



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Erasmus+ Fact Sheet



European University is a fast-growing Georgian higher education institution that is well-integrated into the European education space and closely cooperates with the education systems of other regions of the world as well. European University owns 3 well-equipped main buildings and 1 well-furnished dormitory, fully compliant with European standards. Though relatively new to the Georgian higher education sector, European University already prides itself on having an intercultural learning environment with around 3000 international students enrolled in English-taught programs, fostering openness and sympathetic awareness of different cultural perspectives.

A supportive environment for students with disabilities is ensured at European University. This is evidenced by the extensive adaptations implemented by the University, such as wheelchair ramps, handrails on stairs, accessible toilets, wide doors, anti-slip strips, specialized elevators with braille language signs, and a designated parking area for disabled individuals. These measures exemplify European University's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring an accommodating space for all students.

As a multi-profile institution, European University offers educational programs at both Bachelor's and Master's levels, two of which are fully in English while others include a substantial English-taught component.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	Faculty of Medicine	Faculty of Law, Education, Business and Technology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrated Master's Educational Program in Veterinary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical Doctor Program (MD) (language of instruction: Georgian) - Medical Doctor Program (MD) (language of instruction: English) - Dental Medicine Program (language of instruction: Georgian) - Dental Medicine Program (language of instruction: English) - BA in Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BA in Law - BA in International Relations - BA in Business Administration - BA in Informatics - BA in Tourism - BA in Archeology - MA in Management - MA in Education Administration - Teacher Training Program - Integrated (Bachelor-Master) Educational Program of Secondary Education Teachers of Mathematics - Integrated (Bachelor-Master) Educational Program for Elementary/Secondary Level Physics, Chemistry and Biology Teacher Training

University facilities

A wide array of teaching facilities is on offer at European University. Students have access to well-equipped lecture and computer rooms, labs, libraries. In addition to this, the University has spaces that are suitable for particular modes of teaching and learning. These include:

- Mock Trial Courtroom where Law students have the opportunity to partake in mock trials and/or hearings;
- Hall named after the former Prime Minister of Georgia, Zurab Zhvania, which is a grand room set up in analogy to the Georgian former Parliament Building in Kutaisi;
- Historical-Archaeological Museum carries out cultural, scientific, research, and other types of activities permitted by acting legislation;
- Jo Ann University Hospital, a leading Georgian medical establishment with a particular focus on cardiac diseases;
- Dental Clinic – EU Dent intended for the clinical practice of students of the dentistry program;
- EU-Lab, equipped with modern digital technologies permitting students to work on their group or individual projects;
- University-based TOEFL iBT® test center (ID – STN20389A) authorized by the Educational Testing Service (ETS);
- Three libraries offering spaces for group work, comfortable reading, quiet study, meeting areas, and access to networked PCs.



Accommodation

European University offers accommodation to its students in a student residence hall located in a safe and ecologically friendly area near the Embassy of the USA to Georgia, at Irina Enukidze str. 5. The dormitory includes 4700 square meters of space with a housing capacity of 250 students. Each room is furnished and well-equipped, has free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, central heating, and a private bathroom. Some common areas include a cafeteria and gym on the ground floor. Professional housing staff ensures the maintenance and safety of the dorms.

International students can also rent a place on their own. When choosing private accommodation, it is recommended for a student to research how close is the place to the university, if there are good public transport links, grocery stores, or supermarkets, and if the area is quiet enough for studying.

Cost of living

The monthly cost of living in Georgia is quite affordable compared to other European countries. On average, international students should have financial support equivalent to around 600–700 EUR per month to cover their basic expenses. However, it should be mentioned that the cost of living depends on one's spending habits and lifestyle. An overall picture of monthly expenses (2023) looks like this:

Monthly expenses		Average price in GEL	Average price in EUR
Accommodation	Dormitory (shared / individual)	420 / 840	150 / 300
	Rented flat (shared / individual)	560 / 1400	200 / 500
Public transportation		55	20
Utilities		225	80
Groceries		420	150
Entertainment		140	50



Health Care Services & Insurance

The overall quality of healthcare services in Georgia is good. There are many modern and well-equipped hospitals in Tbilisi. A wide range of providers deliver high-quality medical services to individuals. When seeking medical assistance, one usually needs to make an appointment with a doctor by phone, through a website or by visiting. Health expenditure is moderate but it can be high too. This varies from service to service and from clinic/hospital to clinic/hospital. However, dental services in Georgia are much cheaper than in other European countries. The cost of a primary care visit ranges between GEL 70–120. As for dental treatment procedures such as filling and root canal treatment, they cost around GEL 100–200.

In an emergency, dial 112 from your phone. 112 Emergency Response Center ensures the processing of received calls and transferring them to the relevant services: police, fire department, or ambulance.

All international students are required to have health insurance in place to cover unexpected medical expenses that may arise during their stay in Georgia. If students already have health insurance, it is important that they check with their insurance agencies whether the coverage applies to Georgia, i.e., is valid on the territory of Georgia.

Additionally, it should be underlined that all visitors to Georgia are required to have adequate travel insurance.

Visa

Georgia visa requirements vary based on the country of citizenship of the student and length of stay. EU citizens are allowed to enter, reside, work, and study in Georgia without the necessity to obtain a visa for one full year. Non-EU students should check whether they need a visa to enter and/or stay in Georgia.

The fastest and easiest way to do so is to visit the following link:
<https://new.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia> and click on the “DO I NEED VISA” button.

All visa-related information including procedures for obtaining a Georgian visa can be found at:
<https://new.geoconsul.gov.ge/en> (Entering Georgia)

Student ID card

European University student ID card gives access to the University buildings and rooms as well as the University libraries. The card also serves as an official student ID at European University and all students are required to bring their student cards to exams for identification purposes.

Student life

University life is not just about endless studying. There are numerous opportunities at European University to get involved in vibrant student life, meet new people, try something new, nourish your talents or just simply have fun. The Student and Alumni Service Center offers a wide range of activities including Graduation, Welcome, and New Year parties. Further, excursions and outdoor leisure activities, various educational and social projects as well as charity events are often organized all year round.

European University supports student clubs as they are an important part of student life. Therefore, the University created a multifunctional space that allows students to spend their leisure time together, work collaboratively on ideas, and hold different types of events including seminars, public lectures, panel discussions, conferences, small talks, tournaments in chess, table tennis, and so forth.

Based on the interests and passions of the students, the following clubs are run at the moment: Literary Club – Livingstone, Psychology Club – Psychmix, Veterinary Club – VET Eudora. In addition to this, European University students formed a musical band to ensure music is brought to university life.

As for the university-affiliated sports clubs, they are as follows: EU Futsal Team, EU Dance Ensemble, EU Girls Volleyball Team, and EU Girls Basketball Team. Consideration must be given to the benefits of joining the sports clubs. Joining sports is a brilliant way to develop transferable skills, boost your mental health, keep fit, and enjoy your time at the University.



Transportation from and to the Airports

Tbilisi International Airport
Official website of the Airport: <https://www.tbilisiAirport.com/en-EN/>

Tbilisi International Airport is located about 17 km away from the city center. The average commute from the city center to the Airport takes 40–50 minutes.

There are several options for getting to Tbilisi city center from Tbilisi International Airport.

Bus

The municipal bus stop is located in front of the Arrival Hall and provides passenger transportation on route №337 – Airport – Tbilisi city center – Airport. This is a very cheap option since one can get to the city center at just GEL 1 per person. Payment is possible with a "Metro money" card, which is a universal means of payment in municipal transport (metro & bus). It can be purchased at the Bank of Georgia Branch at the Airport.

Fare for the municipal bus as well as route schemes can be found at the following website:
<https://www.tbilisiAirport.com/en-EN/passenger-guide/to-from-the-Airport/page/bus>

At present, the municipal bus is running between 06:59 – 22:59
Check: Real-Time Bus at <http://transferen.ttc.com.ge/?page=live&setLng=en>

TAXI

Airport Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall, and provides 24-hour service to the passengers. The journey time to the city center takes 20–30 minutes depending on traffic. Airport Taxi fee depends on taxi meter indication (around 40–60 GEL).

Phone Number: + 032 2 05 21 00 Web-page: <https://flytaxi.ge/?lang=eng>

Additionally, there are several apps (Such as Bolt and Yandex Go) that one can download, book a taxi, and pay in advance by card. When a taxi is not booked using an app, then some drivers may only accept cash. Thus, for convenient and affordable journey (around 20–30 GEL), it is recommended to download a mobile app.

Kutaisi Airport

Official website of the Airport: <https://www.kutaisi.aero/en>

Kutaisi Airport also known as David the Builder Kutaisi International Airport is an airport located 14 km west of Kutaisi, the second largest city in Georgia.

There are two major companies, namely, Georgian Bus and Omnibus Express, that provide bus transfers to Tbilisi from Kutaisi Airport. Departure hours from or to Kutaisi International Airport are adjusted to the flight schedules.

The tickets can be bought online or at the Airport. In case you want to buy tickets online, you should visit the websites below:

• Georgian Bus: <https://georgianbus.com/en/>

• Omnibus Express: <https://www.omnibusexpress.ge/>

Public transportation in Tbilisi

Public transportation in Tbilisi consists of three main options: metro, buses, and mini-buses. Payment is possible with a "Metro money" card, which is rechargeable and a universal means of payment in municipal transport. It costs 2 GEL and can be purchased inside any metro station.

For more information about public transport in Tbilisi, please consult the following web page:
<https://tbilisiLocalguide.com/public-transport-in-tbilisi/>

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