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Name of the educational institution	Legal Entity of Public Law - Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University
Name of the educational programme	Philosophy / Philosophy
Qualification to be awarded	Part One: Master of Philosophy Part Two: Research Master in Philosophy
Programme supervisor(s)	Lali Zakaradze, Professor - lali.zakaradze@bsu.edu.ge Vardo Beridze, Associate Professor - vardo.beridze@bsu.edu.ge
Programme structure / ECTS volume, curriculum (see Annex No. 1)	Part One - 60 ECTS Part Two - 60 ECTS
Language of instruction	Georgian language
Admission prerequisites for the educational programme	<p>Part One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General Master's Examination; ✓ Internal university examinations: English language - B2 level and the specialty; ✓ Enrollment through mobility; ✓ Enrollment without Unified National Examinations, in accordance with the procedure established by legislation. <p>Part Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of Part I of the programme; ✓ Enrollment through mobility; ✓ Enrollment of foreign citizens and persons with foreign education in accordance with Georgian legislation and BSU regulations.
Aim of the educational programme	<p>Part One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Based on the modules jointly, to provide the master's student with deep and systematic knowledge of the latest achievements and research results in philosophy; of the results of multifaceted research into Western philosophical thought within Georgian philosophical thought; of the specificity, constructive principles, methodological approaches and priority fields of modern Georgian philosophy; of the ways in which European philosophical traditions are adopted, understood, reinterpreted, received and transformed; of topical issues in contemporary branches, theories and trends of ethics; and of key concepts and phenomena of political philosophy, current issues, main paradigms, classical and contemporary trends in political philosophy, media and power, feminist political philosophy, and current problems of the philosophy of human rights; ✓ Based on the modules jointly, to make students aware of the importance of studying the history of philosophy for contemporary thought; the landmark receptions of major trends of Western philosophy in Georgia; the influence of these trends on Georgian culture and their systematic study; the concepts of Georgian philosophers that determined the essence and specificity of Georgian philosophy; the factors that make the teaching of ethics particularly relevant today, and the reasons related to the crisis of modern ethical theories and values and the reassessment of moral values; the circumstances in which classical theories of political philosophy emerged at different stages of historical development and the role of these theories in developing and implementing long-term prospects for the transformation of society; ✓ Based on the modules jointly, to equip students with the ability to draw reasoned conclusions, participate in discussions and debates, and apply critical and analytical thinking, in line with the needs of the labour market and employers; ✓ Based on the modules jointly, to form, in accordance with the University's strategic plan and mission, a highly qualified, competitive, autonomous and responsible free individual who upholds liberal principles and democratic values, has active civic awareness and the characteristics of a labour-market-oriented specialist for a future career, and is able to establish themselves in different areas of education and employment, as well as continue studies at the next level. <p>Part Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Based on the modules jointly, to provide master's students with deep and systematic knowledge of the methodology of philosophical research, the latest achievements and research results in philosophy, and the results of multifaceted research into Western philosophical thought within Georgian philosophical thought; of the specificity, constructive principles, methodological approaches and priority fields of modern Georgian philosophy; of the ways in which European philosophical traditions are adopted, understood, reinterpreted, received and transformed; of topical issues and research methodology in contemporary branches, theories and trends of ethics; of key concepts and phenomena of political philosophy, current issues, main paradigms, classical and contemporary trends in political philosophy, media and power, feminist political philosophy and current problems of the philosophy of human rights; of international principles of scientific writing, the substantive requirements and technical standards of research and qualification papers, and unified and BSU academic style;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To make students aware of the importance of studying methods of philosophical research for contemporary thinking and of the methodology of political philosophy research; ✓ To equip students, in line with the needs of the labour market and employers, with scientific research methods characteristic of the field, practical skills necessary for scientific research activities, and the ability to draw reasoned conclusions, participate in discussions and debates, and think critically and analytically; ✓ To form, in accordance with the University's strategic plan and mission, a highly qualified, competitive, autonomous and responsible free individual who upholds liberal principles and democratic values, has active civic awareness and the characteristics of a labour-market-oriented specialist for a future career, and is able to establish themselves in different areas of education and employment, as well as continue studies at the next level.
<p>Learning outcomes</p>	<p>Part One</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The graduate has deep and systematic knowledge, based jointly on the modules, of the history of philosophy as a science; of European and Georgian philosophy; of trends in ethics and political philosophy; of the specificity of modern Georgian philosophy; of European philosophical thought and the European ideas, viewpoints and interpretations represented in the works of Georgian philosophers; of research results; of contemporary branches and main concepts of ethics; of ethics and philosophical anthropology; of bioethics as an interdisciplinary science, including its problems and dilemmas; and of the key concepts and phenomena, main paradigms, argumentation and reception of classical political philosophy, including current problems of feminist political philosophy. <p>Understands, based jointly on the modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The key themes of European philosophy, the most important historiographical concepts and categories of philosophy, the role of reception and transformation in modern Georgian philosophy, the place of aletheological realism in twentieth-century Western philosophy, and the landmark receptions of the main trends of European philosophy in Georgia; ✓ The factors determining the special relevance of the teaching of ethics today, the priority of moral principles, norms and rules in the contemporary postmodern world, the pragmatic importance of ethics, its connection with different branches of science, and issues related to the relationship between morality and effective politics; ✓ The specificity of the interrelation of boundary problems of ethics and political philosophy, current issues, problems and perspectives of political philosophy, public debates and main approaches related to them; and the importance of knowledge of political phenomena (democracy, power and others) in the field of contemporary human thought, their historical contexts, philosophical foundations, and current problems of feminist political philosophy. ✓ After completing the Master's Programme in Philosophy, the graduate, comprehensively from the modules, performs deep and systematic analysis of the key issues of the history of philosophy as a science, European and Georgian philosophy, ethics and political philosophy, and understands contemporary topical problems on the basis of human experience accumulated in European and modern Georgian philosophy, ethics and political philosophy. ✓ Formulates their own opinions logically, consistently and argumentatively; uses historical philosophical concepts when defending their views; develops pro and contra arguments; demonstrates openness to criticism and opposition; and applies a historical perspective and critical assessment to moral and political phenomena. ✓ Has developed, comprehensively from all modules, the capacity for individual and free activity, the ability to independently identify and interpret philosophical problems, and the ability to plan and continue learning independently at the next level of study. <p>Responsibility and autonomy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Respects the high ideals of humanism and democracy and the role and importance of national and universal values in establishing universal peace; ✓ Observes professional ethical standards required for the conduct of a free individual and the aspects of academic values (impartiality, integrity, equality, competence and attentiveness), implements them in theoretical and practical activities, participates in promoting these values when necessary, and plans and manages working time. <p>Part Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The graduate has deep and systematic knowledge, based jointly on the modules, of the history of philosophy as a science, European and Georgian philosophy, and trends in ethics and political philosophy, which enables the development of new ideas and the solution of specific problems. The graduate also knows modern methods of philosophical research, as well as the format, composition, structure and architectonics of a scientific paper; ✓ Understands, based jointly on the modules, the importance and function of philosophical research methodology and methods in the development and deepening of philosophical thinking; the criteria of scientific ethics in scholarly research; and the importance of the latest achievements and methods in the field for scientific research; ✓ Formulates their own opinions logically, consistently and argumentatively; uses historical philosophical concepts when defending their views; develops pro and contra arguments; demonstrates openness to criticism and opposition; and demonstrates the ability to define a scientific-research topic, plan research and independently carry out scientific-research work. Taking into account the achievements of academic integrity standards and information and communication technologies, the graduate presents and defends research results in the form of an abstract, essay, scientific article and master's thesis; ✓ Processes philosophical texts and sources by using the methodology of philosophical research and systematically

	<p>applies relevant research methods in planned scientific activity;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Has developed, comprehensively from all modules, the ability to plan scientific activity, conduct it independently and take responsibility for it; the capacity for individual and free activity; the ability to independently identify and research philosophical problems, develop new ideas and interpret them; and the ability to independently plan and continue studies at the next level;✓ Respects the high ideals of humanism and democracy and the role and importance of national and universal values in establishing universal peace;✓ Observes professional ethical standards required for the conduct of a free individual and the aspects of academic values (impartiality, integrity, equality, competence and attentiveness), implements them in theoretical and practical activities, participates in promoting these values when necessary, plans and manages working time, and develops strategic approaches to research and to preparing the thesis.
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