

## **Criterion II.5: Recognition of Achievements – Three Aspects to Be Evaluated**

### **1. Institutional Aspect:**

- **Are the policies, structures, and responsibilities for the recognition of achievements obtained from other institutions or non-academic environments functioning as expected?**

Policies, Structures, and Responsibilities:

The process functions based on the regulations of the Department for Extracurricular Activities.

The regulation document of the department can be accessed via the following link:

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- Information regarding the recognition of achievements is regularly shared on the university's official website and social media platforms. Below are links to the news feeds related to achievements at Western Caspian University:
- The volleyball team of Western Caspian University participated in a student girls' volleyball tournament held in Nərimanov district, dedicated to the memory of Patriotic War martyr Murad Mammadov. Among eight competing teams, the women's team of the university was awarded second place.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/voleybol-komandamiz-ii-oldu>)
- Our university's teachers and students became winners in the "Bring Your Idea to Life 2022" Grant Competition held by the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, with the project titled "A Sheet, A Leaf."  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/muellim-ve-telebelerimiz-qalib-olublar>)
- Our team has become the national winner from Azerbaijan of the world's most prestigious hackathon.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-dunyanin-en-reytingli-hackathonunun-azerbaycan-uz>)

- The basketball team of Western Caspian University is successfully continuing its participation in the qualifying matches of the Student Basketball League.  
In its most recent match—its second consecutive victory—the team faced the basketball team of the Baku Higher Oil School and won the game with a score of 50:34 in favor of Western Caspian University.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/basketbol-komandamiz-novbeti-qelbesini-qazanib>)
- Students of the School of Design at Western Caspian University actively participated in training sessions conducted as part of the project titled "Initiatives for Promoting Social Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Formation among Youth", implemented by the Public Union for Architecture, Construction, and Design with the support of the State Support Agency for Non-Governmental Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within the framework of "Cooperation between the State, Universities, and NGOs".  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-telimlerde-ishtirak-edibler>)
- The 3rd International Student Internet Olympiad on the Electoral Systems of World Countries was organized by the CIS, PAA, and DIMBI Baku branch, targeting students and youth from higher education institutions. Fourth-year Political Science students of Western Caspian University, Səfər Məmmədov and Fətex Həsənzadə, were recognized as winners, achieving first and third places, respectively.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-qalibler-sirasinda>)
- The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Science and Education became acquainted with the project developed by our students.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/bash-nazirin-muavini-ve-elm-ve-tehsil-naziri-telebelerimizin>)
- The team of Western Caspian University was announced the winner of the “Product Owner Marathon.”  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-qalib-oldu>)
- A team of students from Western Caspian University became the national winner from Azerbaijan in the world’s most prestigious hackathon.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qalib-telebelerimiz-mukafatlandirilib>)

- Four teams from Western Caspian University were announced winners of “STEAM Azerbaijan–2022.”  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-komandasi-steam-azerbaycannin-qa>)
- The “BUSAN International Festival” was held in Busan, South Korea, with the participation of over 500 artists from 42 countries. Azerbaijan was represented by 10 artists, and following the exhibition, several of our students and instructors were awarded special certificates.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/muellim-ve-telebelerimiz-beynelxalq-festivalda-ishtirak-edib>)
- In Atatürk Park located in the Narimanov district of Baku, a project on the registration and numbering of trees was launched through the collaboration of the IDEA Public Union, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, as well as local executive authorities and municipalities. During the event, students who actively participated in ecological activities—including a student from Western Caspian University—were awarded a Certificate of Honor and a prize by the Trade Union Committee of Natural Resources and Ecology Workers.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebemiz-telif-olunub>)
- An intra-university chess tournament dedicated to Youth Day was held at Western Caspian University. According to the final results: Lala Mirzayeva, a second-year student at the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering, won first place; Ayşen Guliyeva, a first-year master’s student at the School of Political and Social Sciences, placed second; Ruslan Guliyev, a second-year student at the School of Design and Architecture, took third place.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetdaxili-shahmat-turniri-sona-chati>)
- An intra-university table tennis tournament was organized at Western Caspian University in honor of Youth Day. The competition included the participation of university instructors as well as both undergraduate and graduate students.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/stolustu-tennis-turnirinin-qalibleri-melum-oldu>)

- Students of Western Caspian University participated in a training course on “Human Rights Education.” Participants included: Lecturer Mahammad Maharramov from the Department of Political Science and International Relations; Bayram Bayramov, a bachelor's student of Psychology, Jalalat Huseynova, a bachelor's student of Social Work, and Kamran Jalilov, a bachelor's student of Political Science. All participants were awarded certificates. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-bmtnin-telimlerinde-istihak-edibler>)
  
- On the occasion of Azerbaijan Youth Day, Western Caspian University’s Debate Club was awarded for being one of the most active and distinguished clubs of the year. The award was presented by Ulviyya Akhundova, Chairperson of the “Debate in Civil Society” Public Union, to the club’s president, Tural Abdulazizov. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetimizin-debat-klubu-mukafatlandirilib>)
  
- Students from the School of Design at Western Caspian University participated in the "Basic Coaching Training" organized by International Coaching Education Academia LLC. Second-year students Nərmin Allahverdiyeva and Ruslan Quliyev, who successfully completed the training, were awarded international certificates approved by the International Coaching Education Program of the USA. <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-beynelxalq-sertifikata-layiq-gorulubler>
  
- Within the framework of the "Year of Shusha" and with the support of the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Erasmus Student Network Azerbaijan organized an event titled "Shusha Cultural Night", as part of the project "Discovering Shusha with International Students in Azerbaijan." Tomilayo Oyebola Mubarak Aroyehun, a PhD student in International Relations at Western Caspian University, was announced the winner of the essay contest. Our student was awarded a certificate and a gift. <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/ecnebi-telebemiz-qalib-olub>

- Organized by the Agrarian Innovation Center under the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agrarian Innovation Festival was held at the premises of the Zaqatala Hazelnut Processing Plant to promote and popularize innovations in the agricultural sector.

A group of students from Western Caspian University participated in the festival under the mentorship of Dr. Ayaz Mammadov, a PhD in Biology and faculty member of the Department of Natural Sciences, presenting various projects such as “Biogas,” an E-agriculture products sales portal, and “Colorful Silkworm.”

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-festivalda-layhelerini-numayish-etdiribler>

- Our university's "Techica" team (members: Aytac Asgarli, Leyla Tagiyeva, Rihat Maharramov; mentor: Osman Hacili) is participating in the “Teknofest” Aerospace and Technology Festival.

The festival is being held in Istanbul, Türkiye, and spans the dates from April 27 to May 1.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-komandasi-istanbulda-kechirilen>

- Teams from Western Caspian University are participating in the 16th Azerbaijan International Agriculture Exhibition – “Caspian Agro.” President Ilham Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva visited and became acquainted with the university's stand.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-caspian-agro-sergisinde-ishtirak-edir>

- Our students have advanced to the next stage of the 4th ABB “Hackathon Startup Challenge.”

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-cu-abb-hackathon-startup-challeng-musabiqesinde>

- A ceremony dedicated to the 100th anniversary of National Leader Heydar Aliyev was held at the State Fire Control Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations. Students of Western Caspian University showcased several projects they developed at the university's Technopark, including BioMethane, RGB Silkworm, and Techica Stone.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-telebeleri-oz-layihelerini-numay>
- Our students participated in a beach clean-up campaign, collecting waste materials and later creating various handicrafts from them at the university's Technopark.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-tullantilardan-el-ishleri-hazirladi>
- Teymur Alisatov, a 4th-year student of the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering, won third place in a running competition organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Minister Farid Gayibov also took part in the event.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebemiz-mukafatchilar-sirasinda>
- The audit for establishing and certifying integrated management systems based on standard requirements at Western Caspian University has concluded. As a result, the university has been awarded the following international certificates for its management systems:  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetimiz-beynelxalq-keyfiyyet-standartlari-sertifikat>
- The NASA International Space Apps Challenge is a hackathon that brings together coders, scientists, designers, storytellers, makers, technologists, and innovators from around the world to develop solutions to problems on Earth and in space using open data from NASA and other space agencies. Among 705 participants and 145 teams, the "AgoraTech" team—composed of 3rd-year Computer Engineering students from the School of High

Technologies—became one of the 23 teams to reach the finals.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-nasa-beynelxalq-kosmik-tetbiqler-musabiqesinde-fi>

- Students of Western Caspian University, majoring in Information Technology at the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering, participated in the Tekla Festival held at InnoLand and the STEAM Innovation Center.

The event was organized by Women in Tech Azerbaijan, the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) of Sweden, and the Embassy of Sweden in Azerbaijan.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-tekla-festivalinda-ishtirak-edibler>

- Four student teams from Western Caspian University took part in the “Product Owner Marathon”, organized by SUP.VC in partnership with Pasha Bank.

Two of our teams qualified for the final round. The winning team of the marathon will receive a prize worth 2500 AZN.

It is noteworthy that last year, a team from Western Caspian University won this competition.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetimizin-komandasi-mehsul-sahibi-marafonununda-fina>

- Three teams from Western Caspian University have qualified for the finals of SAF 2023.

The STEAM Azerbaijan Festival (SAF) 2023 is organized in an international format under the support of the Ministry of Science and Education as part of the STEAM Azerbaijan project.

Among over 80 participating teams, only 16 teams reached the final round, 3 of which represent Western Caspian University.

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-saf-un-finalina-vesiqe-qazanib>

- Abbasgulu Huseynli, a student majoring in Ecology at Western Caspian University, took part in the WTKA World Championship held in Marina di Carrara, Italy as a member of the national Hap Ki Do Federation team and won first place.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebemiz-dunya-chempionu-olub>
- Three teams from Western Caspian University competed in the final round of the STEAM Azerbaijan Festival 2023.  
The teams represented the university in the “University Hackathon” category.  
Our students worked on their ideas for 48 hours and presented them to the jury.  
The festival aims to promote STEAM-based education, foster 21st-century skills among students, identify creative and digitally literate talents, enhance networking, and explore international best practices in innovation and digitalization.  
The festival includes 14 competition categories and 1 exhibition category.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-steam-azerbaijan-festivali-finalinda>
- The “AgoraTech” team from Western Caspian University achieved third place in SAF 2023.  
It is worth noting that in the Hackathon category of the finals, 18 teams, including several from abroad, competed.  
Our team was awarded a bronze medal.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/komandamiz-burunc-medal-qazanib>
- Maryam Ismayilova, a first-year master’s student in International Tourism and Country Studies (English) at Western Caspian University, participated in the 2nd European Conference on Azerbaijani Studies, held in Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/magistrantimiz-shimali-makedoniyada-teshkil-olunan-konfransd>



- The 6th Solidarity Forum of Azerbaijani Volunteers, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of National Leader Heydar Aliyev, was held with the participation of nearly 3,000 volunteers across Azerbaijan. As part of the forum, 100 volunteers were symbolically awarded for their active initiatives throughout the year. Among the distinguished participants was Badriya Ahmadova, a first-year master's student in Environmental Protection in the Agricultural Sector at Western Caspian University. She was awarded the “Volunteer of the Year” title.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/magistrantimiz-ilin-konullusu-sechildi>
  
- Islam Salamzada, a fourth-year student majoring in Information Technology at the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering of Western Caspian University, was awarded the Heydar Aliyev Scholarship. It should be noted that this year, according to the Decree of President Ilham Aliyev, a 3,000 AZN scholarship named after Heydar Aliyev has been granted from the state budget to 100 outstanding undergraduate students in higher education institutions.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebemiz-heyder-eliyev-adina-teqaud-layiq-gorulub>
  
- The ICPC Open Cup Tournament, one of the world’s largest inter-university programming Olympiads, was held in Kutaisi, Georgia, hosted by Akaki Tsereteli State University. The WCU-2: “True or Force” team representing Western Caspian University successfully passed the 1/4 and 1/2 rounds of ICPC in Azerbaijan and earned the right to represent both the university and the country in the Open Cup Regional Tournament. The team was awarded “High Achievement” certificates, and was also invited to participate in an internship program by Huawei, the official sponsor of the cup.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetimiz-in-komandasi-dunyanin-en-boyuk-universitetler>
  
- The Technopark team of Western Caspian University was the WINNER of the “CulTech Hackathon 2” competition! In the final round of the Hackathon category, 12 teams competed intensively

over 48 hours, presenting their creative projects.

Members of our winning team:

Qiyas Sadiqov

Shohret Aghazadeh

Emil Dostaliyev

Leyla Taghiyeva

Leyla Allahverdiyeva

<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-cultech-hakatonu-yarishmasin-qalibi-oldu>

- With the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and organized by SUP VC, startup founders and mentors from the CulTech Incubation Program embarked on a business trip to Vienna. During the visit, Leyla Taghiyeva and Leyla Allahverdiyeva, students of the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering of Western Caspian University, presented their projects at the Artivive office, one of Austria's successful startups in the CulTech field, in front of Austrian investors and ecosystem players.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universiteti-telebelerinin-startapi-avstriyada-i>
- Artworks by students of Western Caspian University are being showcased at Baku Water Week.  
Held for the first time in Azerbaijan, Baku Water Week hosts nearly 100 companies from 16 countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia, Belarus, Georgia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Turkey, and Russia, alongside Azerbaijan.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimizin-resm-eserleri-baki-su-heftesinde-sergilenir>
- The female volleyball team of Western Caspian University defeated the team of Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University with a score of 2:1 in a tournament organized among higher education institutions by the "Gənclik" Student Sports Society Republican Council.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universiteti-adpu>

- Two student teams from the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering of Western Caspian University participated in the “GreenTech” Startup and Green Technologies Competition, organized by the Azerbaijan University of Technology.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-qalibler-sirasinda-id-104>
  
- More than 60 teams consisting of 200 students from 17 universities competed in 5 categories.  
Two of our teams competed with the projects “Sustainable Aquaponic System” and “Plastic Paving Blocks” in the “Technology for Humanity” and “Robotics” categories, respectively, and both were awarded 3rd place. The female volleyball team of Western Caspian University won silver medals in the “Victory Festival-2” National Championship.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/voleybolchu-qizlarimiz-olke-ikincisi-oldu>
  
- An award ceremony was held as part of the “Victory Festival-2” sports festival dedicated to Independence Day, co-organized by Azerbaijan Medical University and the Baku Youth and Sports Department.  
The table tennis team of Western Caspian University took first place, and the volleyball team took second place.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/tennischilerimiz-ci-voleybolchularimiz-ci-oldular>
  
- Minara Karimli, a third-year Biology major at the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering, participated in an inter-university olympiad and was awarded a certificate.  
The olympiad, organized by Baku State University, was dedicated to the 101st anniversary of National Leader Heydar Aliyev and the 105th anniversary of Baku State University.  
More than 400 students from 16 universities competed in the fields of Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, and Geography.  
<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebemiz-telif-olunub-id-583>

- On June 27–28, 2024, the "Baku ID" innovation festival — the leading startup and innovation event in Azerbaijan and the wider region — was held at the Baku Crystal Hall with the support of SABA.HUB Innovation Center.  
More than 200 local and international investors, over 100 startups, 5,000 participants, and more than 50 partners took part in the “Baku ID” event.  
(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-baku-id-innovasiya-festivalinda-layihelerini-t>)
- Students from Western Caspian University also actively participated in the event, utilizing extensive opportunities to connect with investors, present their ideas, and potentially secure investments.  
Psychology students Nazrin Mustafazade, Sharqiyya Aliyeva, Samira Aliyeva, and Khayala Talibova presented their startup “VirtuMed Academy”, while Political Science student Sargan Karimov presented the startup “Buddi”. All participants were awarded certificates.
- The Choir Ensemble of Western Caspian University was awarded first place in the art and creativity festival-competition dedicated to the 101st anniversary of National Leader Heydar Aliyev, held among students of higher education institutions. The competition was organized by a joint decision of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republican Committee of the Free Trade Union of Education Workers of Azerbaijan.  
(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/xor-kollektivimiz-olke-birincisi-oldu>)
- A successful student project from Western Caspian University was showcased at the 5th Anniversary Azerbaijan International Defense Exhibition “ADEX 2024” and the 14th International Exhibition for Internal Security, Safety, and Rescue Equipment “Securex Caspian”.  
(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-in-layihesi-adex-azerbaycan-beynelxalq-mudafie->)
- The Minister of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov, visited the stand of Western Caspian University at “ADEX

2024” Azerbaijan International Defense Exhibition. The Minister was informed about the project developed by students at the university's Technopark and presented at the exhibition.

(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/mudafie-naziri-adex-de-qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-stendi-il>)

- Students of Western Caspian University were awarded at the art and creativity festival dedicated to the 101st anniversary of National Leader Heydar Aliyev.

In the festival held among students of higher education institutions, the university's Choir Ensemble took first place in the “Choir Ensembles” nomination, while student Roya Pashayeva won third place in the “Solo Dance” nomination.

The festival was jointly organized by the Republican Committee of the Free Trade Union of Education Workers of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Science and Education. It should be noted that the final concert of the festival took place in May this year at the Heydar Aliyev Palace, with the participation of amateur performance ensembles from 26 higher education institutions.

(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/xor-kollektivimiz-birinci-yere-layiq-gorulub>)

- The "Karabakh GreenTech" hackathon, organized within the framework of the "Investment Opportunities in Karabakh and Eastern Zangazur" project by the “Progress for Karabakh” Public Union and the Agency for State Support to Non-Governmental Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, has concluded. More than 300 young people participated in the competition, where ideas in the fields of agrarian innovations and alternative energy were presented. Eight of these ideas advanced to the next round and were developed at the ASAN Innovative Development Center. On the second day of the hackathon, MVP products were presented, and three teams were selected as winners. Among them was the *ECOPIONEERS* team from Western Caspian University. The team was composed of Hasanov Eshgali, a graduate in Forestry, Aisha Latifova, a student in Translation, and Nijat Yarov, a student in Ecology. Another team from the university was awarded a certificate of participation.

(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/karabakh-greentech-hakatonunda-gerbi-kaspi-universiteti-qali>)

- Students of Western Caspian University took part in the project “Create a Green World! - ASAN Innovative Solutions Hackathon 3”. Participating with two teams — *Eco Queens* and *EnviroVision* — the students presented projects focused on environmental protection and the restoration of ecological health in the liberated territories.

(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/universitetimizin-telebeleri-yashil-dunyani-yarat-layihesinde>)

- Students of Western Caspian University participated in the 4th Azerbaijan International “Rebuild Karabakh 2024” Exhibition on Restoration, Reconstruction, and Development of Karabakh, held on October 15–17, 2024, at the Baku Expo Center. The university was represented by Khaver Aliyeva (Ecology major) and Jale Mustafayeva (Biology major). The projects *BIOGAS*, *RGB Silkworm*, and *TECHICA Stone* were showcased at the booth of the Agricultural Innovation Center under the Ministry of Agriculture.

(Source: <https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/gerbi-kaspi-universiteti-rebuild-karabakh-sergisinde-layihesinde>)

- As part of a project implemented by the “ASAN Volunteers” Organization, an informational tour was organized for participants to institutions such as the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, “ASAN Service,” “ABAD,” “INNOLAND” Incubation and Acceleration Center, ASAN Center for Innovative Development, and the “ASAN Volunteers” Organization.
- Leyla Taghiyeva (4th-year student of Aquatic Bio-resources and Aquaculture), Khaver Aliyeva (3rd-year student of Ecology), and Bayram Bayramov (4th-year student of Psychology) from Western Caspian University participated in COP29 with their innovative projects. During

November 11–22, the students presented their “Plastic Pavement Blocks” and “Colorful Cocoon” projects to both local and international visitors at the Ministry of Agriculture pavilion located in the Green Zone.

(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-telebeleri-cop-konfransinda-isht>)

- Students of Political Science and International Relations from the School of Political and Social Sciences at Western Caspian University participated in the 5th International Student Olympiad on Electoral Systems of World Countries. Fidan Humbatova, a student of International Relations, was awarded a certificate. The Olympiad was organized by the International Monitoring Institute on the development of democracy, parliamentarism, and electoral rights of citizens in the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly member states. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-telebeleri-olimpiadada-ishtirak->)
- Western Caspian University contributed to organizing the international conference entitled “*Mountains, Landscapes, and Cultures*” in celebration of International Mountain Day. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/daglar-biomuxteliflik-landshaftlar-ve-medeniyyetler-adli-ci->)
- At the “IREX IDEA Generation EXPO 2024” held on December 2–4 in Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia, students from Western Caspian University were awarded the silver medal. The award was presented to Sahib Sharifli, Nagi Mammadli, and Farid Mammadli for their invention “CCRobot,” a robotic solution designed for autonomous carbon gas neutralization. The students were also awarded certificates by the University of Management and Science, Malaysia. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-telebelerine-malayziyadan-mukafa>)



- Western Caspian University's Success in the Inter-University Volleyball Tournament (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-voleybol-komandasi-yarishda-ikin>)
- Award Ceremony of the Volleyball Tournament (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-voleybol-komandasi-yarishda-ikin>)
- The choir of Western Caspian University performed at the 7th "World Harmony" International Festival, held on December 22–24 at the Uzeyir Hajibeyli Baku Music Academy. Participating with three pieces, the choir received high praise from the audience. The festival aimed to promote classical music and national folklore. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinin-xor-kollektivi-beynelxalq-festiv>)
- Students of Western Caspian University participated in the 3rd Agrarian Startups and Innovations Forum held at the Ministry of Agriculture. Within the framework of the forum, the project "Stonica" plastic paving stones, incubated at the university, attracted special attention. The product was manufactured at the technopark of Western Caspian University and laid in the courtyard of the administrative building of the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition, other innovative projects by university students, such as "Colorful Cocoons" and "Biogas," were also exhibited during the forum, arousing interest among the participants. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimizin-layiheleri-kend-teserrufati-nazirliyinin-for>)
- This year, Western Caspian University was represented in the competition by the "WCU 1" team from the School of High Technologies and Innovative Engineering. Under the leadership of Qorxmaz Mustafayev, team members Tural Agayev, Elnur Jafarov, and Farid Mammadov participated in the Olympiad and were awarded certificates. Tural Agayev also took part in the individual competition and was granted a special certificate. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/telebelerimiz-beynelxalq-olimpiadada-ishtirak-edib>)



- Western Caspian University was presented with the institutional accreditation certificate.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universiteti-rehberliyi-institusional-akkredit>)
  
- A friendly volleyball match was held between the volleyball teams of Western Caspian University and Baku Engineering University. The girls' volleyball team of Western Caspian University won the match with a score of 3:0. (<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinde-yoldashliq-yarishi-bash-tutdu>)
  
- The selection stage of the artistic creativity competition-festival was organized at Western Caspian University.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/qerbi-kaspi-universitetinde-bedii-yaradiciliq-musabiqefestiv>)
  
- An intellectual and creative competition titled “Knowledge Contest” was organized by the Dendrology Institute of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the declaration of 2025 as the “Year of Constitution and Sovereignty” in Azerbaijan and the 5th anniversary of the victory in the Patriotic War. Teams representing leading secondary and higher education institutions from various regions of the country took part in the event. The main goal of the competition was to showcase the participants' scientific knowledge, creative abilities, commitment to national values, and patriotic spirit. Students of Western Caspian University demonstrated high-level skills in STEAM (Biology, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), poetry, photography, and handicrafts, receiving high praise from the jury. According to the final results, Western Caspian University's team, which stood out in a highly competitive environment, was awarded 1st place for its active participation. This achievement is recognized as a vivid expression of the students' creative potential, teamwork, and patriotic spirit.  
(<https://www.wcu.edu.az/az/news/students-of-the-western-caspian-university-won-the-knowledge>)

## **2. Prosedural aspekt:**

### **• Are there common procedural difficulties that arise regularly?**

#### **The typical challenges that arise include:**

##### **1. *Non-standardized Evaluation***

In many cases, achievements are assessed differently by various institutions. For example, achievements obtained outside the academic environment—such as professional experience, industry-based training, or vocational courses—may lack a standardized evaluation or certification mechanism. This increases subjectivity in the recognition process and complicates the fair and objective assessment of achievements.

##### **2. *Mismatch Between Academic and Professional Organizations***

There are significant structural differences between academic and non-academic sectors. Many academic institutions recognize only formal education and scholarly achievements, while accomplishments gained in professional or industrial settings are often disregarded. This creates obstacles for the recognition of non-academic achievements within academic environments.

##### **3. *Challenges in International Recognition***

International recognition of achievements is often hindered by disparities between national education systems and their respective standards. For instance, an achievement considered valid in one country may not be recognized in another, due to differences in educational or professional benchmarks. This issue is particularly evident in the recognition of academic qualifications, diplomas, and professional certifications across borders.

##### **4. *Inadequate Documentation of Achievements***

In some cases, achievements are not properly documented or are recorded imprecisely. This is especially common in non-academic environments where records and validations of accomplishments are often handled informally. As a result, the recognition of such achievements can become difficult or even impossible.

##### **5. *Unfair and Subjective Evaluation***

At times, the evaluation and recognition of achievements are influenced by subjective factors. Personal biases, prior experiences, or specific institutional requirements on the part of evaluators may result in outcomes that lack objectivity. This may lead to feelings of inequality and injustice among applicants.

##### **6. *Complexity of Recognition Rules and Procedures***

In many instances, existing procedures for recognition are excessively complex and time-consuming. The processes often involve multiple stages

and are not clearly outlined, making them difficult to navigate. This complexity results in the loss of time and resources and may deter individuals and institutions from engaging with the recognition system.

7. *Lack of Resources and Collaboration*

Without effective collaboration and resource sharing among organizations, the recognition process tends to be insufficient. For instance, in the absence of strong ties between the education sector and industry, both parties may struggle to accurately and fully recognize relevant achievements.

Collaboration is essential to bridge this gap and ensure mutual understanding and validation of accomplishments.

8. *Technological Difficulties*

In some cases, the recognition of achievements relies on technological tools (such as online platforms, databases, etc.). However, these technological systems are not always flawless, and the transmission of data may be erroneous or delayed. Inappropriate software or technical malfunctions may compromise the accuracy and efficiency of the process.

8. *Changing Standards and Requirements*

Governments or institutions may introduce new standards and requirements over time, often due to the emergence of new technologies and methodologies. If these changes are not implemented properly, previously acquired achievements may no longer meet updated evaluation criteria, thereby hindering recognition.

9. *Internal Organizational Changes and Incentive Systems*

Some organizations may fail to establish internal structural changes or incentive systems required for the recognition of achievements. As a result of institutional restructuring, new management, or revised internal policies, previously recognized accomplishments may be overlooked or disregarded by newly implemented systems.

### **3. Cultural Dimension**

**What changes are planned and for what reasons?**

- **Recognition of Experiential and Non-formal Learning**

- *Change:* Formalizing skills and knowledge acquired outside the traditional education system—such as through workplace learning, volunteering, independent learning, or informal courses.

- *Reason:* Many individuals gain competencies outside formal educational institutions, which often remain unrecognized due to the lack of official documentation.
- **Strengthening International Recognition Mechanisms**
  - *Change:* Implementation of unified international frameworks for the recognition of foreign diplomas, certificates, and experiences (e.g., the Lisbon Recognition Convention).
  - *Reason:* To enhance the cross-border mobility of learners and professionals, and to facilitate migration and integration into global labor markets.
- **Enhancing Collaboration with Employers**
  - *Change:* Increasing employer involvement in the recognition process.
  - *Reason:* To better identify and validate skills and knowledge relevant to the labor market and promote their recognition.
- **What are the main principles for recognizing foreign achievements?**  
 The process operates in accordance with the principles defined in the university's **Regulations of the Department for Extracurricular Affairs.**  
(<file:///C:/Users/Elnure/Desktop/Auditoriyuadan%20k/AK%C4%B0%20%20%C5%9E%C3%B6b%C9%99nin%20%20%C6%8FSASNAM%C6%8FS%C4%B0.pdf>)
  - For recognition processes to be more effective, it is essential to ensure clearer regulations, streamlined procedures, and robust cooperation mechanisms.
  - The Media Center consistently shares updates and news about services on the university website and social media platforms.
- **Are relevant members of the institution, interested students, and faculty aware of these principles and do they accept them?**
  - Members of student organizations, volunteers, and mentors are typically aware of these services and often recommend them to others.
  - Students who are active on social media tend to be more informed.
  - Passive or reserved students often remain unaware of these principles and opportunities.

- Some faculty members and advisors are informed and guide students accordingly, though the level of awareness varies among staff.

**Are these principles accepted?**

Yes, but with certain conditions:

If the information is communicated clearly and the services yield tangible results, most stakeholders tend to accept these principles.

If the process appears too formalistic, passive, or opaque, the level of acceptance declines.