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Name of educational institution	Legal Entity of Public Law - Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University
Name of educational programme	Classical Archaeology of the Black Sea and Caucasus
Qualification to be awarded	Part One: Master of Archaeology Part Two: Research Master in Archaeology
Programme supervisor(s)	Merab Khalvashi, Professor - m.khalvashi@bsu.edu.ge Emzar Kakhidze, Professor - emzar.kakhidze@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
Prerequisites for admission to the educational programme	<p>Part One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Common Master's Examination; ✓ Internal university examinations: English language - B2 level and 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; ✓ Admission 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"> ✓ To create a theoretical and practical foundation in the main issues of the archaeology of the Caucasus and the Black Sea region; ✓ Through the use of theoretical and practical skills acquired in scientific collections, laboratories and, most importantly, in field conditions, to process newly discovered or already existing archaeological material, determine its chronological, typological and functional features, and compare and interpret it with analogous or similar material discovered elsewhere; ✓ To acquire deep and systematic knowledge of the culture of neighboring regions, understand the paradigms of the cultural-civilizational positioning of the Georgian world in the wider region, and be able to observe and disseminate professional, ethical and worldview-related (intercultural) principles. <p>Part Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Upon completion of the course, to enable the graduate independently to perceive and interpret all fundamental cultures of the Caucasus and the Black Sea region, define original research topics, conduct relevant research and interpret the obtained results; ✓ To connect empirical and theoretical material, understand and analyze new and complex problems arising in the field or at another research object, plan a strategy for solving them and draw correct conclusions; ✓ To acquire deep and systematic knowledge of the culture of neighboring regions, understand the paradigms of the cultural-civilizational positioning of the Georgian world in the wider region, and be able to observe and disseminate professional, ethical and worldview-related (intercultural) principles.
Learning outcomes of the educational programme	<p>Part One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Demonstrates deep and systematic knowledge of the field of archaeology; ✓ In studying various aspects of human history, defines the basic concepts and principles of archaeological science through monuments of material culture; ✓ Interprets acquired knowledge with consideration of the social, cultural, historical and political context; ✓ Searches for specialized scientific literature using library resources and scientific databases, and applies it to the analysis of archaeological material by using information and communication technologies; ✓ Carries out typological and chronological classification of obtained archaeological material, determines its cultural affiliation and links it with analogous material; ✓ Is guided by professional ethical standards established in archaeology, legal regulations, and the principles of academic integrity, professional honesty and objectivity; ✓ Adapts to a multidisciplinary environment and demonstrates collaboration skills, self-organization, effective time management, initiative and a responsible attitude in learning and work. <p>Part Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Demonstrates deep and systematic knowledge of the field of archaeology, including the main methods and concepts used in modern archaeological research;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Understands the importance of archaeology in finding/identifying, excavating, researching and interpreting materials that reflect the historical past; while studying various aspects of human history through monuments of material culture, identifies modern challenges of archaeology and outlines ways to solve them;✓ Uses field-specific skills in accordance with modern archaeological research methods and standards (surveying an archaeological monument, excavation, identifying cultural layers, discovering, describing, measuring and sampling archaeological monuments and artifacts, passportization, sorting, photographic and graphic recording, using a geodetic tool or geo-information system, packaging, storage and creating the archive of a monument);✓ Creates a research paper/project; independently or with the help of a supervisor identifies a research problem, uses field-approved research methodology while working on the paper, and presents research results to the academic community in written and oral form, in the native and/or a foreign language;✓ Is guided by professional ethical standards established in archaeology, legal regulations, and the principles of academic integrity, professional honesty and objectivity;✓ Participates in the development and establishment of professional values and contributes to the development of the field; demonstrates self-organization, effective time management, initiative and a responsible attitude.
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