders"; organized an international forum for youth (AIESEC), supported ELSA and conducted many other activities - thus receiving certificates of appreciation from each event.

These 11 years brought various Honorary Awards for GAU, including:

- Golden Brand 2008, organized by newspaper Financial and company Global Idea – Chosen Brand.
- Education Exhibition 2013 – Certificate for the Most Effective Communication with the visitors of the Exhibition.
- Education Exhibition 2014 – Certificate for the Most Interactive Stand.
- National Business Award 2014 – For Developing the Future Workforce and as a Symbol of Quality Education.
- Education Exhibition 2015 – Certificate for the Most Effective Communication with the Visitors of the Exhibition.
- NGO "Victory Partnership Alliance" Certificate of Appreciation for the Support of Injured Heroes.



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HIGHEST STANDARDS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- We are GAU! The University which - since its beginning in 2005 - has established international standards of education for developing competitive professionals and successful individuals.
- GAU's team is made of highly qualified Georgian and foreign specialists. Experienced lecturers create a friendly yet challenging atmosphere for students. Professors of GAU belong to the small number of Georgian scientists whose scientific articles are published by international peer-reviewed impact factor journals. Among GAU's foreign professors are scientists of the leading universities participating in the online learning process. In GAU's research centers, both students and lecturers are producing research.
- GAU provides active knowledge of professional English and is distinguished by innovative programs such as: QUANTS (Quantitative Finance); GeoLab (the ultra-modern IT laboratory); and the first legal clinic in Georgia.
- GAU provides an opportunity for students to attend free Master's and PhD programs in leading universities in the US and offers access to exclusive exchange programs in various international universities.
- GAU students plan and implement educational, sports, entertainment and charitable projects which are supported by the university administration. Speakers for public lectures are chosen by the students from the best experts and leaders who have interesting and varying topics and views.
- GAU, in the area of social responsibility, cares for vulnerable groups by providing them with both legal and logistical support and involves the students with opportunities to volunteer.
- GAU's location, modern infrastructure, green park and large parking areas make a comfortable environment for university life. GAU continuously improves and modernizes its facilities and equipment.
- The employment rate of GAU students and graduates increases annually. Lecture schedules at GAU are customized to allow students to work and continue their studies. Career Days are held, in which over a hundred organizations have participated - resulting in opportunities for internships and employment for GAU students and graduates.
- GAU's current and future students are encouraged to constantly improve themselves and take advantage of the University's new system of internal grants and scholarships which provides free or other tuition discounts for students that qualify.

SUCCESS WITH GAU



Throughout our history, GAU's primary goal has not changed.

If you want the best chance of getting a job, come to GAU!

We understand the requirements of the organizations that hire our students and graduates. We then provide the type of education that fully prepares each and every student for the Georgian and International job markets. Finally, we do our best to bring together students/graduates and those hiring organizations so that everyone has the opportunity to get a job. This is GAU's commitment to you!

Congratulations to all of you associated with the success of GAU. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to developing new and rewarding relationships.

R. MICHAEL COWGILL

President

First Vice-President AmCham Georgia

Executive Board Member, Georgian National Academy of Sciences



GAU's success is defined by quality education and innovative programs, the team of professionals and highly qualified lecturers, motivated students and successful graduates.

NINO TORONJADZE

Senior Vice-President and Managing Director

Doctor of Mathematics

Professor



TEIMURAZ TORONJADZE
Dean of Business School,
Doctor of Physics and Mathematics,
Professor



ZAZA RUKHADZE
Vice-President of Quality Management,
Dean of Law, Social Sciences and Diplomacy
School, Doctor of Law
Professor



MIKHEIL CHKHENKELI
Vice-President of International
Affairs, Dean of Informatics and
Engineering School,
Doctor of Mathematics,
Professor



RUSUDAN TSITSISHVILI
Dean of School of Humanitarian Sciences
and Liberal Arts,
Head of Department of Languages,
Doctor of Linguistics,
Professor

ROAD TO GAU - M. ALEKSIDZE ST. №10, TBILISI



GAU was founded 11 years ago at Metekhi Street № 22 with 292 students in 2 faculties: Schools of Business and Law.

In 2007, GAU expanded and moved to Chavchavadze Avenue (Alleyway II, №5).

In 2011 – 2013, new faculties were added: Schools of Informatics & Engineering and Humanitarian Sciences & Liberal Arts.

In 2013, OPIC, a U.S. Government developmental organization, provided a loan of US\$3,500,000 to GAU for the purchase and renovation of a building at Merab Aleksidze Street № 10. The building was renovated in accordance with the most stringent OPIC and international standards. New equipment was added and new programs were opened. The OPIC loan continues until 2023.



STUDIES ABROAD - EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT GAU



Many GAU students use the exchange programs with international universities in countries which now or in the near future will have commercial, legal and diplomatic relations with Georgia.

Our partner universities include:

- The American University, Washington D.C.
- Fordham University, New York
- The U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
- University of Denver, Colorado
- Park University, Missouri
- Clayton State University, Georgia
- College of the Ozarks, Missouri
- Al-Zaytoonah University, Jordan



GAU COOPERATES WITH AMERICA'S LEADING UNIVERSITIES IN THEIR POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.

Successful GAU graduates of the Schools of Business and Informatics & Engineering will be recommended to further their studies free of charge in Master's and PhD programs at leading universities in the U.S., including:

- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University
- Columbia University
- Brown University
- Cornell University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University

The advantage for GAU students is that GAU's teaching programs are consistent with the programs, credits and requirements of the Universities listed above.

Further, GAU's recommendations for individual students to be accepted into these post-graduate study programs are recognized and acknowledged by these U.S. Universities.

GAU's internal program also provides GAU students with the preparatory training to successfully pass the required GRE and TOEFL exams. The number of students eligible to participate is unlimited.

GAU IS THE FOUNDER OF THE QUANT PROFESSION IN GEORGIA

Since 2006, there has been a QUANT program at GAU for students with a particular interest in studying Quantitative Finance. These specialists are in great demand and as a rule take prestigious and highly paid positions in leading financial institutions, both here in Georgia and abroad.

GAU RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND SCIENTIFIC WORK

GAU prides itself on its centers of research where professors and students conduct scientific exploration. GAU professors apply for and are awarded various grants for scientific research with foreign universities. GAU professors belong to a small and elite group of scientists whose articles are peer reviewed and published in international impact-factor journals.



TEMPUS - GAU COORDINATES JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAM BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES

The Master's program, "European Integration and Employment Relations EIGER" is executed by two Universities in Georgia and financed by the European Union (ECEA-TEMPUS). The Master's Program is an interdisciplinary Master's Program which is coordinated by GAU. Graduate students are able to attend this program in three Georgian Universities simultaneously and then prepare a master's thesis in any of the foreign partner universities:

- Free University of Brussels (Belgium)
- European College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv (Bulgaria)
- University of Magdeburg (Germany)
- University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

The annual tuition fee of the Master's Program is 2,250 GEL.

Classes are taught in Georgian. Further, the program is equipped with a modern Georgian and English library located at GAU.

Due to GAU's leadership and the successful implementation of the Eiger Project, a new international project Erasmus + Establishing Labor Observatories in Georgia and Moldova (OBSERVE) is being developed. GAU continues to be the project lead university.

GAU IS THE FIRST FOUNDER OF A LEGAL CLINIC IN GEORGIA



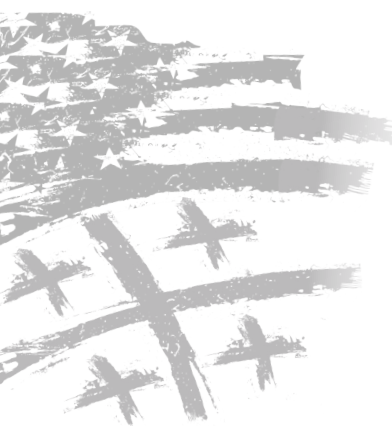
GAU Legal Clinic in the Law, Social Sciences & Diplomacy School was established in 2008. GAU is the leader who introduced this practical and effective method of legal clinic studies in Georgia. The Legal Clinic develops legal thinking and practical skills of advocacy in students by granting free legal help to vulnerable groups.

Bachelor students in their final year and LLM (Master's) students team up with mentoring university lecturers and lawyers. Together they provide free legal consultations, and represent civil cases in Court. The students are further educated in areas of human rights and they learn how to use legal disciplines in practice. This process vastly increases their competitiveness and employment opportunities and also helps to develop a sense of social responsibility.



GAU has agreements with:

- The Public Defender's Office
- Association of Lawyers
- Association of Law Firms
- High School of Justice (for training of Judges)
- Non-governmental, professional and other potential employer organizations
- Ministry of Defense

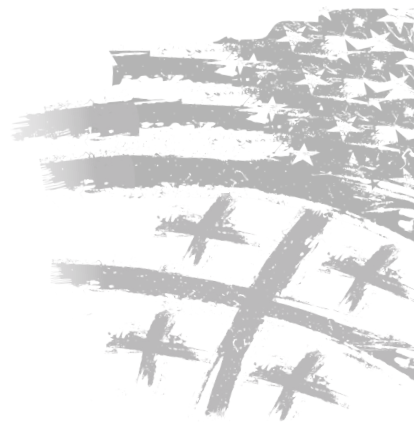


GAU PROVIDES STUDIES OF PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH



Teaching of professional English has been the top priority since the very first day of GAU.

- When students enter GAU, the level of their knowledge in English language can be at the minimum level required for passing the national unified exam. While mastering the subjects of their profession, GAU students also learn professional English, specific vocabulary, phraseology, and idiomatic and specialized language communication skills.
- GAU has English-speaking professors who have vast experience working with foreign partners and colleagues.
- One of the main priorities at GAU is providing modern English textbooks. GAU annually acquires textbooks that are also used in leading Universities in the United States and Europe.



GAU DEVELOPS A PROFESSION OF THE FUTURE



As a winner of the competition held by the Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA), in 2015 GAU founded GeoLab, an institute and research laboratory with ultramodern IT equipment. GAU has two partners for this project: Leavingstone and Geocell. The IT institute conducts research and teaches the following subjects:

- 3D Design - Animation
- Modeling
- Graphic Design - Interface Design
- Illustration
- Coding - Mobile and Web Applications Languages
- Electronic Platforms
- IT Project Management



Georgia has a huge potential in the field of mobile applications but lacks qualified personnel. The main goal of GAU and its partners for GeoLab is the development of this profession for young generations and further support of student employment.

GAU and GeoLab joint enrollment program has had many successful alumni. In the frames of Hackathon and other international competitions - many innovative and usable software and mobile applications were created by students of GAU's Informatics & Engineering School. GeoLab regularly holds open public lectures, training sessions and master classes with international experts.

GeoLab is the only Information Technology Laboratory in South Caucasus, works 24/7 - and is always ready to develop interesting and useful ideas.

FIND YOUR PROFESSION AT GAU

We are proud of our graduates!



GEORGE GOGSHELIDZE

TBC Bank, Lawyer

“GAU stood by my side during every career decision I made. They are my friends today. My lecturers’ contribution is priceless. For me, GAU is associated with the best years, friends and success.”



ANNA KEKELIDZE

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Head of the Analytical Department in “112”

“GAU is a place where each student has the maximum support in their professional progress and success. The organized management and the opportunity for obtaining an education based on international standards gives to each person a successful start for a bright future. In the second year I started to use theoretical knowledge in practice. I actively participated in the projects of the Legal Clinic. The first steps in my professional career were made with GAU’s support.”



SHALVA BUKIA

TBC Bank, Business Loans Expert

"I had the honor of taking part in the exchange program in the U.S. I also had an opportunity to work in America while studying. All of this gave me a great professional and life experience."



NINO SHONIA

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chief Specialist

"I am happy that my choice turned out correct. I entered the University which met all my expectations. Years spent in GAU are pleasant and unforgettable. This is the University where I am always glad to come. Each person working in GAU takes a special place in my life."



SOPHIE ASATIANI

EU Project, "Support to the Public Defender ", Legal Expert

"GAU's main advantage is that the courses are based on American standards and style, which is composed according to the students' priorities. The knowledge of Georgian and international law which I gained in the Law School helped me to continue my studies at the Central European University. At the same time, GAU allowed me to participate in processes which gave me experiences and skills necessary for a lawyer. "



GEORGE VADACHKORIA

The Danish Refugee Council, Financial Officer

“Georgian American University gave me the opportunity to obtain an education based on American standards. It helped me to be competitive and accomplished within the range of my interests. GAU gives young people an opportunity to obtain the best education and also continue studies in the U.S. Universities.”



ANNA ALEXANDRIA

TBC Bank, Money Markets Dealer

“I obtained a higher education for free at GAU. Throughout the whole period of study, I was the recipient of a 100% grant. The knowledge acquired at GAU and the ability to develop myself helped me to succeed in my goals. Make the most of learning at GAU. Believe me, you will become a liberally minded, promising person with healthy ambitions”



TSOTNE KUTALIA

aMind Solutions - Senior Developer

“For me GAU’s benefit is its QUANT Program which very well responds to modern requirements and increases the possibility of using theory in practice. There is complete academic freedom in GAU. On the first step of higher education it is important to discover yourself. In the future I know exactly where to go and what to do! ”



ANNA CHKHEIDZE
TBSC Consulting, Analyst

“4 years spent at GAU was a turning point for me. I gained an education and personal characteristics needed for career growth. From personal experience, I can say that the student's work and the motivation here are really appreciated. GAU has exceeded my expectations. I am grateful for each day spent there.”



IRAKLI ALKHANAIDZE
Mind Technologies, Founder and Executive Director

“I am proud of obtaining a higher education in the number one business faculty in Georgia. I was able to deepen my knowledge with an exchange program in the United States. It turned out to be crucial for my professional growth. I think that GAU's uniqueness is not only in the perfect learning atmosphere and the highest educational standards - but also in the individual approach to the students. GAU gives students the opportunity to use the knowledge they have learned.”



GAU HAS A GROWING NUMBER OF EMPLOYED STUDENTS AND GRADUATES



GAU is the leader in Georgia with the hiring rate of its very competitive students and graduates. GAU graduates and students are employed by State and private entities and leading international organizations. They include the National Bank, TBC Bank, TBC Leasing, Bank of Georgia, Bank Republic, Aldagi BCI, GPI Holding, Cartu Group, Cartu Bank, Procredit Bank, PwC, Saunders Group, Zviad Kordzadze Law Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Finance, Tbilisi City Court, Notary Chamber of Georgia, Tbilisi City Council, International Human Rights Institute and many many others.

According to statistics, almost 100% of all GAU graduates and 60% of students still studying at GAU (undergraduates) are employed.

GAU supports the planning of a student's career utilizing various projects. As a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia (AmCham), through the AmCham Youth Leadership program, GAU is able to provide select students with practical trainings and mentoring led by private sector leaders and experts in the following directions: time management, presentation and leadership skills, conflict resolution, IPR, business communications and others. The mentoring is then followed by opportunities for internships in AmCham companies.

NUMBER OF FOREIGN STUDENTS GROW EACH YEAR AT GAU



U.S. Air Force Academy cadets started studying at GAU in September 2014 as part of their semester abroad program and continues annually. In addition to GAU lecturers, Georgian Military Officers also provide lectures in Military History. The program is annually executed based on a memorandum signed between GAU and the US Air Force.

Foreign students in GAU obtain a higher education with courses in: Political Science, Post-Soviet Foreign and Domestic Policy Fields, World History, Russian Language, Business and Finance Management.



Dozens of foreign students have graduated from GAU since 2005. They arrived in Georgia from various countries, including the U.S. , Colombia, Israel, Russia, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Syria and others.



GAU INITIATED COLLABORATION WITH HIGHER AND SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS



In 2015, at the initiation of Georgian American University, public discussions on the modern challenges of education, teaching methods and new approaches to public discussions were held with higher and secondary education institutions. The project is supported by the Ministry of Education, National Center for Teacher Professional Development and Accreditation Center.

Regular meetings and discussions are held with teachers and administrators to identify ways to solve current and expected problems. GAU created a space and format for discussion where university professors, guest speakers, and representatives of the permanent schools are brought together. The ultimate goal of the project is to improve the country's young generation and create approaches for developing highly qualified personnel.



GAU CARES FOR YOUTH EDUCATION FROM SCHOOL AGE



GAU is involved in the educational process and productively collaborates with Georgia's public and private schools. GAU has established a "GAU Ambassadors Group" of students. On a monthly basis, the selected students visit Tbilisi and regional schools and share their experience with pupils. GAU Ambassadors will also assist the future students in choosing the correct educational/professional career path.



GAU's involvement in the educational processes is diverse. It works together with private and public schools in Georgia. GAU encourages successful students and helps them determine the correct course of their future. According to memoranda signed with schools, GAU allows high performing students to participate in university subjects and academic programs. For teachers, GAU has a number of seminars and trainings which serve one purpose – working together to raise the quality of education.

BMB (Building and Managing a Business) Certificate Course students and lecturers held meetings in Georgia's different regions with open classes for the 11th and 12th grade high school students on the subjects of professional orientation and career planning.

Project "GAU Challenge " (created within the collaboration between GAU and" Mind Technology ") provides training, including innovative teaching methods free of charge for English teachers in over 200 schools, School English language Olympiads are held regularly, including presentations, competitions, training sessions and tours of the area. GAU Summer School operates with an educational program consisting of intellectual, sports and recreational activities.

During the school year, interested school students can take part in an English language presentation competition on various topics and an essay contest (in the area of Law and International Relations). GAU professors, students and high school students participate in mock trials and other types of real-life simulations.

GAU HAS A WIDE RANGE OF CERTIFICATE COURSES



GAU certificate courses offer the ability to master professional basics and skills and to increase one's qualifications within 2-3 months. Courses are conducted by leading specialists and experts in a wide range of fields, including:

- GAU Tbilisi PR School – Various Certificate courses
- Human Resource Management Certificate Course
- BMB – Building and Managing a Business
- Certificate Course in TV Journalism
- Project Management Certificate course
- Accounting and Business Legislation
- Excel Advanced Course
- Financial Management and Analytic Reporting
- Fashion Management
- GeoLab - GAU, Leavingstone and Geocell - Joint Laboratory Program in Informative Technologies (IT)
- MPM – Manufacturing Process Management
- Creative Marketing



PUBLIC LECTURES AT GAU

GAU has a cycle of public lectures titled “open door challenges” where topic leaders and various experts respond to current international events and issues twice a month. Speakers address students and guests with specially prepared lectures followed by Q&A's. Speakers are chosen by the students. The range of discussed topics is unlimited.

GAU's public lectures are open to everyone.



STUDENT LIFE - GAU IS FUN!!!



Together with professional development, GAU students have the opportunity to develop creative and sports skills and are able to take part in the cultural life of the University by developing and participating in a variety of social projects.

Students are actively involved in organizing and participating in various international, local and university events and activities. They have repeatedly gained victories in sports disciplines such as motor rally, water polo, wrestling, street basketball, football and more. GAU students traditionally organize and play the intellectual game "What? Where? When? ".

Georgian American University has an organizing group for social responsibility projects, which involves the students in community volunteer activities and initiatives.

"GAU Band" is one of the most active and fun parts of student life at GAU.



GAU TAKES SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY



GAU constantly responds to the challenges in the society. By holding discussions on current issues, GAU actively engages in the process of solving problems in society by using legal and logistical methods and student volunteers.



- GAU annually encourages student participation in different charity events, including "Tbilisi Marathon" and world run "Wings for Life".
- GAU's Legal Clinic responded to the aggravated problem of violence against women by providing Pro Bono services to protect the rights of victims. Since 2015, an agreement was signed with the Ministry of Defense to provide free legal services for returning Georgian military personnel with specific challenges and disabilities.
- GAU hosts trainings and meetings concerning issues for people with disabilities.
- GAU visits the elderly home "Catharsis" twice a year where GAU volunteer students become involved in the work of the center.
- GAU is the member of the American Chamber of Commerce and actively participates in all activities of this organization.
- GAU students held a campaign "Happy New Year for Everyone" where they constructed a Christmas tree with Braille tags for blind and partially blind children from school № 202.
- GAU certificate courses for socially vulnerable young people from all over the country give them an opportunity to meet GAU graduates and experts and obtain an education for free.
- GAU student Ketevan Gogilashvili started a project "Hands for Refugees" to help teenage refugees from Abkhazia to rehabilitate from psycho-social trauma.
- GAU Law School Graduates donated money to Tbilisi June 2015 flood victims in lieu of having their Graduation Party.