



WELCOME TO WESTERN CASPIAN UNIVERSITY!

This catalog was designed to support you in making one of the most important decisions in your life: where you will choose to pursue your higher education.

Western Caspian University offers students a full range of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees as well as professional and academic guidance and research opportunities for employees.

At our university, we provide you with analytical skills and specialized knowledge that you need in order to excel in your future career. The range of subjects that you can study at *Western Caspian University is very broad and includes technology, business, management, finance, economics, political science and regional studies, engineering, tourism, creative arts, design, education, philology, social sciences, agriculture, and natural resources.*

We also offer a broader approach and flexibility due to our combined study programs. In each of these areas of expertise, we have a wide range of cooperative programs with partners from industry. Cooperation with potential future employers not only enables us to arrange internships but ensures that our graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge required in the labor market of today and tomorrow.

We hope we will convince you to join us at Western Caspian University. We will make every possible effort to guarantee that your time with us will be highly rewarding and will contribute both to your personal development and to a successful future career.

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WHY WESTERN CASPIAN UNIVERSITY?

Career and employment opportunities

Thanks to the theoretical and practical knowledge gained during university years, our students are able to build careers in Azerbaijan as well as abroad immediately upon graduation. Specifically, Career Center, Techno Park, and bilateral contracts signed between companies and WCU play a crucial role in fostering career opportunities for graduates.

Long-lasting and far-reaching ties

Students of WCU now have the opportunity of studying abroad in foreign universities as well as in colleges and private schools in Europe, the United States and other countries. Currently, students are continuing their education in leading universities in the Czech Republic, Poland, Latvia, Romania, Turkey and Ireland, and this in the context of projects such as Erasmus+ and Movlana.

Western Caspian University is implementing projects of two diplomas with Coventry, UK, and its London Business and Finance School located in Singapore, and also with University of Business and International Studies (UBIS) in Switzerland and Newton in Czech Republic. WCU provides students with foreign language acquisition in order to assist them in the integration process.

Upon graduation, we stay in touch with our students, whom we invite to conferences and meetings, sometimes as speakers themselves, which enables them to feel integrated into our university and to foster new relationships.



Establishment of decent educational atmosphere

Students get the opportunity to study under the supervision of high-level experts and specialists. The education process is based on innovative models. Unique and up-to-date laboratories and equipment are used to facilitate and enhance learning.

Western Caspian University is not only an educational institution; it is also a place where research is carried out. It provides a unique synthesis where both scientific research and education takes place. Many projects are initiated, including robot competitions and debates to provide students with venues where they can express their opinions. Our extensive library collections provide indispensable resources to students.

Active Student life

Students can spend time in various student clubs, summer schools and scientific circles organized by the university which gives them opportunities to strengthen knowledge gained during the academic year in social settings.

Reasonable fees

Students receive a private university education based on state-sponsored program fees. When necessary, fees may be paid in instalments.

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HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Western Caspian University is a private, non-profit educational institution based in Baku, Azerbaijan. Founded in 1991, it has become one of the leading universities in Azerbaijan. It has a well-established reputation in the academic sector and provides a good range of departments and study programs for dedicated and goal-oriented students. The requirements for entering Western Caspian University are among the highest of all non-state universities. Western Caspian University was founded with the purpose of creating an educational institution that would contribute to the economic, social and political development of Azerbaijan.

Western Caspian University has been a member of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) since 1996, of the International Association of Universities (IAU) under the auspices of UNESCO since 1997, of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) since 1999, as well as a corporate member of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) since 2001, and a longtime member of the International Tourism Association (ATLAS). For its academic achievements in the years 2002 and 2003, Western Caspian University was awarded with the certificate Uğur as the best higher educational institution in Azerbaijan. The rankings of the School of Political Science and the School of Business

are among the highest in the Republic and are higher than those of many of the larger state universities.

Western Caspian University provides educational training in 63 study programs. Each year about 850-1,000 students are newly enrolled in various study programs at eight schools. These students come from diverse countries around the world, and this emphasizes the university's excellent international reputation that we will strive to maintain and strengthen in the future. Since we are constantly extending our programs, we soon expect to reach an enrollment of 4,000 students who can choose between full-time, part-time and online courses. The national and international staff of Western Caspian University consists of more than 220 professors and university teachers, and our overall faculty/student ratio is currently 14:1.



MISSION AND GOALS

MISSION

The mission of Western Caspian University is to prepare students, both personally and professionally, for future leadership roles in a constantly evolving multicultural environment. The University provides an atmosphere conducive to intellectual, moral, cultural and social development. While paying attention to the high quality of its instructional program, WCU also recognizes the close connection between academic instruction and scholarly research.

Western Caspian University is well-known for its ability to establish career-oriented education and study programs of high quality. Our lecturers use innovative methods of teaching, and they equip students with the latest knowledge within their fields, with professional skills and with a strong team spirit. They pay particular attention to the development of decision-making abilities and to international and cross-cultural understanding. Through its undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs, our university ensures that students possess all the competencies required for a successful professional career.

Western Caspian University aims to create an academic environment that offers unique opportunities to students and that encourages them to live up to their full potential. We strive to develop competencies that go beyond the acquisition of knowledge—important as this might be—and which are highly relevant in

our multicultural and rapidly changing modern world. For us, these competencies include personal initiative, entrepreneurial creativity, ethical judgment, critical thinking, a flexible approach to problem solving and the ability to communicate effectively.

We achieve these objectives through curricula that are based on international standards, that include internships with our partners in the industry as well as international exchange programs and that allow for a close and effective dialogue between teachers and students. We also place special emphasis on the initiative of students whom we encourage to participate in multi-faceted extracurricular activities. All this ensures that students and their personal, academic and professional development remains the primary focus of our university.

Western Caspian University offers a wide range of programs in the fields of agriculture, business, design, education, engineering, finance, management, natural resources and sciences, technology and tourism. We also promote excellence in education as well as scholarships in the creative arts, in health sciences, the humanities and in social sciences. In addition, students are trained in foreign languages and in information technology (IT). Within these various fields and subjects that are being offered, we aim to attract the best students.

OUR GOALS

- Serve the community through advanced higher education and ambitious scientific research at a competitive international level.
- Contribute to the economic, social and political development of Azerbaijan by training students to become highly qualified experts who will fulfil the needs of the country.
- Strengthen our position and international reputation as one of the leading universities of Azerbaijan.
- Create the best educational environment for our students based on international standards.
- Support and train our graduates to attain high personal and professional levels of performance.
- Train graduates to meet high personal and professional standards.
- Maintain our status as an encouraging and stimulating institution for scientific research.
- Attract and maintain a highly qualified and motivated faculty skilled in teaching, research and other scholarly activity.
- Provide sufficient faculty in all disciplines to maintain a student-teacher ratio that ensures opportunities for meaningful intellectual interaction between students and teachers.
- Extend our cooperation, agreements and programs with international partners.
- Establish and maintain performance standards in all areas, with regular assessments of every program, using indicators such as examination results, achievement of graduates, student and alumni opinion, and professional peer review.
- Seek to stay progressive and in step with international developments and standards in teaching and research.





OUR ALUMNI

From 1995 until 2018, 6310 students have graduated from Western Caspian University in various disciplines. They are part of a strong and diverse community of WCU alumni who are now living all over the world and who are proud of having studied at Western Caspian University. The following are among the most well-known of our alumni:



Vugar Aliyev graduated from Western Caspian University in 2002 with a degree in Legal Regulation in Economics. He is Honorary Consul of Montenegro in the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Anar Alakbarov was a student at Western Caspian University and received his Bachelor's degree in International Management in 1998 and his Master's degree in International Economic Relations in 2012. Since 2017, he has been Assistant to the First Vice President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

OUR HONORS



Arye Gut graduated from Western Caspian University in 1997. He is head of the Baku International Multiculturalism Center in Israel and a renowned expert of international conflicts. Arye also serves as head of the Multiculturalism Laboratory at the Center for Applied Politics of Western Caspian University.



Nazenin Javadova graduated from Western Caspian University in 2016. She is a Young Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan in a program which is sponsored by the National Council of Youth Organizations and the Ministry of Youth and Sports and which is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nazenin was one of the winners of the Global Start-up Weekend - Women in Baku in February 2018.



Jesaret Valehov graduated from Western Caspian University with a degree in Political Science in 1995. In 2013, he was appointed as Deputy Director of the Information Department of the Ministry of Education. He also serves as the Head of the Ministry's division that coordinates cooperation with international NGOs and with the media.



Shir-Aslan Karimov graduated from Western Caspian University with a degree in Regional Studies in 2013. He is the Chief of Protocol at the Eastern Department of the German Bundestag's International Committee.



Chingiz Abdullayev graduated from Western Caspian University in 1999. Chingiz Abdullayev is a member of the Board of Directors of "PASHA Bank-Georgia".



Fariz Ismayilzade graduated from the Faculty of Political Science of Western Caspian University in 2000. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the State Examination Center of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Kamran Kalpaliyev is a graduate from the Faculty of Translation of Western Caspian University. After graduating in 2003, he continued his education at Sorbonne University (Paris) where he received Master's degrees in French Studies and in Applied Foreign Languages. In 2014, he became an Executive Manager of AZAL and Silk Way Cargo.



Farid İsayev graduated from Western Caspian University with a degree in International Law. He later continued his education at Kingston University (London). After having worked for the London office of Glencore, Farid İsayev was appointed Vice-President of the German-Azerbaijani Foreign Trade Chamber and Chairman of the Tourism Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan.



Nargiz Nasrullayeva-Muduroglu graduated from Western Caspian University with a Bachelor's degree in Law. She later received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard (US). Nargiz Nasrullayeva-Muduroglu has been appointed as advisor to the Executive Director of the State Oil Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan. During 2004-2015, she was Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan.



Nargiz Gurbanova graduated from the Faculty of International Management of Western Caspian University in 1999. She has been working as an adviser on economic affairs at the Azerbaijani embassy in the United States. Nargiz Gurbanova has been an active participant in all the economic conferences related to Azerbaijan and the Caspian region over the past years. She is currently Azerbaijan's ambassador in Sofia (Bulgaria).



Nigar Rahimova was a student at Western Caspian University and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration. She later continued her education at Mississippi Valley State University (US). She worked as HR Director at Hilton (Baku) for several years.

We wish all of our alumni
successful careers!





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Western Caspian University welcomes admission inquiries from international students. We have seen that international students enrich the University community and enhance the learning environment. Some of our students had this to say about their educational experience:

Bachelor's Program in International Relations

I applied for the Bachelor's program in International Relations at Western Caspian University from Uzbekistan in 2017. I really enjoy my time here. Hard work, quality education and getting involved with student life are providing with an excellent experience and are creating unforgettable memories. There are a variety of sporting, social, and cultural activities here. I am developing lifelong learning skills and long-lasting friendships. Western Caspian University has proven to be exactly what I had hoped for. The University has offered me very rich opportunities to grow personally, academically and socially.

Khamro-Begzod Nosirov
Uzbekistan

Azerbaijani Language Foundation Program

I was initially attracted to Western Caspian University for many reasons. One was because of its excellent reputation in teaching. The University provides all the facilities for an enjoyable learning experience. You come to the University to be taught but you learn far more from this experience, as I have discovered. I have gained increased confidence, communication skills and the ability to make well-developed presentations.

Uzaduzzaman
Bangladesh

Erasmus+ Exchange Student in MBA

I am a first-year student from Mendel University (Czech Republic) in Business Administration. I came to Western Caspian University for one semester as an Erasmus+ exchange student. Baku is amazing and from the beginning, I felt welcomed. The University is very well organized; the lessons have a high standard. The professors are helpful and always available. I am enrolled in a wide range of interesting and challenging classes. I would recommend studying at Western Caspian University to any student. The University and city have something for everyone to enjoy. Every single day gives me a chance to deepen my education, broadening my mind academically, geographically, culturally, and socially.

Gabriela Vavrova
Czech Republic

Bachelor's Degree Programs in Translation and International Relations

We chose to study at Western Caspian University because of the high-quality education, beautiful environment and excellent facilities. The skills we gained at WCU will definitely be valuable in our future jobs. It was a big step to leave home and travel to a new country to study but it was the right decision. All the staff and teachers are enthusiastic and friendly. We discover so many things every day and we are so lucky to get this opportunity. We found a diverse and inclusive community at Western Caspian University, with rich learning experience both inside and outside the classroom. One of the best things about WCU is that the lecturers have high academic expectations of their students. We would definitely recommend Western Caspian University.

Aytan and Aida Magomedova
Turkmenistan

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF HIGH TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING

Baku is an energy center in a rapidly developing country in the Caucasus. Engineering students enjoy a hands-on approach with considerable time spent in workshop and modern laboratories.

We work closely with local, national and international companies to provide professional learning that meets the demands of employers. The result is an impressive suite of flexible degree programs at all levels.

The staff of the School of Engineering boasts a very wide range of expertise, reflected in the portfolio of innovative and flexible degree programs offered by the School.

The School offers a wide range of specializations to choose from, with diverse opportunities to contribute to the next stage in the development of modern technology. The college commits to excellent education and invests heavily in laboratory equipment, computers, smart classrooms and students' professional activities.

Engineering at WCU means transforming today's technology for tomorrow's world.

Computer Engineering

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Computer Engineering

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering is a full-time multidisciplinary program that focuses on the fundamentals of design, analyses and application of computers. Students will be equipped with deep theoretical knowledge and practical skills in computer engineering and technologies. They will be

taught to apply their knowledge and skills in analysis and evaluation, design and implementation of computer systems.

Students gain experience in all aspects of computers, with special focus on programming, computer systems, digital systems and microprocessor systems.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue a career in telecommunications, computing, aerospace, transportation industries, government agencies, manufacturing enterprise, foreign companies, information and technology institutions, etc.





Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
 Foreign Language
 Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
 Mathematics
 Probability Theory and Statistics
 Physics
 Fundamentals of Computer Engineering
 Periods Theory
 Production Economics and Management
 Fundamentals of Programming
 Fundamentals of Electronics
 Computer Architecture
 Computer Networks
 System Programming and Operating Systems
 Digital Systems
 Computer Systems Security
 Data Structure and Database Systems
 Operations Research
 Theory of Formal Languages and Automata
 Systematic Analysis and Computer Modelling
 Multimedia Technologies
 Computer Circuits and Microprocessor Systems
 Fundamentals of Computers Applied Theory
 Simulation of Systems
 Internet Technologies
 Safety of Life Activity
 Web Programming and Design
 Civil Defense
 Information Technologies
 Visual Programming
 Intelligent Systems



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Information Technologies

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Information Technologies

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

Students learn programming languages, computer modeling as well as developing and using databases. As a part of this program, students master subjects such as modern programming languages, computer networks, system programming, data and database structuring, computer and calculation sys-

tems architecture. The program provides students with the ability to apply traditional and modern techniques and tools in the field of design and development of complex systems, and they learn how to generate and maintain operating systems.



Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can become skilled professionals in software engineering, and they will be able to engage themselves professionally in all phases of software projects. They can pursue a career as software developers, system analysts, business analysts, IT support analysts, network engineers, IT consultants, web designers and QA analysts in public and private organizations.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Mathematics
Physics
Introduction to Information Technologies (IT)
Computer Architecture
Elements of Computer Programming
Operating Systems
Fundamentals of Electronics
Data Structure and Algorithms
Fundamentals of Database
Multimedia Technologies
Information Security Technologies

Mathematical Elements of
Information Technologies (IT)
Human-Machine Interfaces
Information Systems
Introduction to Computer Networks
System Engineering
Intellectual Technology
Fundamentals of Management
Digital Systems
Safety of Life Activities
Civil Defense
Electronic Management
Geographical Information Systems



■ Instrument Engineering

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Instrument Engineering

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Instrument Engineering is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the methods of designing, developing, installing, managing and maintaining equipment, which is used to monitor and control engineering systems, machinery and processes. Through courses combining theory with hands-on learning in a modern laboratory, students are trained to be instrumentation technologists, studying control system design and computer-based processes for work in a wide range of industries. Students learn to place, set up, configure, repair, maintain and calibrate sensors, and controllers on automated machinery.

Instrumentation engineers typically work for industries with automated processes and with the goal of improving automated process productivity, reliability, safety, optimization and stability. Instrumentation engineers are commonly responsible for integrating the sensors with the recorders, transmitters, displays or control systems. They may design or specify installation, wiring and signal conditioning. They may be responsible for calibration, testing and maintenance of the system.

Career Opportunities

Graduates can pursue careers in public or private entities, research and development organizations, plants and manufacturing companies. Engineers also find employment in fields that utilize specialized instruments for their day-to-day operations.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Applied Mechanics
Informatics
Geometry and Engineering Graphics
Electrotechnics
Fundamentals of Electronics
Safety of Life Activities
Technology of Contraction Materials
Material Science
Fundamentals of Automatic Control of Instrumentation

Metrology, Standardization and Certification
Fundamentals of Microprocessor Technique
Computer Technology in Hardware Engineering
Computer Technology in Instrumentation Engineering
Fundamentals of Instrumentation Engineering
Automated Design Systems
Flexible Manufacturing System
Production Economics and Management
Mechanical Processing Methods in Instrumentation
Basics of Measurement Techniques
Civil Defense



■ Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering

Program: Bachelor's degree, Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's degree in Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering is a full-time multidisciplinary program that gives students the opportunity to study systems and control engineering, an increasingly important and ever-growing area of industry. Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering represents a range of important technologies which support many applications – from manufacturing and automation to self-driving cars and robotic surgical tools.

Students study the integration of mechanical engineering, electronics, sensors, control, computational hardware and software in the development and design of advanced products. They develop their knowledge of the different components making up complex mechatronic and robotic systems. This program equips students with specialized knowledge and a wide range of skills to pursue a career in this dynamic field. They develop a foundation in many applications of mechatronics and robotics.

Career Opportunities

After graduating from this program, students can seek employment as development, project or graduate engineers, industrial engineers, designers, technologists, diagnostic engineers. They can take lead positions in industrial enterprises, state enterprises, municipalities, departments, administering engineering activities and estimating development and growth prospects.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Mathematics
Physics
Introduction to Mechatronics and Robotics
Electrical Engineering and Electronics
Materials and Processes
Programming Languages and Informatics
Engineering Mathematics
Robot Management
Dynamics of Machines and Mechanisms
C++ Programming Language
Intelligent Systems
Design of Mechatronics Systems

Design of Robot Systems
Digital Electronics
Built-in Microcontrollers
Safety of Life Activity
Modern Production Processes
Development of Digital Signals and Images
Production Economics and Management
Internet Technology
Engineering Graphics
Structural Mechanics
Automata Theory
Civil Defense
Application Software Package
Computer Networks
Web Programming





Information Security

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Information Security

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

This speciality on Information Security introduces to students to the science of design for technological information systems, communication and computer technologies. As part of the programme, students cover such subjects as modern programming languages,

computer networks, system programming, data structure and data base structure, computer and calculation systems' architecture, etc. Students must undergo a pre-graduation internship and defend a graduation thesis in order to receive a degree.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the programme, graduates can pursue their career in telecommunications, computing, aerospace, transportation industries, government agencies and etc.

Program Structure

Mathematics
Physics
Information technologies introduction
Computer architecture
Computer programming elements
Operating systems
The basics of electronics
The structure and algorithms of the given
The basics of database
Multimedia technologies
Information security technologies
Mathematical elements of information technologies
Objective orientation programming
Human-machine interfaces
Information systems
Introduction to computer networks
System Engineering
Intellectual technologies
The basics of management
Digital systems
Accuration practices
Health safety
Civil defenses



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Program : Bachelor's Degree Design (specialization in Graphic or Interior Design)

Duration : 4 years

Credits : 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The aim of the Bachelor Programme in Mechanical Engineering is to educate mechanical engineers who will be able to design and make new products and processes as well as improve and optimise current technologies.

The programme covers the design of various machine parts, mechanical transfer, principles of machine industry, advanced processing methods in mechanical engineering, types of tools and machines, equipment installation and maintenance technology, production and environmental safety, the quantitative and qualitative analysis of hazardous and anthropogenic factors of production. The programme includes the study of principles and methods of the technical and economic substantiation in production, the analysis of new technological processes and the principles of efficient use of natural resources and environment, and the development of the environmentally-friendly technology.

Students will be trained to use modern programme software and will get comprehensive knowledge of the automated design systems such as AutoCAD and other modern brand automation software.

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue their careers in governmental structures (Ministry of Ecology and Natural resources, Ministry of Agriculture), textile and light industries metal processing, oil and gas processing industries.



SCHOOL OF DESIGN

In 1996, Western University (now Western Caspian University) was the first university to establish a School of Design. Its mission has continued to focus on the education, qualification and inspiration of design-minded students. The School offers student-centered learning with particular emphasis on creativity, passion and critical thinking. All of the academic staff have practical experience in design and architecture. Our curriculum prepares students for careers in design studies, product design as well as interior architecture and design.

The School of Design provides a dynamic, multidisciplinary design environment founded on creativity, exploration and innovation. Students develop the skills and the experience necessary to become successful practicing designers and researchers. Every year our students have a chance to organize their own exhibitions at the university and in various galleries of the city.

Our students are encouraged to experiment, to push the boundaries of design and architecture in practice and in research, to develop the knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to progress in their careers. Students explore a range of design investigations, expand knowledge, and confront the challenges of the contemporary built environment. Most of our alumni work as designers at companies, teach at the universities, work at exhibition galleries, build their own business or continue their education abroad.

Design

Program : Bachelor's Degree, Design (specialization in Graphic or Interior Design)

Duration : 4 years

Credits : 240

Mode of study : full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

Design school combines art, science and technology. The aim is to integrate the structure and functions of industrial materials in the context of safety, ergonomics and aesthetics. The Design program also aims to contribute harmony and visual and functional organization into our lives.

Design school enables students to carry out projects in the field of interior and equipment design, fashion, industry, graphics and visual communication facilities, as well as graphic products.

In order to implement the program, the school has a Creative Workshop Center that is established with new equipment and materials including machine tools for metal and wood processing and a 3D printer. Computer classes have been upgraded and modernized with modern software. The school offers students new concepts of training in accordance with integrative systems for mastering aspects of artistic creativity, using modern information technology along with the traditional teaching of disciplines. This concept enables students to use numerous graphic capabilities and the new design methods. Both theoretical as well practical approaches are used.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in both state and private sectors, as well as in education or they can continue scientific activity in this field.



Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Descriptive Geometry and Technical Drawing
Material Techniques and Technology
History of Design and Fine Art
Project Graphics and Color Composition
Design Modelling
Fundamentals of Construction
Ergonomics
Fundamentals of Design
Informatics and Computer Graphics

Drawing
Portfolio (Guidelines in Preparing Project Presentations)
Civil Defense
Study of Heritage of Fine Arts in World Museums
Interior Design Styles
Architectonics
Photo Design
History of Modern Architecture
New Materials for Interior Decoration



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

WCU's School of Business has an excellent research-oriented faculty, talented students, and successful alumni. Our programs are designed to offer practical, real-world insights into the issues that are shaping the modern business sector.

Our programs aim to develop awareness of current business issues and trends and to foster understanding of how to effectively operate in a changing environment. Students acquire the ability to act in a variety of settings: commercial, governmental and cross-cultural. They are prepared for professional careers both in the economic sector and in graduate schools, and they are trained to contribute to meaningful developments in their chosen field.

By offering innovative programs on the undergraduate and graduate level, we aim to equip students with managerial, technological and decision-making skills necessary to succeed in a competitive business environment. Our students participate in meetings, conferences and other events organized by the World Bank, UN, BP, Hyatt Regency, Radisson and others which help them develop practical skills that they can apply in their future career.

Students also benefit from our international programs within Erasmus+, Visegrad Fund, and double degree programs. Management practices, ethical problem solving, public speaking and communication, information technology and critical thinking are some of the areas of focus that sharpen the minds and strengthen career prospects.

■ Finance

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Finance

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Finance is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the financial analysis and the problems of financial management. Students acquire a combination of technical and theoretical knowledge, including the basic skills they need to enter careers in the financial sector. Statistics, economics and mathematics are also mastered since they are essential to the understanding of finance. Special focus is placed on learning foreign languages.

The program covers the major subfields of finance, including accounting, auditing, banking and taxation, budget, treasury accounting, financial markets, investments. This helps students to learn deep analytical skills that are crucial in the development of academic and professional careers.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in national and international companies operating in financial markets, economic intervention agencies, banks, consulting firms, insurance firms, corporations.



Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Accounting
Audit
Management
Marketing
Human Resources Management
Economic Informatics

Information Technology
Environmental Economics
Business Correspondence
Regulation of Economy
Finance
Banking
Taxes and Taxation
Insurance
Financial Control and Audit
Money and Banks
Tax Administration
Budget and Treasury Accounting
Financial Markets
Civil Defense
Project Management
Business Law
Business Plan
Bank Management



Accounting

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Accounting
Duration: 4 years
Credits: 240
Mode of study: full-time
Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Audit is a full-time multidisciplinary program that prepares students for a career in this field. Particular attention is paid to the functions inherent in the business context. Students develop technical and human skills for professional accounting and auditing. Students become proficient in modern methods of electronic analysis of statistical information, which will enable them to apply this knowledge in

practice. The Program will give them the necessary tools upon which to build a foundation of accounting knowledge, technical expertise, interpersonal skills and professional insight. They will acquire an understanding of modern auditing theory and practice and develop technical and intellectual skills on how to plan and engage in the auditing of financial statements.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in local and international financial institutions and companies, banks, insurance companies and accounting firms such as forensic accountants, management accountants, personal financial advisors, financial analysts, and cost estimators.





Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Probability Theory and Mathematical
Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Finance
Banking
Taxes and Taxation
Management
Marketing
Human Resource Management
Economic Informatics

Information Technologies
Business Correspondence
Environmental Economics
Regulation of Economy
Accounting
Financial Accounting
Managerial Accounting
International Financial Reporting Standards
Financial Analysis
Managerial Analysis
Financial Statement Analysis
Auditing
Civil Defense
Insurance
Fundamentals of Business
Electronic Accounting
Customs Business
Financial Law
Financial Statement
Control and Inspection



Management

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Management

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Management is a full-time multidisciplinary Program that introduces students to the professional activity by which businesses are able to achieve their goals, applying the market mechanism's principles, principles and functions. Students are equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to operate effectively in a range of roles in international brands, multinational companies, global financial markets and new business ventures. Students acquire a combination of technical and theoretical knowl-

edge, including basic skills they need to enter careers in the managerial sphere.

Special focus is paid to help students develop skills in research, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning and interpersonal relation. They gain a thorough grounding in core areas of accounting, economics, general management, financial management and quantitative analysis-theoretical knowledge that they will use to analyze and solve real-life management problems.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in international organizations, economical research centers, banks, consulting companies and insurance companies.





Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Probability Theory and Mathematical
Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Accounting
Audit
Finance
Banking
Taxes and Taxation
Management
Marketing
Human Resources Management

Economic Informatics
Information Technology
Business Correspondence
Environmental Economics
Regulation of Economy
Theory of Management
Anti-crisis Management
Project Management
Strategic Management
Innovation Management
Corporate Management
Civil Defense
Fundamentals of Procedural Law
Business Law
Insurance
International Markets and Banks
Business Plan
Ecological Management
International Finance
Price Formation



■ Business Administration

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the principles and the practices of management for the effective operation of the business organization. Students are equipped with the skills and knowledge of strategic planning, organizational leadership, managing people and corporate governance. The program provides comprehensive knowledge and practical training in export, import, international marketing, international finance and entrepreneurship with

special emphasis on foreign languages. It furthermore focuses on the indispensable combination of management and economics with mathematical and statistical subjects.

In order to provide an understanding of business organizations in today's global economy, the program covers the major subfields of business administration including human resources management, economic regulation, and marketing and business regulation.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in government agencies, financial institutions, and local and international companies as market research analysts, financial officers, chief executive officers, advertising executives, human resources managers, sales managers and city managers.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Theory of Probability and Mathematical Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Accounting
Audit
Finance
Banking
Taxes and Taxation
Management
Marketing

Human Resources Management
Economic Informatics
Information Technology (IT)
Business Correspondence
Environmental Economics
Regulation of Economy
Project Management
Business Ethics and Social Responsibility
Business Management
International Business
Corporate Management
Business Security
Civil Defense
Fundamentals of Corporate Law
Business Law
Strategic Management
Strategic Planning
Business Plan
HR Management
International Markets



Tourism

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Tourism and Hospitality

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Tourism is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the tourism sector and its relevant fields. Students acquire a combination of technical, theoretical and practical knowledge sufficient to gain solid entry into career employment.

Students gain an in-depth understanding of the tourism sector, underscored by sustainability principles. They develop core business skills in areas such as leadership, management, marketing and strategic management,

and they enhance these skills with an understanding of how to manage employment relations in a culturally diverse environment.

The program aims to prepare intellectually developed experts that will answer the long-term needs of the world tourism sector and its relevant fields. As well as meeting the sectorial needs and preparing them for the professional life, our programs motivate students in becoming creative and innovative individuals.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in diverse sectors of the travel and tourism industry such as hotel management, event management, tour operations, resort management and convention management.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Higher Mathematics
Economics
Information Technologies in Tourism
Fundamentals of Tourism
Geography of International Tourism
Fundamentals of Management
Fundamentals of Marketing
Accounting
Finance and Investments
Serving Activities
Technology of Hotel Business
Human Resources Management
Legal Basis of Tourism Activity
Transportation Services in Tourism
Travel Agencies and Tour Operators
Booking Systems

Tourism Economics
Destination Management
Tourism Routes and Organization of
Excursion Work
Professional Ethics and Etiquette
Marketing and Marketing Research in
Tourism
Second Foreign Language
Business English
Hotel Management
Ecotourism
Civil Defense
Fundamentals of Corporate Law
Tourism Resources
Advertisement in Tourism
Tourism Logistics
Organization of Medical Tourism
Entrepreneurial Activity

Marketing

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Marketing

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Marketing program teaches market research, correct analysis of demand and need, creation of new ideas, converting of ideas into products, development of price defining policy, bringing products to market, cutting edge advertising methods, and understanding of market structures.

Through both lectures and seminars, the art and science of marketing is explained, described and applied explicitly. Case studies of problems and solutions faced by large corporate market leaders are examined and studied closely. Faculty/student interaction is a hallmark of this program. Diligent students acquire the ability to bring their market research skills to the workplace and to apply their skills directly to their work.

Career Opportunities

Students studying Marketing can build careers in both the state or private sectors. All organizations need experts implementing market research, market strategy, analysis, and advertisement campaigns in the labor market.

Program Structure

Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Theory of Probability and Mathematical Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Accounting
Auditing
Finance
Banking
Tax and Taxation
Management
Marketing
Human Resources Management
Economical informatics
IT Communications
Environmental Economics
Business Correspondence
Regulation of Economy
Marketing Research
Communication Systems of Marketing
Logistics
Marketing Management
International Marketing
Civil Defense





SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

The WCU School of Economics offers programs spanning a wide array of functional disciplines including accounting, economics, finance, management, and marketing. Our goal is to develop excellent critical thinking skills in the classroom and to teach students how to apply these skills to real-world experiences. An innovative curriculum equips students with the comprehensive knowledge and skills to succeed in an expanding global business environment.

The programs aim at developing a student's intellectual ability, executive personality and managerial skills through the integration of both business and general education. Students learn how to use economic theory and methods in solving complex problems in many areas of economics. Western Caspian University offers quality internships to prepare students for a successful and fulfilling career.

The faculty is drawn from academics, professors, PhDs and professional instructors, as well as guest lecturers from the USA, Great Britain, Germany, France, Turkey and other countries. The courses are taught in Azerbaijani, Russian and English languages.



Economics

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Economics

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Economics is a full-time multidisciplinary program that focuses on the systematic study of the production, conservation and allocation of resources in conditions of shortage, together with the organizational frameworks related to these processes. The undergraduate program aims to familiarize students with the economic aspects of modern society and with techniques

for the analysis of contemporary economic problems. Students develop skills in analysis, mathematics and critical thinking. Emphasis is placed on solving financial and monetary problems. The Program includes instruction in economic theory, microeconomics and macroeconomics, world economy and economy of Azerbaijan, finance and audit, banking and management.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in international companies, financial institutions, banks, insurance companies, insurance and accountancy firms.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Introduction to Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Accounting
Auditing
Finance
Banking
Taxes and Taxation
Management
Marketing

Human Resources Management
Economic Informatics
Information Technology
Business Correspondence
Environmental Economics
Economy of Social Sphere
Agricultural Economics
Price and Pricing
Economic Law
Regulation of Economy
Civil Defense
Business Law
Transnational Corporations
Strategic Management
Financial Management
Project Management
International Markets and Banks
Business Plan



State and Municipal Management

Program: Bachelor's Degree, State and Municipal Management

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in State and Municipal Management is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the organizational, analytical and project activities at the state and municipal level.

Students are equipped with deep theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the areas of administration, economics, law, management, and information technologies (IT). This course introduces students to the concepts and ideas of public administration, public policy and public management. The course focuses

on the critical examination of the evolution of management philosophies through time and, also assesses the impact of managerial reforms by using a comparative case study approach. Students develop knowledge and skills in the field of social and public administration, modern economy, administrative and legal management methods, and public relations, and they learn to make right governmental decision, build up competent relations, distribute assets, arrange people, introduce the results of their activities, and resolve conflicts.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in local governments, state and municipal institutions, civil society institutions, non-governmental organizations, non-profit and commercial organizations, international organizations and international authorities, and public relations departments of state and municipal authorities.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Theories of Management
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Linear Algebra and Mathematical Analysis
Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics
Econometrics
World Economy
Economy of Azerbaijan
Statistics
Accounting
Auditing
Finance
Banking
Tax and Taxation
Management
Marketing

Human Resource Management
Economic Informatics
Information Technologies
Business Correspondence
Environmental Economics
Regulation on Economy
Civil Service
Administrative Law
Public Relations
Municipal Administration
State Management Theory
Civil Service Ethics
Civil Defense
State and Municipal Service in Foreign Countries
Strategic Management
Regional Management
Fundamentals of Procedural Law
E-governance
State Investment Policy

International trade and logistics

Program: Bachelor's Degree, International trade and logistics

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

Purpose of the program: International trade and logistics is a field of theoretical and practical knowledge related to the organization and techniques of international trade operations and international cargo transportation. The processes of globalization and integration, which are increasing in a market economy, are aimed at training personnel who have the ability of studying

international markets, international trade in goods, their quantity, quality, final price, shipment time, duration and international transportation, and applying the results in relevant business areas. Researches foreign markets, analyzes prices, determines the requirements for consumer characteristics and quality of products, organizes the supply and transportation of products.

Career Opportunities

In the ministries, committees and their local organizations implementing the country's foreign economic policy. In the relevant departments of state companies engaged in foreign economic activity. In private companies operating in the world market for international trade, finance, tourism and other

Program Structure

IPF – B00
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
SUBJECTS OF SPECIALTIES
(PROGRAM)
IPF – B01
Microeconomics
IPF – B02
Macroeconomics
IPF – B03
History of the world economy
IPF – B04
Mathematics
IPF – B05
English, Business English
IPF – B06
Informatics
IPF – B07
Econometrics
IPF – B08
Accounting and audit
IPF – B09
Statistics
IPF – B10
Management
IPF – B11
Banking
IPF – B12
Customs business
IPFS – B06
Logistics

IPF – B13
International law
IPF – B14
Finance
IPF – B15
Information systems in the world economy
IPF – B16
The world economy
IPF – B17
Basics of Regional studies
IPF – B18
International Economic Relations
IPF – B19
Foreign economic policy
IPF – B20
Transnational Corporations
IPF – B21
International marketing
IPF – B22
International economic organizations
IPF – B23
International commercial work
IPF – B24
Azerbaijan's foreign trade relations
IPF – B25
International transport operations
IPFS – B04
Strategic planning
IPFS – B06
Mathematical logical problems



SCHOOL OF PHILOLOGY AND TRANSLATION

The School of Philology and Translation was founded in 1996 as the Faculty of Western Languages. The school consists of the Department of Azerbaijani Language and Literature, the Department of English Language and Literature, the Department of Translation and the Center for Working Languages.

The mission of the School of Philology and Translation is to train highly qualified philologists. In order to do so, the school applies the Anglo-American educational system based on Bachelor, Master and PhD programs. Our courses on language and literature are conducted in accordance with internationally recognized didactic standards and methods. The school is equipped with modern language laboratories that allow for an interactive and goal-oriented teaching process. The graduates from our school are experts in the fields of Azerbaijani and foreign languages, in Azerbaijani, English and world literatures, and they enter the labor market as professional translators and interpreters.

There are eight languages that can be studied at the School of Philology and Translation: English, Azerbaijani, Russian, German, French, Latin, Chinese and Spanish. In order to improve the students' foreign language skills, the school invites experts and professionals from countries such as the US, the UK, Canada and Germany. With the aim of enhancing both their intercultural competency and their opportunities in the (national and international) labor market, students are also encouraged to participate in several international exchange programs (Erasmus, Mevlana).



■ Philology

(English Language and Literature)

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Philology (English Language and Literature)

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azeri or Russian

The Bachelor's Program in Philology covers the most important areas of English language, linguistics and literature. Special attention is paid to the various fields of linguistics such as phonetics, morphology, lexicology, grammar, etymology and communication. In the field of literature, the program covers Anglo-American literature as well as various world litera-

tures, literary theory and the interrelationship between literature and culture. Students will furthermore be able to achieve fluency in both written and spoken English. They will also develop their analytical skills and learn how to think critically and to solve problems independently.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates will either be able to continue their studies with a Master's degree in the broad field of language and literature, or they can pursue a career in the educational sector, in research institutions, in international organizations, publishing companies, the media or in governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Program Structure

Introduction to Philology
Introduction to Linguistics
General Linguistics
Applied Linguistics
History of the English Language
Phonetics
Morphology
Lexicology
Syntax
Introduction to Literature
Literary Theory
Shakespeare Studies
Women Writers
Gothic Novel
Country Literature
World Literature
Introduction to the Novel
Introduction to Drama

Introduction to Poetry
Language Practice
Idiomatic English
Business English
Academic Writing
Practical Translation
Country Studies
Psychology
Philosophy
Ethics
Sociology
Cultural Studies
Political Studies
Introduction to Multiculturalism
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
History of Azerbaijan



Philology (Azerbaijani Language and Literature)

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Philology (Azerbaijani Language and Literature)

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani

The Bachelor's Degree in Philology (Azerbaijani Language and Literature) is a full-time multidisciplinary program designed to train highly qualified specialists in the area of Azerbaijani philology–Azerbaijani language and Azerbaijani philology. The Program includes training in an extensive range of linguistic, literary and cultural disciplines. Young people study a wide range of subjects that give them the opportunity to acquire an excellent command of the Azerbaijani language, both in ac-

ademic and professional contexts. The degree will also provide them with a solid grounding in Azerbaijani literature. They gain the professional skills required to work innovatively and efficiently, especially in teaching. Moreover, students learn how to employ technological tools relevant in the fields of language studies and literature. They also develop skills related to analytical and critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and reasoning.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates can pursue careers in a large range of professional sectors like teaching, research, methodology, intercultural relations, media, publishing.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan

Foreign Language

Introduction to Linguistics

Introduction to Literature Studies

Introduction to Turkic Studies

Informatics

Modern Azerbaijani Language (Phonetics)

Modern Azerbaijani Language (Lexicology)

Modern Azerbaijani Language (Morphology)

Modern Azerbaijani Language (Syntax)

Azerbaijan Dialectology

Historical Grammar of Azerbaijani Language

History of Literary Language of Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Folk Literature

History of Azerbaijani Literature

World Literature

Ancient Turkish Language

Country Studies

Psychology

General Linguistics

Theory of Literature

Stylistics and Speech Culture of Azerbaijani

Language

Civil Defense

Azerbaijani Onomastics

Azerbaijani Terminology

Comparative Grammar

Azerbaijani Drama

Azerbaijani Epics

Azerbaijani Mythology

Law of Human Rights

Copyright

Literary Schools in Azerbaijan Literature

New European Literature

Comparative Literary Studies

Translation

(English, German and French Languages)

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Translation

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azeri or Russian

The Bachelor's Program in Translation is a comprehensive program whose main objectives are to equip students with strong written and oral language skills, provide a firm foundation in translation theory and enable students to employ the latest translation techniques. Students will be trained to translate

and interpret in various contexts, including politics, economics, science, technology, medicine, law and culture. Graduates of the program will be able to master modern translation and interpretation skills, and they will be able to translate into and out of their native language.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates will either be able to continue their studies with a Master's degree in translation, or they can pursue a career as translators and interpreters in various international, governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as in educational institutions, in research institutions, in publishing companies and the media.

Program Structure

Theory of Translation
Written Translation
Interpreting
The Basics of Professional Translation
Consecutive Translation
Translation of Political Texts
Translation of Cultural Texts
Translation of Literary Texts
Translation of Medical Texts
Legal Translation
Terminology
Introduction to Linguistics
Borrowings in the English Language
Country Literature
World Literature
Academic and Professional Writing
Listening Comprehension

Reading Comprehension
Speech Practice
British and American English
Media English
Intercultural Communication
Country Studies
Philosophy
Ethics
Sociology
Cultural Studies
Political Studies
Introduction to Multiculturalism
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
History of Azerbaijani Culture
History of Azerbaijan



SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The School of Political Science provides rigorous training in the fields of International Relations, Political Science and Regional Studies (US and Europe).

The mission of the school is to provide highly qualified specialists and students with a fundamental knowledge of the methodological, empirical and analytical skills that are necessary for success in the field and to prepare students for social life and effective work activity. We invite students who want to develop their analytical skills and acquire an extensive knowledge in their field.

The curriculum analyzes important issues in academic debates related to political philosophy, comparative politics, democratization, political economy, electoral behavior, political parties, elitism, political sociology and human rights.

All classes in the School are aimed at developing critical thinking—the ability to think independently—in order to deepen political knowledge and personalize ethical judgments. Throughout the year, various social, political and cultural events are held, dedicated to providing opportunities for students to be involved in important events in the history and life of our country.

The mission of our School is to provide students with fundamental knowledge, methodology—empirical and analytical—to prepare students to become mature and qualified in their field and prepare them for social life and effective careers. The staff consists of academics, professors and other experts, from various countries. The school has a rich library in Azerbaijani, Russian, and English languages. Students may participate in Erasmus Mundus, Mevlana and other international exchange programs.



Political Science

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Political Science

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Political Science is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to core concepts, processes and events in global politics. The program equips students with a strong base of knowledge and tools of political analysis useful in careers in government, business, professional school, and not-for-profit organisations. It provides them opportunities to gain both theoretical and practical knowledge to understand complex political relations throughout the world.

The program covers the major subfields of political science, including the parliamentary system, globalization, political management and public relation technologies, political research methods, political conflict resolution and international policy. Students learn valuable analytical skills that are crucial to the development of their academic and professional careers.

Career opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates may pursue careers in governmental organizations, embassies, ministries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), law, business and international organizations.

Program Structure

Informatics
History of Ancient and Medieval Social-Political Thought
Modern Integration Processes
Political and Economic Geography
The History of Socio-Political Thought of the New and Modern Era
Economy
Sociology
History of International Relations
Political Theory
Political Sociology
Political Psychology
History of Political Studies in Azerbaijan
Fundamentals of Political Science
Demographic Policy
Political Research Methods
International Relations Theory
Ethnopolitology
Foreign Policy
The Political Aspect of Heydar Aliyev's Heritage
Parliamentarianism: History and Modernity
Election Technology
Basics of Diplomacy
Civil Defense





Regional Studies

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Regional Studies

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Regional Studies is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the political, cultural, economic and social structures in the USA and Europe, with a special emphasis on foreign languages. The program equips students with a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the

regions while covering cross-regional analysis as well. Each country within the European Region is given a specific focus during the course of the program and is explored from the variety of perspectives including economics, history, international relations, law, culture, political science.

Career Opportunities

Through successfully completing the program, graduates gain competency about the regions and may pursue careers in embassies, international organizations, ministries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Program Structure

Ethnopsychology of Western Countries
 The Language of Western Countries
 Second Foreign Language Usage in Western Countries
 Economics of Western Countries
 Geography of Western Countries
 Ethnography of Western Countries
 Informatics and Computer Technology
 International Relations Theory
 History of International Relations
 History of Western Countries
 Literature of Western Countries
 Political Systems and Foreign Policy of Western Countries
 Culture and Art of Western countries
 Fundamentals of International Law and the Legal System of Western Countries
 Civil Defense



International Relations

Program: Bachelor's Degree, International Relations

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in International Relations is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the studies of relationships between state actors in the international system and their interactions with inter-governmental organizations and international corporations. The program combines political science, economics, history, foreign languages, international law, sociology, and other fields. Students will be equipped with knowledge and skills to understand rela-

tions between nations, as well as the internal workings of other countries and the role of non-governmental actors and international organizations in world affairs.

A specific focus will be given to such fields of current interest including globalization, political systems, processes of integration, world policy, conflict resolution, national security and geopolitics.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates may pursue careers in governmental organizations, embassies, ministries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), law, business and international organizations.

Program Structure

Political and Economic Geography
History of International Relations
History of Asian and African Countries
Globalization Process in the Modern
International Relations System
Fundamentals of National Security of the
Republic of Azerbaijan
Fundamentals and Evolution of
International Relations
History of European and American Countries
Political Systems of Azerbaijan and Foreign
Countries
Modern Integration Processes
World Politics
International Organizations

History of Turkic Peoples
Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan
Energy Diplomacy in the United Nations
International Economic Relations
International Law
Political Science
Theory of International Relations
World Economy
Informatics
Conflict Studies
Economic Diplomacy
Economy
Specialized Foreign Language
Civil Defense



Social work

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Social work

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

Caring for a person is sacred! A social worker is a person who can really change society, improve people's social welfare and quality of life. A social worker helps a person discover his potential. Social work improves society.

Social work is a practical professional and academic program that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and increases people's ability to function independently and be free in society. The principles of social justice, human rights and respect for diversity are at the heart of social work.

Career Opportunities

Graduates who successfully complete the program:

As a manager and specialist in social work in governmental and non-governmental organizations in the social sphere;

State authorities and local self-government bodies - as employees of socially oriented departments;

As a researcher and consultant on business, socio-political organizations, media - social issues;

Social and rehabilitation centers for minors;

They can work in social service centers.

Program Structure

- Conflictology in social work
- Management of social projects
- Social work with the elderly
- Social statistics
- Modern sociological theories
- Gender issues
- Systematic approach in the social sciences
- Family as the main object of social policy
- Organization of social work in different groups
- Social work projects in the United States
- Social work experience of Western countries
- Psychology of social work
- Economic bases of social work





SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

The School of Natural and Applied Sciences is one of the newly established schools at Western Caspian University. It offers a number of attractive and modern study programs and gives students a broad knowledge in various areas of science and in specializations in subjects required by the industry. Students acquire complex knowledge about natural phenomena in a practice-oriented way. In addition to receiving theoretical expertise, in both scientific and artistic spheres, students undertake practical research and creative projects facilitated by labs, workshops and Information Technology (IT) equipment. Teaching methods boost creative thinking, innovativeness and teamwork with the focus on the application of knowledge to practice. The school prepares highly qualified specialists in physics, applied mathematics, biology, chemistry, forestry, and ecology.

Students take classes in modern laboratories related to Genetics and Molecular Biology, Neurobiology, Taxonomy, Chemistry Teaching and Environmental Monitoring, Geomatics, Physics, and Consumer Goods Expertise.



Biology

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Biology

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Biology is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the study of living things from tiny micro-organisms, plants and animals to human beings. Students learn about genetics, cytology, plant biology, invertebrate and ver-

tebrate zoology, biochemistry and molecular biology. WCU offers a broad range of learning opportunities, including traditional classroom experiences and hands-on experiences in the field and the laboratory.

Career Opportunities

The Undergraduate Program in Biology prepares students for a wide variety of jobs in research, teaching, consultancy and management. Students have the opportunity to pursue careers in fields such as biotechnology, medicine, environmental studies, human and veterinary medicine, scientific research and development, education, environmental monitoring and regulation, private design and consulting.





Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
 Foreign Language
 Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
 Higher Mathematics
 Physics
 Biometry and Informatics
 General Chemistry
 Soil Science
 Ecology and the Rational Use of Nature
 Cytology
 Human Anatomy
 Morphology and Anatomy of Plants
 Systematics of Primary Plants
 Systematics of Higher Plants
 Invertebrate Zoology
 Vertebrate Zoology
 Biology of Histology and Individual Development

Biochemistry
 Microbiology
 Genetics and Evolution Theory
 Molecular Biology
 Plant Physiology
 Human and Animal Physiology
 Biophysics
 Immunology
 Mycology
 Enzymology
 Biotechnology
 Civil Defense
 Plant and Animal Ecology
 Sea Flora
 Biochemistry of Hormones
 Virology
 Bioinformatics
 Applied Genetics



Ecology

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Ecology

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Ecology is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to sciences of species, communities and environments. The undergraduate program in ecology has a strong focus on practical application of ecological knowledge in society. Students acquire training in such practical areas as survey methods of ecology, ecological monitoring, and applied ecology.

The undergraduate program specializing in Ecology brings together material from a number of different areas including human biology, soil science, chemistry, and environmental law, including the relation to current environmental problems.

Career Opportunities

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates may pursue careers in governmental departments (Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), companies, marine and fishery industry, research laboratories.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
First Foreign Language
Second Foreign Language
Third Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Higher Mathematics
Physics
Informatics
General and Inorganic Chemistry
Analytical Chemistry
Organic Chemistry
Biology
Human Biology
Soil Science
Geo-Ecology
General Ecology
Ecological Characteristics and Protection of Biosphere
Survey Methods of Ecology
Human, Environment and Sustainable Development

Industrial Ecology
Landscape Science and Landscape Ecology
Domestic Ecology
Ecological Chemistry
Environmental Law and Legal Basis of Natural Resources Utilization
Environmental Security and Risks
Ecological Monitoring
Applied Ecology
Biodiversity and Its Conservation
Forest Science and Forest Ecology
Civil Defense
Ecological Law
Statistical Analysis
Petroleum Industry
Ecological Problems in Azerbaijan
Ecology of the Caspian Sea
Ecosystems and Their Protection

Water Bio-Resources and Aquatic Plants

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Water Bio-Resources and Aquatic Plants

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

Water Bio-Resources and Aquatic Plants is a full-time multidisciplinary program that focuses on skills in diversity of organisms and their natural compounds, structural and functional organization of biosphere and eco-systems as well as types of bio-diversity. Students are

provided with theoretical and practical knowledge about contemporary genetics, heredity and volatility phenomena. Western Caspian University has created opportunities for students to participate in various research projects and laboratory studies.

Career Opportunities

The Undergraduate Program in Water Bio-Resources and Aquatic Plants prepares students for a wide variety of jobs in research, teaching, consultancy and management.

Program Structure

Higher Mathematics
Biometry
General Chemistry
Informatics
Metrology and Climatology
Field Economics, Marketing and Management
Ecology
Morphology and Anatomy of Plants
Systematics of Primary Plants
Systematics of High Plants
Invertebrates Zoology
Vertebrates Zoology
Plant Physiology
Water Plants
Microbiology
Biochemistry
Rheumatology
Aquaculture
Hydrobiology
Growing of Algae
Growing of Invertebrate Animals
Fishing
Biology of Histology and Individual Development
Feeding Fish
Bio-Ecology of Azerbaijani Water Basins
Labor Protection
Civil Defense



Forestry

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Forestry

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Forestry is a full-time multidisciplinary program that focuses on the study of the theory of forestry, and forest composition and structure. It explores the role of natural events in forest formation, the application of chemistry breakthroughs in forestry development, the norms of pesticide usage, anatomy, morphology and systematization of higher plants, climate role in forestry development, the organization and management of forest agriculture, physiologic and biochemical processes in trees and bushes, the biology of forest animals, forest parasites, and the characteristics of tree species.

Students are trained to effectively carry out forestry management planning and they learn

to undertake complex measures against forest pests and pathogenic organisms as well as to analyze forest dynamics and plant genetics.

The laboratory on forestry and wood processing technologies contributes to the development of practical skills of students. Students have access to the newly developed Geomatics Center, where they will have a chance to work with modern devices and brand program software. They learn to develop different scale maps depending on the type of forest area and tree species, and to create specific data-bases and learn to employ integration systems.

Career Opportunities

Students may pursue careers at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, research institutes, international forestry projects and other organisations such as specialists in wildlife, forest health specialists, biodiversity, genetics and ecology.

Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Foreign Language
Azerbaijani Language and Speech Culture
Informatics
Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Botany
Acrometeorology
Economy, Organization and Management of Forestry
Ecology
Geodesy
Plant Physiology
Fundamentals of Hunting and Biology of Forest Animals
Forest Protection

Dendrology
Forest Melioration
Ornamental Gardening
Health Safety
Forestry Tractors and Machinery
Soil Science and Agriculture
Forest Selection and Genetics
Greening and Park Farming
Forestry
Forest Structure
Civil Defense
Methods of Protection and Reproduction of Forest Ecosystems
Ecological Law
Forest Tourism
Ecological Monitoring

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Social Sciences incorporates history, philosophy, pedagogy and psychology. We offer outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate degrees that will give students the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their chosen careers. Courses provide critical and creative thinking skills, and the social and environmental awareness needed for future careers. The methods of teaching inspire students to make use of scientific methods and actively engage in exploration and inquiry in social issues.

The faculty have designed the curricula to develop specialist knowledge and prepare students for future employment in commercial, public, academic and other sectors. Graduates work in a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as public and commercial settings. Students are highly-valued by employers in public, private and non-government sectors for their range of skills including literacy, communication, problem-solving, research methods and their ability to engage in a comparative perspective.

History

Program: Bachelor's Degree, History

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree program in History is a full-time multidisciplinary program that covers the history of ancient and modern civilizations from around the world, and the determining events, peoples, and cultures that have shaped the course of modern civilization. Studies range from Early and Middle Ages to Modern Asian, European, American and Middle Eastern cultures. Programs concentrate on a few core courses, i.e., Azerbaijan and World History, and are expanded upon from electives on a wide range of topics.

Students are exposed to the discipline of weighing evidence and evaluating interpretations of great events and significant personalities of the past. In so doing, they develop a broad general knowledge of the traditional liberal arts disciplines while developing a greater depth of knowledge in history. The program emphasizes critical and analytical thinking, as well as effective research and writing skills.

Career Opportunities

Students may pursue careers in local and foreign companies and institutions as researchers, historic buildings inspectors or conservation officers, museum or gallery curators, secondary school teachers, archaeologists, and archivists.



Program Structure

History of Azerbaijan
Historiography
Fundamentals of Ethnography
History of Ancient East
Medieval History
New History
Modern History
History of the Near and Middle East countries

History of Turkic People
History of Slavic People
Informatics
Ancient History
History of Caucasian People
Archaeology
Civil Defense





■ Philosophy

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Philosophy

Duration : 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy is a multidisciplinary full-time program that teaches Philosophy created by Western and Eastern civilizations. The program assumes critical thinking and personal philosophy. Students gain extensive knowledge of traditional humanitarian subjects while mastering the depth of the field of philosophy. The course provides students with theoretical knowledge, critical

reading, analytical thinking, and the ability to express their ideas clearly and fluently.

Students gain profound theoretical knowledge and practical skills in such areas as Social Philosophy, Ontology, Cognitive Theory, Logic, Ethics, Aesthetics, Individual Liberty and Responsibility.

Career Opportunities

Students may pursue careers in local and foreign companies and institutions as researchers, secondary school teachers, specialists at the social and cultural centers, experts and analysts at state institutions and public associations.

Program Structure

Informatics
Modern Concepts of Natural Science
Political Studies
Sociology
Ontology and Cognition Theory
Social Philosophy
Logic
Pedagogy
Formation and Development of Philosophy in the Far East
Philosophy of Religion
Ethics
Psychology
Theory of Argumentation
European Philosophy in Antiquity and Medieval Era
Formation and Development of Philosophical Thought in the Islamic Region
New Era European Philosophy
Contemporary Philosophy: The Uniqueness of East and West
Aesthetics
Freedom and Responsibility of the Person
Philosophical Issues of Gender
Methodology of Philosophy and Science
History of Azerbaijan Philosophy
Civil Defense





Psychology

Program: Bachelor's Degree, Psychology

Duration: 4 years

Credits: 240

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Bachelor's Degree in Psychology is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces students to sciences of mental life and behavior. Students gain solid knowledge in the discipline and develop clear thinking and effective communication skills.

The program develops the core areas of Psychology that include classic and contemporary theories and methods of Psychology. Students

are taught to understand the relationship between theories, concepts and problem-oriented strategies, and learn to apply their knowledge in practice, and gain vocational skills they can apply in their careers. Specific focus is given to social psychology, legal psychology, family psychology, the psychology of unlawful behavior of teenagers, psychological correction and psychotherapy.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates may pursue careers in psychological counselling centers, training centers, hospitals, international companies, advertising agencies, schools and nurseries.



Program Structure

- Anatomy and Physiology of Central Nervous System
- Physiology of Higher Nervous Activity and Sensor Systems Philosophy
- Mathematical Methods in Psychology
- General Psychological Practicum
- Introduction to Psychology
- Sensation and Perception
- Attention and Memory
- Thinking and Language
- Emotions and Motivation
- Individuality and Personality
- Experimental Psychology
- History of Psychology
- Psychophysiology
- Clinical Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Legal Psychology
- Civil Defense
- Special Psychology
- Psychology of Communication
- Political Psychology
- Family Psychology



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF HIGH TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
CASPIAN

Computer Sciences

Program: Master's Degree, Computer Sciences

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

This program offers a Master's Degree in Software of Computer Systems and Networks. It provides students with a broad foundation in Information Technology (IT), and an in-depth understanding of computer data communication and modern networking. The program supports students with a comprehensive understanding of network design and imple-

mentation, network performance analysis and management, network security and the latest networking technology. The program is designed to empower students with extensive knowledge and hands-on experience to analyze, design, procure, manage, and implement cutting-edge computer networking solutions and technologies.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Computer Engineering
History and Methodology of Computer Engineering
Real-Time Programming
Intelligent Systems
Internet Technologies

Special Chapters of Mathematics
Automation Computing Experience
Computer Modelling of Systems and Processes
The Basics of the Theory of Decision-Making
Modern Problems of Data Analysis



Information Technologies

Program: Master's Degree, Information Technologies

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in Information Technologies program offers the fundamentals of design, analyses and application of computers. Students explore the application of computerized information systems, including Web technologies, to run modern technology-based businesses. The web, via e-commerce, has created a revolution in consumer-to-business and business-to-business transactions. The

business analyst of the future must be able to identify how web-based technologies can be applied to solving existing and new problems, and how to leverage technology to realize strategic opportunities. Students receive exposure to networking and data communications, database management systems, distributed computing and various systems analysis and design development strategies.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Information Technologies
History and Methodology of Information Technologies
Real-Time Programming
Intelligent Systems
Internet Technologies

Analysis and Design of Digital Systems
Software Packages Used in Automation of Scientific Research and Computing Practices
Computer Modelling of Systems and Processes
Fundamentals of the Theory of Prejudice
Modern Problems of Data Analysis



SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Technical Aesthetics and Design

Program: Master's Degree, Technical Aesthetics and Design

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study : full-time

Language of instruction : Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's program in Technical Aesthetics and Design enables students to carry out research about the theory of design principles, scientific and methodological foundations of design activities, current and perspective directions of design, solving various project issues within pedagogical activity. Students studying in the Master's program also acquire the ability to apply modernization techniques to design, learning from the history and methodology of design, along with the ability to conduct research on modern design problems.

The focus of the master's research may be selected from modelling and deployment techniques in various aspects of design, systemat-

ic diversification of ergonomic indicators and high computer technologies, and analysis of forms and methods.

Masters students develop the following occupational skills in their field of research:

- Using modelling techniques in design and in the creative process, in general;
- Theoretical knowledge in the creative process;
- Planning and implementation of scientific and research activities;
- Ability to prepare the results of scientific research and creative work;
- Ability to describe the general picture of the field.

Program Structure

Special Drawing in Design

Special Coloring in Design

Patent in Design

Design Modelling

Projecting and Modelling in Design

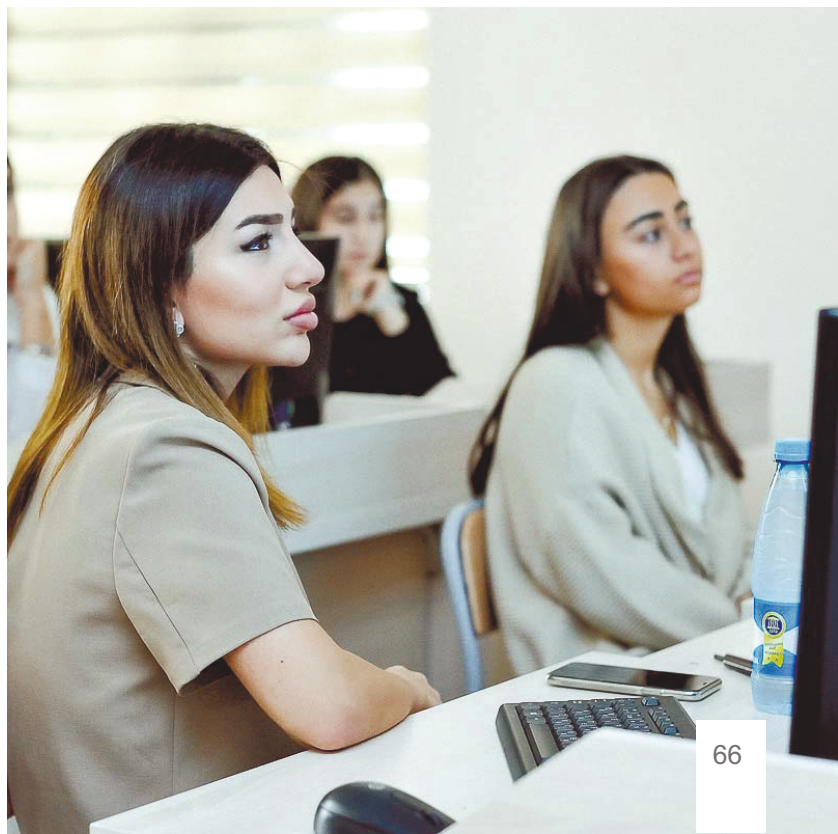
History and Methodology of Design Art

Modern Problems of Design Art

Modern Trends in the Design of Urban

Environments

Environmental Aspects of Design Projecting





SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Finance

Program: Master's Degree, Finance

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's program in Finance is a full-time multidisciplinary program enabling students to explore accounting and financial analysis. Masters will be able to gain theoretical knowledge and analytical skills in the field of audit and finance. In addition, students in the

Master's degree program will gain the ability to work with the latest methods to generate meaningful statistical information. This program also introduces students to a profound understanding of taxation issues.

Students in the Master's Program will acquire the following skills:

- The ability to develop analytical working methods related to financial accounting and auditing for both commercial and non-profit organizations
- The ability to carry out the development of work plans and programs for research
- The ability of the research team and the individual executives to prepare and perform necessary sequential tasks
- The ability to carry out research in the field of finance and credit, to interpret the results, and to prepare data for summary of financial statements
- The ability to collect, process, and systematize data on the subject of research, the ability to determine the method of research and the means to resolve issues,
- The ability to develop theoretical and economic models of research processes and objects related to professional financial and tax activity in finance and credit
- The ability to analyze theoretical and new econometric models of the processes and objects investigated in accounting, auditing and taxation activities
- The ability to discover and research actual scientific problems on finance-credit,
- The ability to identify and evaluate innovation efficiently
- The ability to detect and investigate financial and economic risks in the activity of economic entities in order to develop a risk management system
- Ability to gain a profound understanding of tax law and policy in diverse areas and countries

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Finance
History and Methodology of Economics
Philosophy of the Economy
Micro and Macroeconomics, Level III
Financial Theories
Methodological Problems of Financial
Control and Audit
Conceptual Basis and Practical Aspects of

Tax Policy
Current State of Financial Markets
Theoretical and Practical Problems of the
Insurance Business
Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Monetary
Credit Regulation
Tax and Taxation

■ Business Administration and Management (MBA)

Program: Master's Degree, Business Administration and Management

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The MBA program in Business Administration is focused on enhancing and enriching management and critical decision-making skills that managers need to function effectively in an organization. The MBA graduates of this program can position themselves in middle and senior level managerial positions in national and international organizations and aspire for upward mobility in their own organizations or take up challenging tasks in senior positions in the manufacturing and/or services sectors.

The program identifies and cultivates “soft skills” at higher levels, including: management, interpersonal and commercial awareness/market knowledge; sales, marketing, and operations that are global-ready; finance and accounting skills; customer handling skills; working as a team; networking and problem solving

Management training is at the heart of any MBA curriculum, with a focus on:

- Leadership
- Planning
- Business strategy
- Organizational behavior

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Business Management
History and Methodology of Business Management
International Aspects of Staff Management
Economics
Marketing
Commercial Logistics
Business Financing
Managerial Accounting
Tax Management
Investment Management
Merchandising
Corporate Management

Western Caspian University also offers an internationally accredited double degree MBA Program – UBIS, which is taught jointly in Baku and in Geneva, Switzerland. Details of this program are to be found at the end of this Bulletin under the section titled “International Office”.



Business Administration and Management

Program: Master's Degree, Business Administration and Management

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's degree in Business Administration and Management program provides training in business administration and management that is designed to equip graduates with management skills. The Program provides theoretical and practical training to help graduates gain a better understanding of general business management functions.

Marketing, finance, planning, logistics, economics and mathematics are also covered, since they are essential to the understanding of business administration and management. Special focus is paid in helping students to develop skills in research, critical thinking, problem-solving, reasoning and interpersonal relations.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Business Management
History and Methodology of Business Management
Fundamentals of Business Administration
Business Planning
Business Financing
Management and Organization Work
Managerial Accounting
Business Restructuring
Business Conflicts and Their Solutions
Tax Policy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Business Evaluation



Tourism and Hotel Management

Program: Master's Degree, Tourism and Hotel Management

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree program in Tourism and Hotel Management will provide an in-depth knowledge of the working principles of the world's fastest growing industry—tourism.

Students acquire methods and regular practices of tourism strategic management, planning and projecting as well as gaining knowledge of the versatility and comprehensive nature of the tourism industry while also learning the principles of catering services. Students will develop understanding of the principles of business management—from general business management and economic principles to a legal framework of business. Students will become knowledgeable about the current trends in tourism economics and globalization, acquire knowledge about marketing of services, international tourism, and aspects of rural tourism. Business management is impossible without the ability to plan and manage company finances; therefore, students will acquire knowledge about the tax system.

The program focus is on an understanding of world tourism market regularities. Students will gain knowledge about the significance of globalization processes in tourism and hospitality industry and will find out why corporate responsibility is now realized in the world and attention is paid to sustainability. They will also develop skills to work in an E-environment. The topics covered in the program include: concept of tourism marketing, risks and insurance in tourism, organization of catering services, organization of service in hotels and tourism objects, history and methodology in tourism industry, accessibility in tourism, e-commerce in travel agency business, the economic impact of tourism, the socio-cultural and the environmental impact of tourism. The program is designed to prepare students to meet the demands of both the national and international labor market and to conduct industry related research.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Tourism Industry
History and Methodology of Tourism Industry
Organization of Hotel and Socio-Cultural Services
Optimization of Human Resources Usage
Development of Service Types
Public Catering Services
Application of Information Technologies in Tourism
Travel Agencies and Tour Operators
Tax Administration
Risks and Insurance in Tourism and Services
Tourism Logistics
Organization of International Tourism
Mechanism of Activity of International Tourism Companies
Marketing Concept in Tourism
Assessment of International Tourism Resources
Risks and Insurance in Tourism and Services
International Tourism and Logistics





Management

Program: Master's Degree, Management

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in Management introduces students to in-depth managerial analysis and the problems of project management. Students will acquire a combination of technical and theoretical knowledge, including the basic skills they need to enter careers in the innovative and managerial spheres.

The program is focused on innovative technical and methodological aspects of management, including marketing, economics and project development. As such, these are essential to the understanding and enhancing of the skills of a competitive project manager. Special focus is paid to assist students to develop skills in research, innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving, reasoning and interpersonal relation.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Management

History and Methodology of Economics

Philosophy of Economy

Micro and Macroeconomics

Modern Strategic Management

Creative and Innovation Management

Project Management

Risk Management

Personnel Management

Business Activity

Ethics of Management



SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Economics

Program: Master's Degree, Economics

Duration: 2 years

Credit: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in Economics Program introduces students to a core of combined studies in law, political science and institutional economics. The distinctive approach of the university concentrates on the institutional aspects of regulation, regulatory bureaucracies, interest groups, legislators and the courts. The

program is focused on the economic and legal aspects of market regulation, private equity, hedge funds, competition and competition policy, corporate governance and mergers, enhancing challenging course content with both theory and real-world knowledge.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Economics
History and Methodology of Economics
Philosophy of Economics
Entrepreneurship Law
Transportation Law
International Commercial Orbit Law
Contract Law

Banking and Operations
Risks and Risk Management
Modern Institutes of Economic Law
Procedural Rules for Dispute Resolution in
Economic Courts



World Economy

Program: Master's Degree, World Economy

Duration: 2 years

Credit: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in World Economy focuses on the fundamentals of finance, analyses and application of monetary-credit policy.

Some of the areas in which students are thoroughly equipped include:

- deep theoretical knowledge and practical skills in how foreign economic activity operates
- foreign trade transactions and operations
- international standards in business management
- functioning of transnational and multinational corporations and international economic organizations
- the financial strategies of the European Union
- the management of international projects

This program offers an overview of the changing nature of finance systems and the governance of the global economy, with a specific focus on the forms of money space created across the globe.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of the Economics

History and Methodology of Economics

Philosophy of Economics

Micro- and Macroeconomics

Modern Problems of International Economic Relations

World Trade Organization (WTO) and International Trade Policy

Modern Architecture of World Financial and Monetary-Credit Policy

Processes of Transnationalization and Economic Integration

Azerbaijan's International Economic Policy

Geo-Economics



SCHOOL OF PHIL OLOGY AND TRANSLATI ON

Translation

Program : Master in Translation

Duration : 2 years

Credits : 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction : English, Azeri or Russian

The Master's Program in Translation provides students with a firm foundation in translation theory, and it employs them with the latest translation techniques. Students will be trained to translate and interpret in various contexts, including politics, economy, science, technology, medicine, law and culture. Graduates of the program will be able to master modern translation and interpretation skills, and they will be able to translate into and out

of their native language. Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates will either be able to continue their studies with a PhD degree in literature or linguistics, or they can pursue a career as translators and interpreters in various international, governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as in educational institutions, in research institutions, in publishing companies and the media.

Program Structure

History of Translation
History and Methodology of Translation
Modern Problems of Translation
Theory of Translation
Grammatical Basics of Translation
Theory of Literary Translation
Synchronic and Consecutive Translation
Interpretation
Sociopolitical Translation
Translation of Economic Texts
Translation of Cultural Texts
Literary Translation
Translation of Terminology
Variants of Translation
Stylistics
Translation, Culture and Language
Translation and Globalization
Pedagogy
Psychology
Second Foreign Language





Philology (Linguistics)

Program: Master in Philology (Linguistics)

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

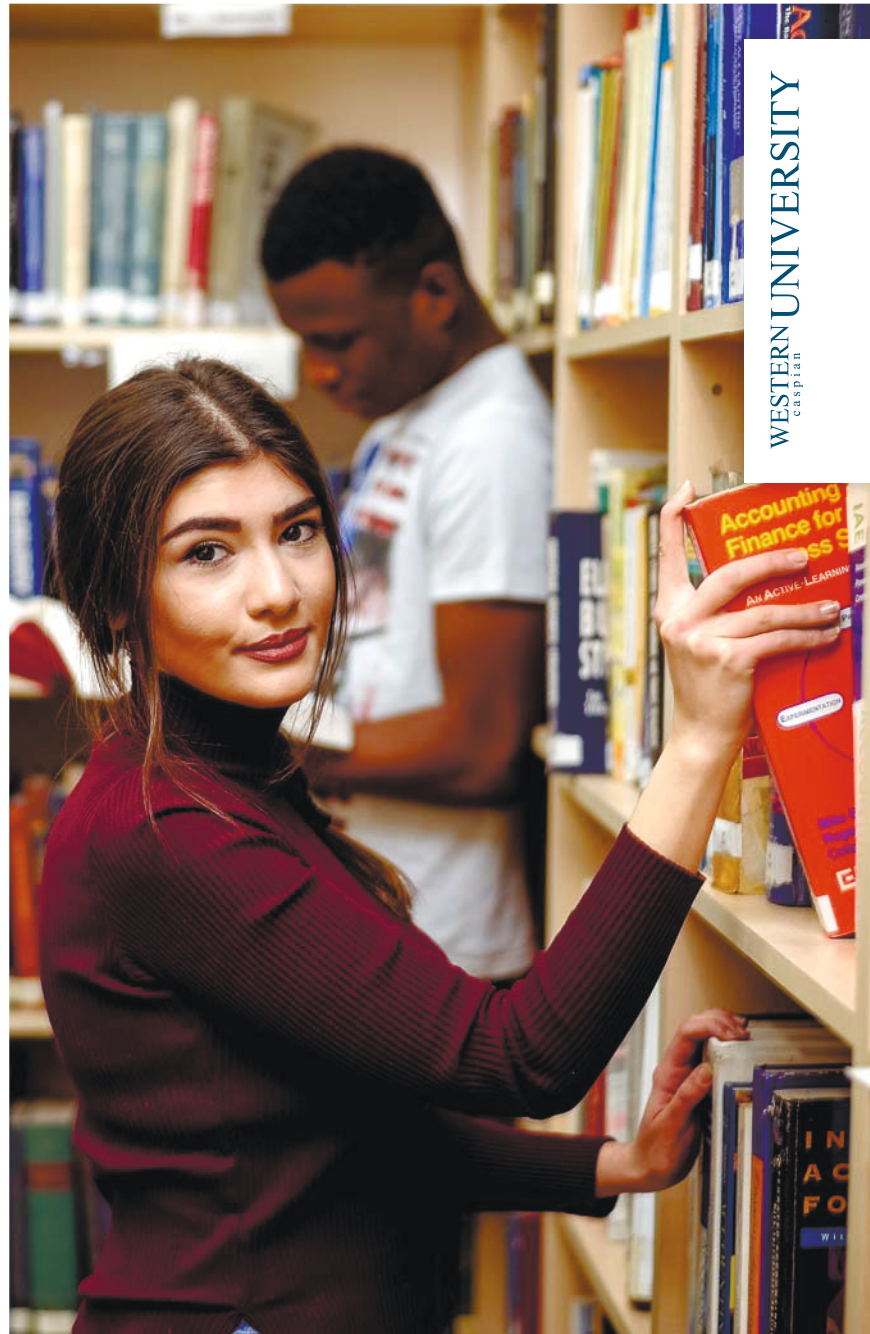
Mode of study: full-time

This Master's Program in Philology covers the wide field of linguistic studies. Students will acquire an academic approach to language and gain expertise in areas such as phonology, morphology, semantics and syntax. They will also be thoroughly trained in the historical development of the English language and in several branches of modern linguistics, including applied linguistics, cognitive linguistics

and sociolinguistics. Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates will either be able to continue their studies with a PhD degree in linguistics, or they can pursue a career in the educational sector, in research institutions, in international, governmental and non-governmental organizations, in publishing companies or the media.

Program Structure

History of Philology
History and Methodology of Linguistics
Modern Philology
Theoretical Linguistics
Applied Linguistics
Cognitive Linguistics
Sociolinguistics
Discourse Analysis
Language and Culture
English Literary Language
Phraseology
Compounds in the English Language
Linguistic Methods
History of the English Language
Phonology
Morphology
Semantics
Syntax
Pedagogy
Psychology
Second Foreign Language



■ Philology (Literature)

Program: Master in Philology (Literature)

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azeri or Russian

The Master's Program in Philology covers the most important areas of Anglophone literature. In the course of this two-year program, students will become acquainted with works from different eras of English and American literature, and they will also study the broad field of postcolonial literatures written in English. Special attention is paid to the issues of gender and multiculturalism and to the interrelationship between literature and cul-

ture. Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates will either be able to continue their studies with a PhD degree in literature or linguistics, or they can pursue a career as translators and interpreters in various international, governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as in educational institutions, in research institutions, in publishing companies and the media.

Program Structure

History of Philology

Modern Philology

Narrative Theory

English Drama

English Poetry

Ancient Literature

Medieval and Renaissance Literature

Shakespeare Studies

17th and 18th Century Literature

Romanticism

19th Century Literature

Modernism

20th Century Literature

Postmodernism and Multiculturalism

Literature and Gender

Postcolonial Literatures

English and Azerbaijani Literature

Literary Translation

Pedagogy

Psychology

Second Foreign Language





SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science

Program: Master's Degree, Political Science

Duration: 2 years

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's degree in Political Science is a full-time multidisciplinary program that introduces in-depth study of concepts, processes and events in politics on the global regional, and national levels. The Program equips students with a strong base of knowledge and tools of political analysis useful in careers in education, government, business, professional school, and not-for-profit organizations. It provides an opportunity to gain both theoretical and practical knowledge required to understand complex political relations around the world.

political science, including the parliamentary system, globalization, political management and public relations (PR) technologies, political research methods, political conflict resolution and international policy. Students learn valuable analytical skills that are crucial to the development of their academic and professional careers.

Moreover, the program provides participants with professional analysis skills that will enable them to competently analyze, compare, and evaluate social and economic phenomena, and explain political processes; additionally, theoretical descriptions are provided and explanations are given of the peculiarities of the manifestation of individual political processes.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Political Science
History and Methodology of Political Science
International Organizations and Leading Political Centers
Political Psychology
Main Directions for Azerbaijan's Independence
Diplomatic and Consular Services
Professional Ethics
Political Analysis and Forecasting
Azerbaijan in the System of International Relations



Regional Studies

Program: Master's Degree, Regional Studies

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in Regional Studies is a full-time multidisciplinary program that offers students of political, cultural, economic and social structures of the region a special emphasis on foreign languages. The Program equips students with a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the regions studied while covering cross-regional analysis as well. The Program examines the fields of demography, human geography and regional planning from an economic and social science perspective.

Each country within the European region is given a specific focus during the course of the program and is explored from a variety of perspectives including economics, history, international relations, law, culture and political science. Students have a chance to analyze and discuss the changes and challenges faced by the region in terms of external policy.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of History

Teaching Methodology and Methodology of History

American and British Political Systems

US Foreign Policy

Great Britain's International Relations System

Diplomatic and Consular Service

International Aspects of National Security

Political Culture in International Relations

Global Uncertainty and Modern International Conflicts

Role of the United States and Great Britain in the International Organizations





International Relations

Program: Master's Degree, International Relations

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study: full-time

Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Program in International Relations focuses on information about negotiation and management skills in international organizations, on the history of diplomacy, on migration, on regional integration, on ethical issues in international relations, and on the methodology of the social sciences applied to international relations.

The program challenges students to develop an in-depth understanding of international affairs and international diplomacy. It covers

relationships between countries, involving roles of states, governmental and non-governmental organizations, academic and public policy fields, economics, international law, cultural studies and much more. This is truly an interdisciplinary field of study. Students analyze current issues in the field within their historical and cultural contexts, producing research-based writing. They participate in debates and gain practical training in negotiation and mediation of conflicts.

Program Structure

Modern Problems of International Relations

History and Methodology of International Relations

Theory and Practice of Diplomacy

International Integration Processes and International Organizations

Cultural Diplomacy

International Contracts: Features of Terms and Documentation

International Aspects of National Security

Political Culture in International Relations

Global Security and Modern International Conflicts

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Ecology

Program: Master's Degree, Ecology
Duration : 2 years
Credits: 120
Mode of study: full-time
Language of instruction: Azerbaijani, English, Russian

The Master's Degree in Ecology focuses on physical and biological fields of science to help solve environmental problems. Environmental scientists are searching for concrete answers and practical solutions to help minimize pollution, increase energy efficiency, promote alternative forms of energy, and increase awareness of environmental issues and sustainability.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates may pursue careers in governmental departments including Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, and Ministry of Agriculture, NGOs, corporations, marine and fishery industry, and research laboratories.

Students in this Master's program should acquire the following capabilities in the scientific-research sphere:

- Use mathematical possibilities to solve problems related to protection and restoration of environment
- Draw upon scientific research
- Carry out independent analysis on main aspects of the development of ecology
- Use mathematical modelling based on a deep knowledge in fundamental and computer sciences
- Present results of their own scientific research

Program Structure

Modern Problems of Ecology
History and Methodology of Ecology
The Philosophy of the Economy
Specialization Subjects
Micro and Macroeconomics III Level
Organization of Ecological Business
Environmental Monitoring
Ecological Problems of Rational Utilization of Natural Resources
Emission of Waste into the Environment
Ecological Problems Caused by Fuel and Energy Complex
Environmental Problems of Chemical and Petrochemical Industries



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology

Program: Master's Degree, Psychology

Duration: 2 years

Credits: 120

Mode of study : full-time

Language of instruction: English, Azerbaijani or Russian

The Master's Program in Psychology is a full-time multidisciplinary program that covers two areas of modern psychological studies, Clinical Psychology and Social Psychology.

Clinical Psychology integrates the theory and knowledge necessary for understanding, preventing and treating psychologically based stress and mental disorders, promoting subjective well-being and personal development. Skills are developed to assess clinical research and to test, diagnosis and treat mental disorders. Students thus acquire training in such practical areas as psychological diagnosis; counselling and rehabilitation therapy and practice; identification and treatment of social and clinical problems of anxiety, stress, depression, schizophrenia, and relationship difficulties; diagnosis of children with special needs and methods of working with them.

Social Psychology provides in-depth knowledge of theories, methods, and empirical findings in the field of social psychology, which are relevant to current social issues. Major subfields of social psychology are covered, including such fields of current interest as prejudice and attraction, aggression and altruism, and emotions. Special attention is paid to the study of groups, group interaction and dynamics and the way these spheres of influence affect our choices, interactions and behavior. Students are provided with a deep theoretical knowledge of the psychology of small and large groups, leadership, communication, and various elements of relevant socio-psychological processes. Students learn counseling strategies to apply their knowledge and also develop the skills for conducting research of the highest quality.

Program Structure

Modern Issues of Psychology
 History and Methodology of Psychology
 Brain, Psyche and Mental Development
 Diagnostics and Methods of Work with Abnormal Children
 Structure of Modern Clinical Psychology
 Issues of Psychological Diagnostics, Correction, Counseling and Rehabilitation
 Contemporary Issues of Pathological Disorders the Human Psyche
 Issues of Personality Anomaly
 Contemporary Issues of Neuropsychology
 Methods and Methodology of Socio-Psychological Studies
 Psychology of Communication
 Group Issues in Social Psychology: Theory and Methodology
 Urgent Issues of Socialization
 Modern Concepts of Social Psychology
 Urgent Issues of Socio-Political Psychology
 Socio-psychological Training: Theory and Practice

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF HIGH TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING

■ Systematic Analysis, Management and Information Systems

Program: PhD, Systematic Analysis, Management and Information Systems
Duration: 3 years (full time), 4 years (part time)
Mode of Study: full time, part time

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in Systematic Analysis, Management and Information Processing.

The PhD is a research degree, and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. As a full time program, it is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option, with the PhD dissertation completed in four years, rather than three.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences.

The purpose of the program is to develop a deep, integrated knowledge of the following concepts and processes:

- Decomposition and synthesis of objects of systematic analysis
- Algorithmization of decomposition process
- Types of aggregation
- Basic issues of mathematical statistics
- Establishment of point estimation and confidence interval
- Differentiation of statistical hypotheses
- Algorithmic issues on graphs and drawings
- Finite vending machines and automatic transmission
- Information theory
- The concept of information
- Entropy, conventional entropy, coding, optimal coding and linear codes
- Key concepts, essence, indicators and criteria of management
- Management objectives, purpose and functions of management
- Decision-making in management, management systems and structure
- Mathematical methods used in management, optimization issues

PhD students participate in various scientific conferences and symposiums related to research. In addition to the theoretical and methodological basis of the thesis, PhD students possess expert knowledge in modern financial standards, enabling them to understand the contributions of others to science, as well as develop the ability to conduct independent scientific works at the next stage. PhD students are provided with personalized training programs for their research projects.



SCHOOL OF DESIGN

■ Technical Aesthetics and Design

Program: PhD, Technical Ethics and Design

Duration: 3 years (full time), 4 years (part time)

Mode of study: full-time, part time

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in Technical Aesthetics and Design. The PhD is a research degree and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. As a full-time program, it is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option, with the dissertation being completed over four years.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences.

Purpose of the program

- Acquiring analytical thinking, modern research methods and competencies
- Exposure to innovations in design
- Professional training in developing systems of art and project culture

The PhD Program in Technical Aesthetics and Design provides a high level of training to elicit analytical thinking and transmit modern research methods and competencies. The history of design, theory and practice of visual culture, modern methods of design, ecological aspects and modern design problems are also areas of emphasis. The PhD program provides doctoral students with the necessary knowledge and skills to carry out scientific-pedagogical activity in the field of artistic and visual culture, introducing modern and current teaching methods (using online technologies, pedagogical activities, and integrative methods).



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Internal Fiscal Policy and Finance

Program: PhD in Internal Fiscal Policy and Finance

Duration : 3 years (full time), 4 years (part time)

Mode of study: full-time, part time

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in Internal Fiscal Policy and Finance.

The PhD is a research degree, and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. This full-time program is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option, with the PhD dissertation being completed in four years.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences.

Research activities revolve around topics such as:

- Financial Policies and Tools
- Impact of Financial Policies
- Financial Policy and the National Economy
- Interaction of Investment Policy
- Business Cycle in Macroeconomics
- Appearance of Financial Policy
- Restoration of Total Supply of Fiscal Policy Instruments
- Financial Policy
- Main Directions of Fiscal Policy of Azerbaijan
- Fiscal Policy and Aggregate Demand
- Fiscal Policy and Aggregate Proposal
- Tax and Taxation





SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

■ World Economy

Program: PhD, World Economy

Duration: 3 years (full time), 4 years (part time)

Mode of study: full-time, part time

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in World Economics. The PhD is a research degree and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. As a full-time program, it is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option with the PhD dissertation being completed in four years.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences. The program seeks to develop research and critical analysis skills, high-level expertise using various methodological tools, and a solid command of the fundamental issues in the field.

Research activities revolve around such topics as:

- International Business
- International Economic Relations
- Problems of modern world economy
- Regulation of problems at national, regional and global levels
- Government agencies, international governmental and non-governmental organizations

The PhD program in World Economy provides a high level of knowledge of international trade and international economic relations, including other key components related to economics. As an integral part of the program, students carry out independent research which includes formal methods and tools that can be used in the modern economy and result in more profound knowledge and skill acquisition.

The PhD program is completed with a defense of the dissertation. This activity provides researchers the chance to strengthen their knowledge of economics and to demonstrate their skills by using modern methods and tools of modern economics. The PhD program allows students to conduct sophisticated research in the field of economics. The level of research is at a stage that enables articles to be published in high-end scientific journals and to participate at science conferences and symposiums.

Economy of the Productive Sphere

Program: PhD, Economy of the Productive Sphere

Duration: 3 years (full time), 4 years (part time)

Mode of study: full-time, part time

This program is concerned with all flows of goods and services related to production, consumption, and accumulation. The development of a highly complex analysis grid is key to gaining a deep understanding of these flows. This program is a research degree and is completed through the defense of a dissertation.

The PhD program in Economy of the Productive Sphere delivers a high level of knowledge for students to gain a deep and empirical understanding in the field of economics. It envisions the development of economist-scientists who work to implement research at the national level with a view to both foreign and local experience for the solution of practical issues. PhD students can collaborate with well-known scholars from around the world. The goal of the program is to enter managerial positions in industry, the public sector, international organizations, and university research and teaching.

As a full time program, it is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option, with the PhD dissertation being completed over four years. Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences. The program seeks to develop research and critical analysis skills and advanced expertise using various methodological tools, and a solid command of the fundamental issues of the discipline.

The Purpose of the Program is to integrate knowledge concerning:

- Level of economy
- Economy sector
- Form of economy
- Economic growth
- History of Economics

The PhD program in Economy of the Sphere provides a high level of program for students to gain deep knowledge in Field Economics. It envisages the development of economist-scientists in the field of implementation of scientific research works in various fields of the country economy and application of foreign and local experience in the solution of practical issues. PhD students can collaborate with well-known scholars from around the world. The goal of the program is to present their projects in universities, as well as managerial positions in industry, public sector and international organizations.

General Economics

Program: PhD, General Economics

Duration: 3 years (full-time), 4 years (part-time)

Mode of study: full-time, part-time

This PhD program in General Economics is designed to provide students with extensive knowledge in the whole field of economics. Since specialization is increasingly dominating university curricula, it is all the more important to enable students to gain expertise within the overall framework of modern economics in the 21st century. Participants of the program will be able to pursue their studies and interests in the fields of macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis, world economy, economic policy and theory. The graduates of this program will be able to address economic challenges and opportunities both on a national and international level. They will develop their analytical and critical competencies and be prepared to pursue a career in international companies as well as in state institutions, the financial sector and in governmental and non-governmental organizations.



SCHOOL OF PHILOLOGY AND TRANSLATION

Germanic Languages

Program: PhD, Germanic Languages

Duration: 3 years (full-time), 4 years (part-time)

Mode of study: full-time, part-time

This PhD Program allows students to pursue their research in the broad fields of diachronic and synchronic linguistics. They are encouraged to develop an individual research profile, to contribute to various academic projects and journals and to present their results at major national and international conferences. The program seeks to provide students with specialized knowledge in their field of expertise and to develop their critical and analytical skills. Graduates will thus be well prepared for a career at university or in other research institutions.

World Literatures

Program: PhD, World Literatures

Duration: 3 years (full-time), 4 years (part-time)

Mode of study: full-time, part-time

This PhD Program allows students to pursue their research in various national literatures from all over the world. They are encouraged to develop an individual research profile, to contribute to various academic projects and journals and to present their results at major national and international conferences. The program seeks to provide students with specialized knowledge in their field of expertise and to develop their critical and analytical skills. Graduates will thus be well prepared for a career at the university or in other research institutions.



SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

International Relations

Program: PhD, International Relations

Duration: 3 years (full-time), 4 years (part-time)

Mode of study: full-time, part-time

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in International Relations. The PhD program is designed to prepare students for a career in international relations. The PhD is a research degree and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. As a full-time program, it is completed in a period of three years. There is also a part-time option, with the PhD dissertation being completed in four years.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences.

The program seeks to develop research and critical analysis skills, high-level expertise, using various methodological tools, and a solid command of the fundamental issues of the discipline.

Purpose of the Program

- Formation of theoretical and methodological bases of professional activity in the field of global world processes, geopolitical structures of the modern world, modern international relations and international integration.
- Formation of professional skills of the Doctor of Science, international experts and analysts.
- Use analytical and empirical research tools, appropriate to International Studies and to their reference discipline, in response to innovative research questions.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the tools required for sending articles and reviews to national and international scientific journals; submit research projects to academic and non-academic scientific commissions; present research results in public.

Research activities revolve around topics such as:

- Contemporary theories of international relations
- World Politics
- Diplomacy
- Participants in International Relations
- International Relations Theory
- Cooperation and Conflict in the International Arena



Political Institutions and Systems

Western Caspian University offers a PhD program in Political Institutions and Systems. The program covers field, both in theoretical and empirical terms. The PhD is a research degree, and is completed through the defense of a dissertation. As a full-time program, it is completed in three years. There is also a part-time option, with the PhD dissertation completed over four years.

Students work closely with advisers and other faculty. They have the opportunity to work on multiple projects and present their research at national and major international conferences.

The program seeks to develop research and critical analysis skills, high-level expertise, using various methodological tools, and a solid command of the fundamental issues of the discipline.

The principal aim of the course is to familiarize students with cutting-edge research related to the development and the consequences of political institutions. PhD students will develop familiarity with the conceptual tools and theoretical approaches to the normative study of political institutions, and with the main normative problems of political rule. Furthermore, the course enhances analytical skills.

Research activities revolve around the topics such as:

- Political systems
- Political parties and party systems
- Pressure groups
- Political institutions and agencies
- Electoral Politics
- Political participation
- Governance and policies



DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance Education is a formalized teaching and learning system specifically designed to be carried out remotely by using electronic communication. Students can study on their own time, at the place of their choice (home, work or learning center), and without direct face-to-face contact with a teacher. It is not constrained by geographic considerations and offers opportunities in situations where traditional education has difficulty operating. Distance Education can be more flexible in terms of time and can be delivered virtually anywhere.

Distance Education is one of the fastest growing forms of education. It is gaining prominence among students eager to upgrade themselves for better career prospects.

Western Caspian University started to implement Distance Education in 2016. WCU regularly organizes trainings for its faculty via Distance Education with the participation of foreign experts. Training courses provide information through a specially created platform using methods and technologies specific to Distance Education.

To support Distance Education, the university has begun to establish an Electronic University and other programs, such as Moodle.

Students can apply for the following programs:

- Economics
- World Economy
- Accounting
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Psychology
- Forestry



Technology of Distance Education

Distance Education technology is divided into two parts:

Interactive:

- audio conferencing
- video conferencing
- video-conferencing on desktop
- electronic conferences
- e-mail
- online services (Skype, WhatsApp, etc.);
- voice mail
- bilateral satellite connection
- virtual reality

Non-interactive:

- drop materials
- satellite connection
- television and radio broadcasting
- CD and DVD discs
- Process of interactive education
- Faculty and staff, interviews and teaching-advisory courses (work with a technician)
- Online classes for foreign audiences, organization of lectures
- Electronic access to linguistic translation programs, teaching materials and interactive reading materials, hypertext books
- Concrete situations and e-business games aimed at real students in practice and specificity of professional activity
- Video conferences and seminars



WCU SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND CENTERS

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
CASPIAN





GENDER RESEARCH CENTER

The Gender Research Center of Western Caspian University was established in June 2000.

The Center's mission is to develop and disseminate a modern gender worldview for the analysis of social life of the Azerbaijani society and to integrate this approach in scientific research and academic programs.

The Center seeks to unite scientists and lecturers concerned with the development of the gender approach in various social and humanitarian disciplines (such as Philosophy, Economic Theory, Law, History, Psychology, Sociology, Political Sciences, and Cultural Studies).

The Center's activities include the following:

- Conducting Research about Women and Gender Issue
- Integrating a Gender Theory in Social and Humanitarian Sciences
- Developing and Nurturing Scientific and Public Networks
- Organizing and Participating at Conferences, Seminars and Symposiums on a Global Scale
- Publishing Literature about Gender Research
- Engaging in Educational and Scientific Activity



INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Sustainable Human Development was established in 2001. Its mission is to promote human development and environmental sustainability through innovative research, communication and partnerships.

Activities of the institute include:

- Studying and investigating the modern condition of human development and ensuring the realization of economic, environmental and social factors influencing this process
- Considering regional and gender factors, revealing current regularities to assess the conditions of human development based on data and dynamics of its components and carrying out its monitoring
- Developing and carrying out numerous projects, particularly among the disadvantaged population, for promoting human potential and facilitating human development
- Participation in the implementation of the national human development strategy and conception
- Carrying out various programs in education in the sphere of human development.

The Institute provides a complex curriculum intended to promote the human development and organization and coordination of research in this field.

One of the most important tasks of the Institute is to disseminate information about human development among members of society, especially among young people. The Institute strives to cooperate with other governmental and non-governmental organizations, and local and international institutions.

The Institute conducts research in the following fields:

- Natural, ecological and social environment and their impact on human development
- Gender aspects of human development
- Most vulnerable groups of population (refugees, disabled, elderly and women)
- Regional differences existing at the level of human development and their remediation





MOUNTAIN CULTURE AND LANDSCAPE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

One of the main missions of the Mountain Culture and Landscape Research Institute is to develop innovative programs to attract the attention of students to mountain subjects with students' access to both detailed and in-depth information, individual research, and experimental learning. Increasing attention to the protection of the mountains, identifying recommendations for the protection of mountain cultures, obtaining protection status of mountainous cultures facing the threat of extinction. The possibility of acquainting students with mountain culture and mountainous prospects is one of the main research subjects of the Institute.

For the promotion and dissemination of the high-level surveys on mountain landscapes, the Institute seeks to cooperate with other state and non-governmental bodies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as local and foreign institutions.

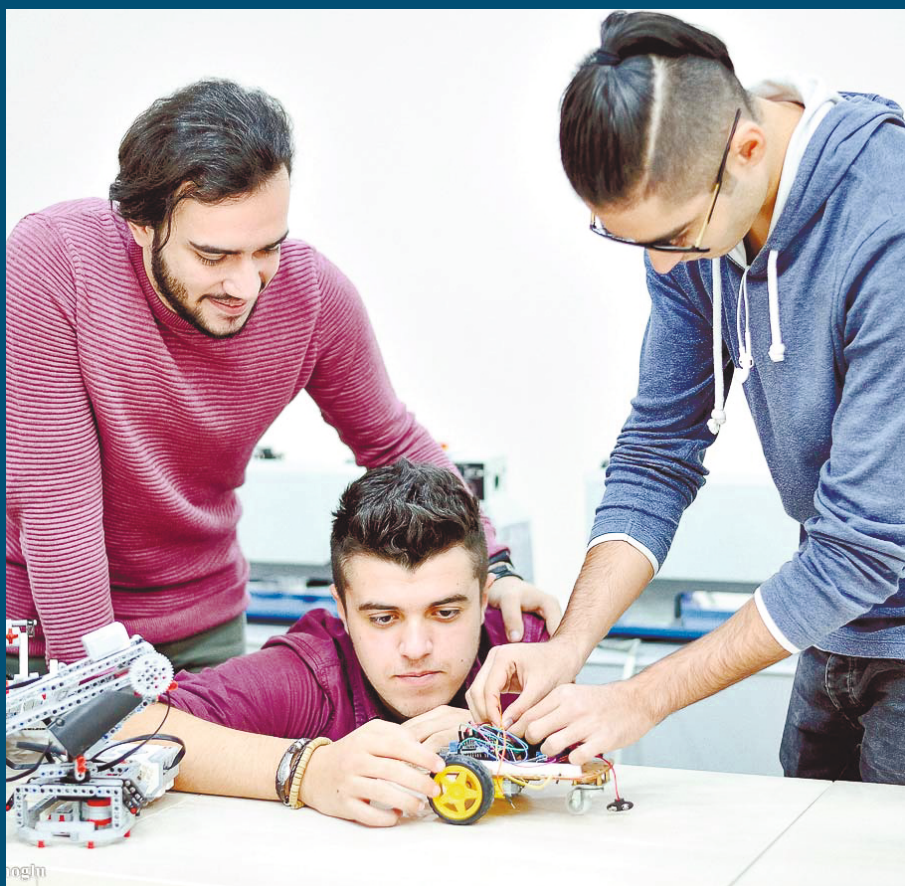
Research studies at the Mountain Culture and Landscape Research Institute monitors the development dynamics, and perspectives of mountain tourism, and helps students to keep current with new trends.

From an international perspective, headed by the University's Founder and Honorary President Professor Husein Baghirov, members of the Institute have made a number of expeditions to Antarctica, Kilimanjaro, the Andes, and other locales.

WESTERN CASPIAN UNIVERSITY TECHNO PARK

Western Caspian University Techno Park was founded at the beginning of the 2017/2018 academic year. The goal of the Techno Park is to provide university students with the concept of innovative entrepreneurship, for the support and commercialization of their ideas.

Techno Park has a mechatronics and robotics laboratory, a business incubation center, an idea bank and technological transfer office. Currently, the related Techno Park Robotics Club and Business Incubation Center are well-known in the country. Staff of the Robotics Club go to the regions and conduct various trainings, seminars and presentations for school children. At the Business-Incubation Center, WCU students and selected school children work together on startup projects.





CENTER OF APPLIED POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Center of Applied Political Science at Western Caspian University was established in September 2017. The Center has laboratories of "Garabagh" and "Multiculturalism". The Head of both the Center of Applied Political Science and the Garabagh Laboratory is Elkhan Shahinoglu. Arye Gut, a renowned expert from Israel, is the Head of the Multiculturalism Laboratory.

The main activities of The Center are:

- To identify active students at the University and encourage them to prepare analytical articles; conduct weekly discussions, publish quarterly analytical articles, organize meetings with diplomats, and participate in various events.
- To conduct discussions with students on Saturdays that aim to cover key issues of the week, as well as present lectures on the most pressing topics. A Debate Club also provides training to improve speaking skills.
- To encourage students in the humanities to become more proactive as writers. For this purpose, the head of The Center initially talks with students who want to write, then encourages them to write analytical summaries. After reviewing and editing, the students' writings are then posted on various websites.
- To host various events which allow representatives of The Center to participate in meetings with various country ambassadors
- To hold roundtable discussions on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

Approximately 100 analytical papers from the Applied Political Science experts have been published on various websites and newspapers. Topics include:

- Negotiations to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;
- Internal situation in Armenia;
- Role of Azerbaijan in the region, the development of energy and transport lines;
- Situation in Syria, and Turkey's security operation in this region;
- Intersection of great powers.

In general, about 30 students are members of the Center and this number is increasing. The Center is planning to hold video discussions in the future. These discussions will be broadcast live on the internet.

CENTER FOR MULTI-CULTURALISM

Historically, Azerbaijan has highly valued tolerance in society, and is known for its multicultural traditions. The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan has made significant contributions to the nation's traditions of tolerance, and for the support of culture diversity by declaring 2016 the Year of Multi-Culturalism in Azerbaijan. In this regard, our country hosted many international events.

The Center for Multi-Culturalism was established at Western Caspian University in 2017 to explore and promote multi-cultural traditions and experiences within our country, by conducting research and analysis of relevant topics. The head of the Center, Arye Gut, is a prominent international conflict expert and an alumnus of Western Caspian University.

The main goals of the Center include:

- To study the cultural, social and political essence of the Azerbaijani reality with regard to its transformation into a lifestyle of multi-culturalism and tolerance
- To identify and enhance the ways in which cultural and ethnographic diversity in Azerbaijan serve the development of the country

- To identify ways to conduct and maintain scientific analysis of the tolerant basis of cultural and religious diversity in the Republic of Azerbaijan
- To support the process of preserving history, culture and religious monuments, using the cultural heritage of various regions, ensuring their harmonious integration into the modern world and civil society

Azerbaijan's multi-culturalism as a discipline is taught at Western Caspian University. The subject is of great interest to the many students who attend lectures about various cultures throughout the world.

RESEARCH AND COORDINATION CENTER

The Research and Coordination Center aims to support students, including both Masters and PhD students, as well as faculty and research staff in their academic and scientific activities. The Center provides both informative and organizational support.

Informative support includes academic work strategies and standards, training and seminars for Masters and PhD students, providing consultation and information on international scientific conferences and university scientific journals, as well as on international scientific publications; developing funding strategies for scientific projects, providing information about international foundations in academic and scientific research and opening access to their resources.

Organizational support includes communication and networking among university researchers, coordination of scientific projects with other universities, conference and organization of debates, working with research centers operating in the country and in the region, and organizing fellowships. The Center also hosts essay competitions, and discussion and reading workshops for students.

CENTER FOR WORKING LANGUAGES

The Center for Working Languages was founded in September 2017. Although the Center is part of the Western Caspian University, it also provides language instruction for students, academic and administrative staff of the university, as well as other individuals for personal, academic, and career purposes. The Center has been created to facilitate a broad and effective application of fundamental changes to the teaching and learning of foreign languages.

Goals:

- To study the problems and difficulties encountered in mastering language
- To implement language learning programs used in foreign countries
- To establish business contacts with some of the world's leading Language Centers in order to study language teaching experience.

Our Center employs about 20 specialists. They are professional, internationally certified teachers who use contemporary and interactive learning methods, textbooks that meet modern requirements, and who stay up-to-date about language learning. The Center for Working Languages closely collaborates with the Azerbaijan Teacher Training Center to periodically conduct Cambridge-style tests of international standard to help students dynamically develop the English language. In addition, teachers participate in international trainings to ensure their professional development. The Center also provides instruction in English, Russian, German, French, and other languages.



CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Chinese Language and Cultural Center at Western Caspian University was established in 2013 in cooperation with the Confucius Center, a non-profit public educational organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. Our Center aims to promote the Chinese language and culture amongst WCU students as well as to facilitate cultural exchange between Azerbaijan and China.

As part of the Center's activities, WCU students have the opportunity to learn Chinese in Baku and abroad. Teachers from China visit WCU on a regular basis to provide students with the chance to practice their language skills with native speakers. As part of the program, students also have a chance to take part in summer school in China.



CAREER CENTER

The main goal of the Career Center is to provide students with career development skills that will help them beyond their academic studies. Its priority is to work with students to enable them to develop their own opportunities, while ensuring that they have access to information relevant to their professional interests.

The main activities of the Career Center are:

- Development of student job search and interview skills
- Identification of employment opportunities
- Maintenance of a career resource center

The Career Center assists WCU students in the transition from study to employment, helping them locate work in the region. The Center works with students individually, supporting them to find their own opportunities and develop their own career strategies. This involves guiding and assisting students while they explore the job market and initiate contact with employers in order to establish WCU as a recruitment center for the entire region.

In addition to working with students, the Career Center has developed a close relationship with employers in the region. Bilateral agreements have been signed with various management, companies and organizations to conduct an internship and practical experience for students including the following:

- National Assembly of the Azerbaijan Republic
- State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Azerbaijan Republic
- Institute of History of ANAS
- Institute of Philosophy of ANAS
- State Musical Culture Museum of Azerbaijan
- Old City (Baku) History Museum
- The Red Crescent Society of the Azerbaijan Republic
- WCU High School
- The Atelier "YANA"
- Central Bank
- Amrah Bank
- Nikoil Bank
- ASAN service
- GILAN Holding
- Norm Cement
- Azercell
- Bakcell

A number of job fairs have been conducted and major corporations visit the university in order to promote their organizations and encourage students to apply for positions.



THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION

The main purpose of the Innovation Center at Western Caspian University is to adapt to the changing world, to bring new trends of the global education system to the university, as well as to adopt new knowledge and experience gained in the fields of science, education and technology around the world.

Since its inception, the Center has organized the following training sessions on innovation policy formation and systematization, innovation projects expertise, transfer and marketing:

- “Making the Right Choice” - educational training for young people to choose the right profession and specialty. Over the past two years, the Center has consistently held meetings with more than 20,000 pupils in more than 300 schools across the country to offer them direction in choosing their professions, minimize psychological tension before exams and to encourage them to find ways to address their problems.
- New Start-Up Model - For the first time in world practice, secondary school students were involved. The goal was to expose young people to innovative and creative ideas and support them in the realization of these ideas.
- Establishment of a Labor Fair - The goal of this project, organized jointly with the Career Center, was to facilitate one-on-one meetings between influential companies to provide employment for young people.
- Robotics Training for Students - In order to increase our interest in engineering specialties, the Center regularly hosts Robotics Training for students in secondary schools, together with Techno Park, supporting the organization of the Leo Sumo Robotics Olympiad, as well as the STEM Plus Knowledge Olympiad.
- Organization of the Forum for Mathematics for Secondary Schools - The purpose of the Forum organized by the Innovation Center was to introduce secondary school teachers to new knowledge and information.

EXAMINATION AND QUALITY CONTROL CENTER

The Examination and Quality Control Center carries out a wide range of functions at the Western Caspian University in improving the quality of teaching, organization, holding, testing, examinations and quality assurance, assessment and quality assurance. This includes formulating development concepts for enhancing the quality of teaching, preparing proposals for their implementation and participating in their implementation.

The Center makes proposals to improve the performance and structure of the center, setting up temporary commissions for investigating specific cases involving examination and colloquium, quantitative and qualitative indicators in the education process, studying and applying local and international experience at the university. It organizes and controls intermediate exams, analyzing exam results, seeking to eliminate shortcomings. It also makes suggestions for improving the quality of teaching at the university, and the level of knowledge and skill level of students.

The Center also ensures the participation of the teaching staff in various trainings, using the acquired techniques in the teaching process. In addition, the Center works with various international organizations, exchanging experience of the staff, and it participates in the implementation of a number of projects to enhance the quality of teaching and develop teacher-student relationships.

One of the main goals of the center is to study the best practices of other countries in the context of integration into European educational standards and to carry out activities in this field and to make proposals to the university administration.

ADMISSION COUNSELING CENTER

The Admission Counselling Center was established in 2018-2019 based upon an agreement reached between Western Caspian University and the State Examination Center. The Center assists youth seeking admission to higher institutions as well as to secondary vocational schools.

The staff at the Admission Counselling Center aids by explaining admission requirements, procedures for completing application forms and solutions related to technical problems, competitions, and deadlines. Assistance is provided without charge.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

The International Relations Office is directly responsible for the delivery of many of the actions directly connected with the strategic objectives of Western Caspian University. The IRO carries out all international activities of the University. The broad range of activities undertaken by the office include the following:

- Recruitment of international students;
- Developing international partnerships with Higher Education Institutions in other countries:
 - Student exchange/study abroad programs under the Erasmus student mobility program;
 - Developing and operating admissions, progression and articulation agreements;
 - Staff and student mobility opportunities;
 - Development of double-degree courses with international partners.
- Active participation in international projects that enhance the international profile of the University, and offer opportunities for our students and staff and support the strategic aims of the University;
- Recruiting academic staff from overseas;
- Arranging conferences, workshops and symposia with international themes and/or for international audiences;





- Provide advice and welfare for international students and staff;
- Provide advice about student/staff exchange programs, continuing education abroad, opportunities for joint research projects.

Exchange programs:

Western Caspian University provides its students and staff with opportunities to spend part of their degree program undertaking study at one of its partner university institutions. These opportunities are available within the framework of formal exchange agreements between the university and its partner institutions.

ERASMUS+

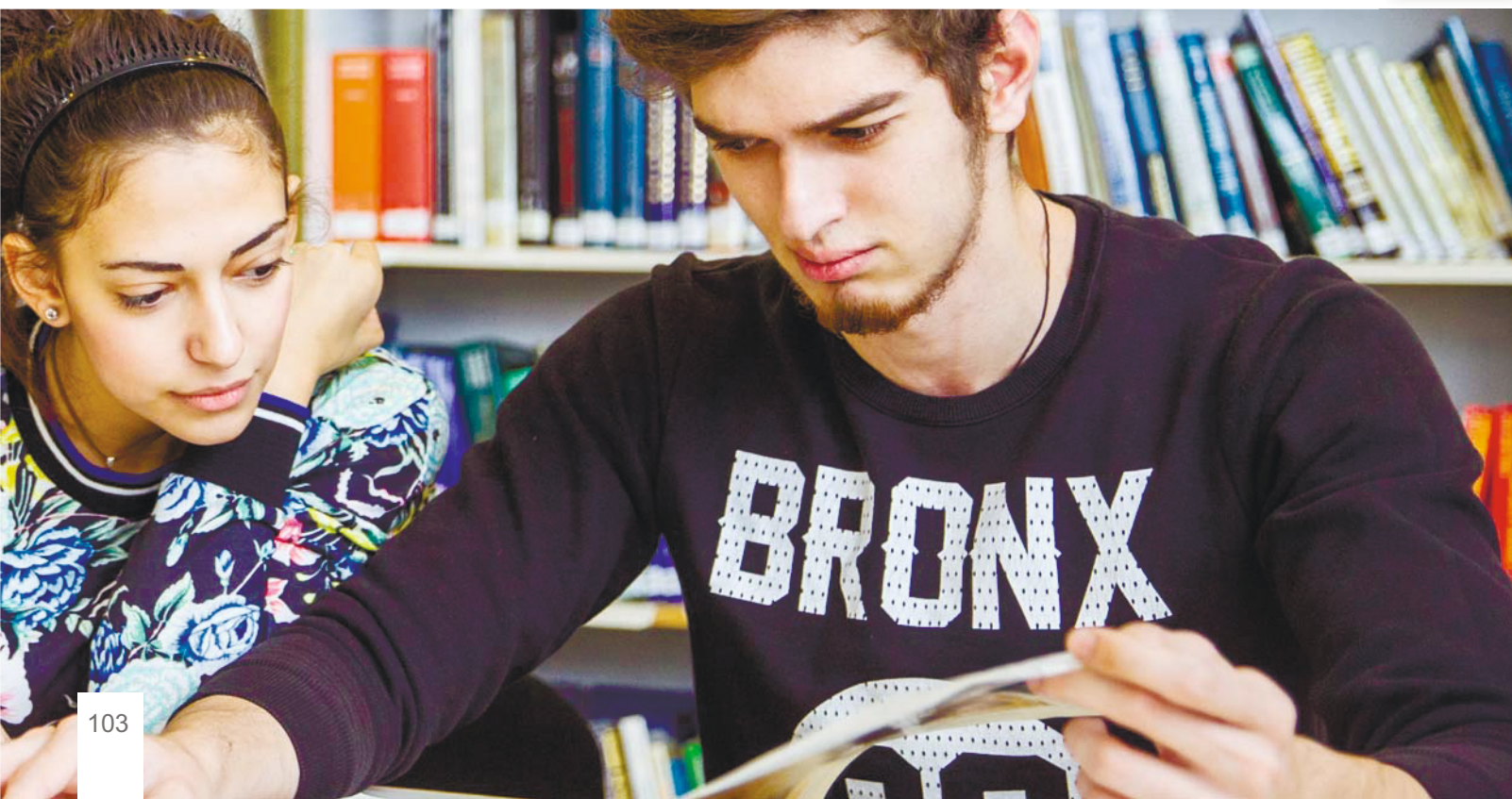
Western Caspian University, as a partner university, has participated in two Erasmus Mundus Action projects: EFFORT and IANUS-2. We are expanding this cooperation in the framework of Erasmus+ credit mobility.

The Western Caspian University Erasmus office provides continuing support for incoming students and academic staff, including orientation program, airport pickup, and accommodation arrangement.

MEVLANA PROGRAM

The Mevlana Exchange is a program, which facilitates the exchange of students and academic staff between Turkish higher education institutions and those of other countries. Students and academic staff from any country may get involved with this program, hosted by Turkish higher education institutions.

Mevlana students who study abroad get the chance to express themselves on an international level and will gain both analytic and comparative points of view. The students are given the chance to experience the culture of their host countries plus gain academic knowledge. They are able to make new friends and improve their foreign language proficiency, which can give them a significant advantage in achieving career goals, thanks to their international experience.



WCU AND VISEGRAD FUND

Western Caspian University is the first university in Azerbaijan to win the University Studies Grant of the International Visegrad Fund or V4 (a cultural and political alliance of four Central European States: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia).

As part of the project, Western Caspian University is delivering a course for its senior Bachelor's Degree students on "Best Practices of V4 countries for the Sustainable Development of SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Azerbaijan". The aim of the course is to draw upon the experience of V4 countries in the development of SMES both internal (at the managerial level) and external level (government reforms and policy development) and to research the possibility of applying these ideas.

The course is incorporated in Western Caspian University's curriculum. The project also covers the modernization of the WCU Library stock by purchasing the latest textbooks in the area of SME Development, Business Management.





Double Degree MBA Program

The MBA program is **jointly taught in Baku** by both the University of Business and International Studies (UBIS University, Switzerland) and WCU faculty, who are experts in their field with solid teaching experience to ensure that the degree is relevant to the changing business world.

- UBIS is an **internationally accredited university** based in Geneva, Switzerland, and is a member of the European Foundation of Management Development (EFMD).

UBIS MBA Programs are accredited by EduQua (Switzerland), European Council for Business Education (ECBE) and the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).

The MBA Program is focused on enhancing and enriching management and critical decision-making skills that managers need to effectively run an organization. The MBA graduates in this program are able to position themselves in middle and senior level managerial positions in national and international organizations, aspire for upward mobility in their own organizations, or take up challenging tasks in senior positions in the manufacturing and/or services sectors. The program identifies the need for “soft skills” at higher levels, including management, interpersonal and commercial awareness/market knowledge; sales, marketing, and operations that are global-ready; finance and accounting skills; customer handling skills; team working, networking and problem solving.

Summer Schools

The International Relations Department organizes Summer Schools for those students wishing to improve their language skills. A group of students accompanied by the representative of the University can spend two weeks at one of the accredited Language Schools of Europe or China. The Program includes:

- Intensive English language courses for up to two weeks;
- Excursions;
- Participation in various social and cultural events;
- Free use of appropriate course materials;
- Nutrition;
- Accommodation.

OUR PARTNERS

Our partners are higher education leaders from all over the world, with whom we share international standards and best practices in order to foster a sustained culture of excellence at our University.

Double Degree MBA Program

University of Business and International Studies (UBIS, Switzerland)
Coventry University (UK)

Erasmus+

Mendel University (Czech Republic)
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (Poland)
University of Pitesti (Romania)
Lithuania Business University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania)
Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)
Frederick University (Cyprus)

Visegrad Fund

Jagiellonian University (Poland)
Newton College (Czech Republic)

Mevlana Exchange Program

Akdeniz University (Turkey)
Dogus University (Turkey)

Bilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding

University of Winnipeg (Canada)
Jiangnan University (China)
University of Vaasa (Finland)
Paris-Sorbonne University (France and UAE)
University of North Alabama and Delta State University (USA)

University of Siegen (Germany)
University of Dunaujvaros (Hungary)
Turiba University (Latvia)
Daugavpils University (Latvia)
Oslo University (Norway)
Polonia University in Czestochowa (Poland)
Povoljsk National Technological University (Russia)
Antalya Academy of Tourism (Turkey)
Gedik University (Turkey)
Istanbul Kultur University (Turkey)
Calderdale College (UK)
Kent University (UK)
Nottingham Trent University (UK)
Indiana University Bloomington (USA)
University of Kansas (USA)
Mississippi Valley State University (USA)
Korean University of Science and Technology

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

National Strategy for the development of education in the Republic of Azerbaijan" as approved by President of the Republic, dated 24 October 2013.

For the implementation of State control over the assessment of the quality of education in educational institutions operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan, Western Caspian University has created the "Strategic Development Center".

- The following activities are the main concerns of the Center:
 - To identify short and long-term strategies of the University
 - To develop various activities and quality evaluation criterion To collect, analyze, and interpret information about

services and activities

To explore external factors that affect services (education, training, and research) of the University, to investigate and report internal competency, efficiency, and level of satisfaction of services

- To prepare a strategic plan and to create and follow an action program related to this strategic plan
- To prepare and conduct a yearly evaluation according to the strategic plan and the action program
- To supervise the implementation of the 5-year strategic plan of the University and to report findings





EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

LIBRARY

Western Caspian University uses the “Follett Destiny Solution” automated library system. It has access to the full-text online databases of EBSCO (publisher of EBSCO host and OP science), The Royal Society, Open Access Books to the DOAB. Within the EBSCO subscription, there are 9,000 magazines (including 7,851 from public, humanitarian, computer, engineering (oil, gas), physics, chemistry, transport and other spheres. The database of magazines has CD / DVD formats, and includes more than 2,500 full-text books and brochures and access to information resources.

Foreign Bases (Purchasing printed books)

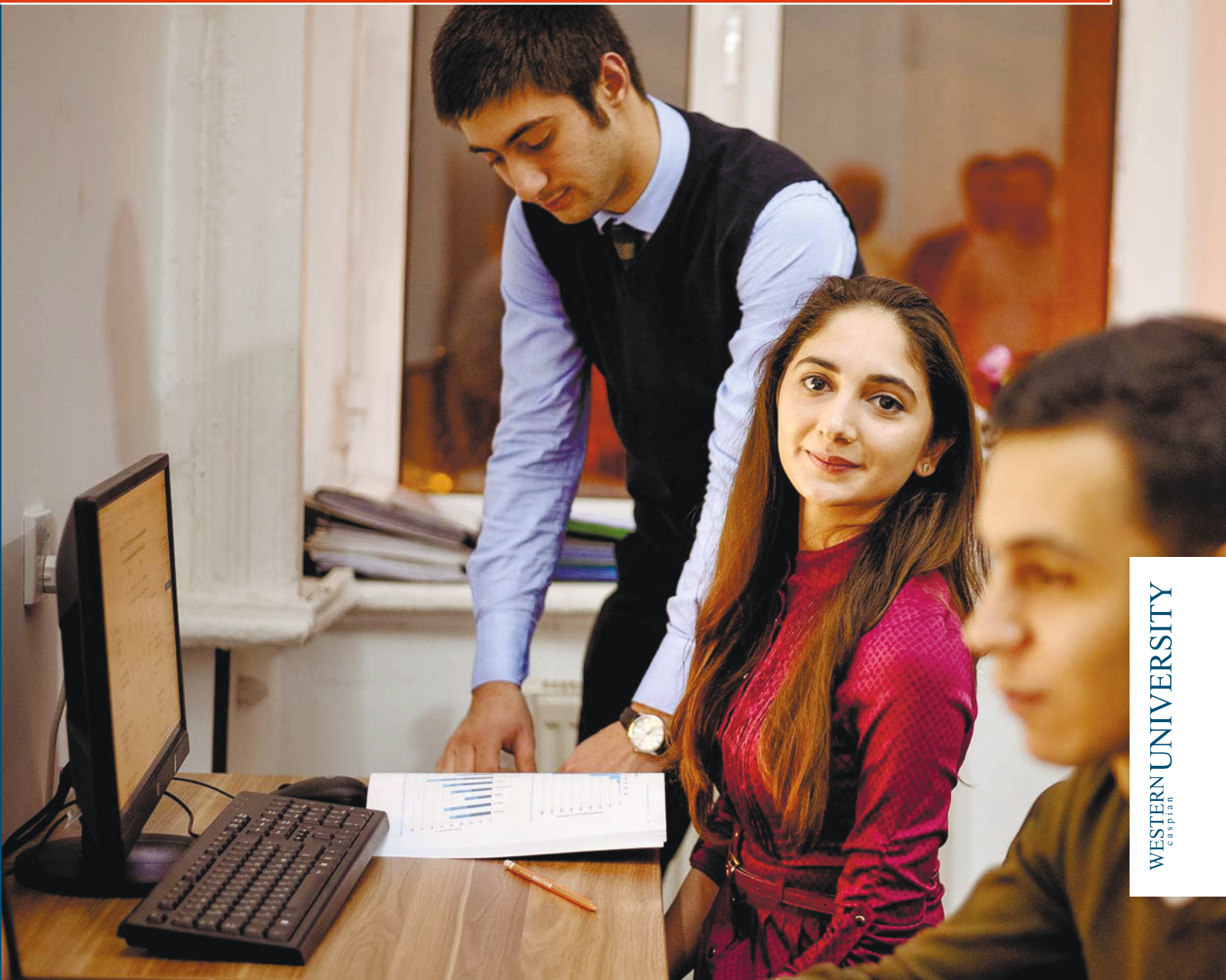
- GOBI (Global Online Bibliographic Information) of EBSCO company
- F. Delbanco-International Books and Journals (Germany)
- AbeBooks.com (USA)
- Cambridge Scholars Publishing (UK)
- Oxford University Press (Baku branch)
- Amazon.com
- Ozon.ru

International Cooperation

- The Librarian Center was created by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), the UN World Tourism Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the International Labor Organization Depository Libraries. Nearly 1,000 different organizations have books and information sources available.
- EBSCO's GOBI (Global Online Bibliographic Information), the largest aggregator of scientific and information resources for the world's leading publishers. The latest editions and most up-to-date manuals are available on the EBSCO GOBI platform.
- F. Delbanco: International Books and Journals (Germany)

Services

- Search and order books online
- E-book search
- Determination of literature according to the curriculum using the E-catalog and Internet resources



Training Sessions and Events

- Presentation of the Library and electronic catalog
- How to prepare lessons from electronic resources that the Library Center is subscribing to and how to use e-books
- "Information culture" exercises (for all students)
- KIM Tutorial Club book discussions with readers
- Library and Modern Library Services
- Search and access rules from online databases, Open Access databases
- Webinars for "Cataloging", "Boss" and "Circulation Desk" sections of the Follett Destiny Solution program (for library collaborators)

Two subscriptions and five reading rooms are provided to enable readers to use the Fund's teaching aids, including the High Tech and Innovative Engineering School, the Design School, and the College Library of Western Caspian University.

At present, our library has about 60,000 books, and more than 500 micro formats and other sources of information.

THOR HEYERDAHL MINI EXHIBITION CENTER

This Center is devoted to world-renowned Norwegian explorer, archaeologist and ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl (1914-2002), who visited Azerbaijan on four occasions (1981, 1994, 1999, 2000). Heyerdahl was intrigued by the petroglyphs of Gobustan near Baku, which are believed to date back at least 5,000 years. The depiction of boats especially fascinated him.

On September 20, 1999, Heyerdahl was awarded the university's highest recognition — "Honorary Professor" by Husein Baghirov, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Western Caspian University.

Heyerdahl is remembered for challenging scientific thinking by sailing 4,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean on a raft made of balsa logs. "Kon-Tiki" set sail in 1947 from Lima, Peru, and arrived 101 days later in the Polynesian Islands. Years later, Heyerdahl's curiosity led him to explore the sea-worthiness of other "primitive" boats made of reeds and he set sail across wide expanses of oceans and seas in the Middle East on three voyages—Ra I (1969), Ra II (1970) and the Tigris (1978).

Heyerdahl's ever-expansive views about early human migrations drew upon his world travels, his curiosity and his multi-disciplinary approach across numerous fields including botany, biology, zoology, history, geography, archaeology, anthropology, climatology, ethnology, folklore and even linguistics.

In 1994, President Heydar Aliyev (1920-2003) invited Heyerdahl to visit Azerbaijan which had recently gained its independence from the Soviet Union. It was at this time that Heyerdahl began questioning established Euro-Centric theories about migration and the settlement of the region of his own roots—Scandinavia. This is when he began to formulate ideas about what he later called "The Odin Theory", suggesting the possibility of ancient links between the Caucasus and Central Asia with Scandinavia.

Heyerdahl based some of his ideas upon the medieval Icelandic text, "The Sagas of the Norwegian Kings" by Snorri Sturluson (1179-1241). In 2001, he organized an archaeological dig near the Azov Sea (Crimea) but was not able to pursue the issue further because cancer took his life in 2002 at the age of 87.

A conference held in 2011 brought several Norwegian scholars to Baku, many of whom challenged Heyerdahl's theory, though a few experts suggested that there truly might be a link that should be further investigated, especially in music and history, as documented in early Latin texts. See "Thor Heyerdahl's Search for Odin: Ancient Links between Azerbaijan and Scandinavia?" Vibeke Roggen, ed. (Novus Press: Oslo, 2014).

The Thor Heyerdahl Mini Exhibition Center officially opened on May 12, 2014, in time to commemorate the 100th Jubilee of Thor Heyerdahl. An eight-day Film Festival, commemorating the documentary films that Heyerdahl had been made about his voyages, were featured, including his first film about the 1947 Kon-Tiki voyage which won the Academy Award for "Best Documentary Film" (1951). The entire film had been photographed in black and white on a single 16 mm camera that Heyerdahl had purchased shortly before they set sail and even before the crew had any experience using it.



Another remarkable film was “Tangaroa”, a voyage undertaken in 2006 by Torgeir Higrav to replicate Heyerdahl’s 1947 voyage. Again, the crew was comprised of six Scandinavians, but this time it included Heyerdahl’s own grandson Olav. These films, and other major films about expeditions on Ra, the Tigris, and the Azov archaeological dig are archived in the Exhibition Center. The Center also exhibits many vintage photos of these voyages, film posters, and even his much sought-after autograph.

Heyerdahl authored about 15 books—copies of which are in the Exhibition Center. In addition to the personal description of his four voyages, he also wrote about Easter Island, the Maldives, and the Pyramids of Tucume, Peru. The exhibition collection also includes his large tome justifying his theory about westward migration and settlement of the Polynesian islands in *American Indians in the Pacific: The Theory Behind the Kon-Tiki Expedition* (Chicago: Rand McNally, 1952), 821 pages.

At present, because of WCU’s interest in Heyerdahl, five books have been translated into Azerbaijani:

1. “Thor Heyerdahl: Beyond Borders, Beyond Seas—Links to Azerbaijan”, bilingual format (Azerbaijani and English), Betty Blair and Maharram Gasimly (editors), Book VII Exploration Series of Western University (Azerbaijan International: Baku/Los Angeles, 2011), 187 pages.
2. “Thor Heyerdahl: In the Footsteps of Adam” (Azerbaijani), Betty Blair and Maharram Gasimly (editors), Book VIII in the Exploration Series of Western University (Azerbaijan International: Baku/Los Angeles, 2011), 312 pages.
3. “Kon-Tiki and I”, a children’s book in bilingual format (Azerbaijani and English) with sketches by Erik Hesselberg, who was one of the six crew members who made the 1947 voyage on the Kon-Tiki raft. Betty Blair and Maharram Gasimly (editors), (Azerbaijan International: Baku/Los Angeles, 2012), 164 pages.
4. “The Kon-Tiki Expedition” by Thor Heyerdahl. Namig Huseynov, editor (Alatoran Press: Baku, 2012), 284 pages.
5. “The Ra Expeditions” by Thor Heyerdahl. Namig Huseynov, editor (Alatoran Press: Baku, 2012), 323 pages.

Western Caspian University expresses sincere gratitude to Betty Blair, Editor of Azerbaijan International Magazine (established in 1993), for her immense contribution in acquiring the materials for the Thor Heyerdahl Mini Exhibition Center. Heyerdahl had been her childhood hero and when she heard that he had visited Azerbaijan in 1994 the week before she arrived, she set out to find him—finally tracking him down in his home in Tenerife, Canary Islands. Heyerdahl is featured in several articles in the magazine. See AZER.com.





SCIENTIFIC BULLETIN

The journal "Science News" was first published in 2011 at Western Caspian University with emphasis on both "Humanitarian Sciences" and "Social and Technical Sciences". Throughout the year, four issues are published with articles in Azerbaijani, Russian, English, German and French. The scientific bulletin gathers articles from different topics, such as humanitarian, social and technical contents. The topics that are accepted by the scientific bulletin are relevant for today's academic climate.

THE TRAINING CENTER - SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE COURSES

The Training Center is an important unit of Western Caspian University. It provides high quality training courses to business organizations and individuals to help them improve their work or academic performance and advance their careers to the next level.

It is our strategy to be alert to constantly evolving needs of the business world in order to be able to promptly respond to any request from the commercial market. Because of the constantly changing needs of Azerbaijan's business and organizational community, Western Caspian University tries to keep abreast of the needs of the business world by continually updating the skills of its staff through international and nationally based training and education programs, and by participating in national and international seminars and conferences.

Western Caspian University offers short-term certificate courses in various areas, including:

- Project Management
- Marketing
- Business Management
- Strategic Management
- Business English
- Organizational Behavior

To enhance the quality of training, we do our best to provide real exposure for the students by continually inviting foreign specialists to conduct classes and support student learning process with modern equipment.



STUDENT LIFE

**IF YOU WANT TO LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY,
WESTERN CASPIAN UNIVERSITY IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!**

Youth Policy is an integral part of Western Caspian University's unified development program. For this reason, the University has created a strategy on "Student's Life" that combines present and future opportunities. The main purpose of this strategy is to ensure that student lives are exciting, meaningful and fulfilling.

Western Caspian University provides opportunities for student leisure time activity and it supports the students' involvement in governance, comprehensive protection of their rights and interests, and the development of organizational, entrepreneurial and creative skills. Among the priorities of the University is the interest of students relative to new technologies and start-up projects.





MEMBERSHIP RULES FOR CLUBS

There are currently about 800 members belonging to the Youth Organization (?) at our university. Students, who want to become members can apply through a faculty coordinator. After review, the candidate is invited for an interview.

STUDENT SOCIETY

The Student Society of Western Caspian University is an independent organization based on the principles of equality of members, common interests and volunteerism. The main purpose of the Student Society is to represent the interests of students and each student separately in the implementation of the youth policy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to ensure their active participation in the socio-political, cultural, social and economic life of the Republic.

Objectives:

- Solution of social problems of students.
- Enlightenment among students.
- Effective organization of leisure time of students.
- Ensuring students' rights.
- Encouraging participation of talented and creative students in contests, competitions, exhibitions and festivals held both inside and outside of the country.
- Implement preventive measures against drug addiction, alcoholism, crime, immorality and other adverse trends among students.
- Organizing meetings with student participation in competitions, seminars, festivals, forums, meetings, exhibitions, action, roundtables, scientific conferences, training courses, publicity marketing companies, discussion clubs, discussions, symposia, meetings with prominent persons.
- Publication of newspapers and magazines to provide information on student and youth events, as well as information on events in the socio-political, socio-economic and cultural life of the republic.
- Organizing associations, studios, clubs, courses, services to encourage student interests and tendencies, intellectual development.
- Studying the problems of the students and bringing them to the Scientific Council for making relevant decisions, promoting leadership of higher and secondary vocational education institutions.

Activities of Student Society:

- Conducts surveys among students, studies their thoughts and intentions.
- Actively participates in their implementation by explaining to students the normative acts of the organization and student rector.
- Provides feedback and suggestions on specific issues of student life.
- Comprehensive defense of the rights and interests of students.
- Makes suggestions on eliminating the causes and conditions that lead to any breach of law.

The Student Society is one of the largest organizations in our university. The organization carries out its activities such as regularly organized conferences, visits of prominent writers, creative days of poets, intellectual games, museums and art houses.





STUDENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION

The Student Scientific Society of Western Caspian University is an organization created to encourage students' interest in science, to participate in conferences and to explore their creative abilities. The chairman is elected by students at a general assembly of students. The Student Scientific Organization carries out the following tasks:

- Local and international student, master, student scientific-practical conferences.
- Students who are interested in science may participate in conferences;
- Publication of students' theses in collections.
- Involvement of students from other countries' and extracurricular higher education institutions at conferences held at Western Caspian University.

The Student Scientific Society plays a leading role in organizing research, debate, scientific workshops and conferences by publishing newsletters and newspapers. Each member of the society contributes to the development of the science in the university. Members gather once a month. They discuss plans for their work and conferences. The basic principle of the Scientific Society is the organization and successful implementation of students' annual scientific-practical conferences. Members write articles, theses and prepare materials for students at other universities in Azerbaijan. The best selected reports are published at the Republican Student Scientific Conference.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

The Student Volunteer Union was established in 2016. The aim of the association is to create volunteer internships so students may gain experience in the relevant fields.

The Association carries out tasks such as conducting a leisure time of University students and improving their scientific and practical skills. The experience gained by volunteer students makes it easier for them to find a job after graduation.

The purpose of the Union is:

- Organize students' leisure time.
- Support students to develop scientific-practical skills and application.
- Eliminate difficulties in finding jobs.
- Promote the student's identity as an individual

THE STUDENT TIMES

The Student Times is a monthly newspaper set up by the students of Western Caspian University. The first issue of the newspaper was published in Azerbaijani Language on May 26, 2017. The first English edition was published in November, 2018. The newspaper acts as a platform for expressing students' thoughts and concerns.

A number of different articles are included. At the same time, the newspaper gives an opportunity for students to express themselves as publicists, journalists, editors, and overall, to function as a press officer. The newspaper also publishes and evaluates the activities of student-volunteer organizations in the University.

CONVERSATION CLUB

Western Caspian University offers additional English speaking courses to students who want to improve their language skills. This program is intended for undergraduate students, and courses are conducted in English. These courses are designed to enhance students' English language skills by expressing their views on different topics and by sharing them with others. Students are divided into groups according to their English language levels. The courses also use various digital resources to stimulate classroom discussion.

STAGE CLUB

This club is dedicated to Bachelor students. They can take part in this competition as a participant or as part of the audience. It is a competition in which students can actively participate, show themselves, open up to the world and share their ideas and thoughts with others. Students will learn how to speak publically and thereby also improve their language skills (both in Azerbaijani and in English). They will speak about a topic that may concern many people and that opens up opportunities for sharing new ideas.

The Stage Club will take place every first Saturday of the month at 09:30 at Western Caspian University, Ahmad Rajabli Street 17A (third parallel).

WESTERN CASPIAN UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAT'S CLUB

Western Caspian University's Diplomats Club was founded by a group of students from the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations. The goal was to foster the development of the next generation of diplomats, global citizens and leaders. The Diplomats Club consists of current students and former graduates of the University.

The Club organizes regular meetings, conferences, debates and other events. At these events, young diplomats stimulate and facilitate an exchange of ideas and knowledge in the field of international relations, global peace and security, humanitarian action and international diplomacy.



BIOCLUB

The BioClub incorporates students' interest in biology and environment. The aim of the club is to provide information about biology, to better equip students in doing laboratory experiments, and to encourage students to periodically organize outside workshops and presentations. Biological knowledge can turn out to be a must in everyday life. Changes resulting from environmental impacts and many methods of protection against disease are often hidden.

What is the benefit of the BioClub?

- Development of research skills
- Development of practical skills
- Encourage independent thought and activity
- Exchange of knowledge through workshops and presentations
- Exposure to new trends in medical and biological research

MUSIC CLUB

Operating since 2017, the main goal of this club is to arrange seminars, workshops, concerts as well as vocal and instrumental performances for students with musical skills. Members often represent our university in competitions. Part of the Music Club is a student chorus association. Every student who is interested in music and wants to improve his or her musical skills is welcome to join.



DEBATE CLUB

The Debate Club brings together students that are interested in debates, polemics and research on those topics discussed in the club's meetings. The main goal is to develop student skills in speaking, analysis, and rhetorical presentation.

UNITED NATIONS MODEL CLUB

The UN Model Club was founded in 2016. Its main purpose is to bring students together, who are interested in political science, international relations and social sciences. Activities are based on principles of the United Nations, organization of inter-country dialogue, and writing UN resolutions. The club provides opportunities for students to gain knowledge about the United Nations. The club regularly hosts UN Model conferences, where students represent countries in one of the UN committees and adopt resolutions.

DANCE CLUB

The dance club brings together students from our university who are interested in national, foreign and other dances, to represent our club in our country and abroad as well as to take part in the various events. Currently, the main activity direction of the Dance Club is the national dances of Azerbaijan in the form of individual and group dance.

INTELLECTUAL GAMES CLUB

The Intellectual Games Club has been operating in our university for many years. Within the scope of its activities, the club combines our students and regularly organizes competitions such as "Who? Where? When?", "Khamsa", "Search & Find" and other formats as well as participates in organization in competitions held by other universities.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is set up for students interested in fiction. The book club organizes book presentations, and opportunities to meet and speak with distinguished writers.

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club operates within Western Caspian University Techno Park. Club members are WCU students as well as school children. Thus, any student studying at public schools can register online and become a member and regularly attend the club at the Techno Park, where they can explore robotics, mechatronics and electronics.

Members of the Robotics Club organize robotics trainings, and regularly make visits to the regions to involve students.



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at Western Caspian University is responsible for all aspects of students' admission to degree programs from getting the first information all the way through to their admission. The scope of this work covers intensive promotion of degree programs, providing information about the steps to take by candidates, processing all applications, and managing the registration process.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The local undergraduate admission process at Western Caspian University is different than the admission process for international students.

Admission Requirements for Azerbaijani Citizens

The State Examination Center (SEC) of the Republic of Azerbaijan carries out admission to Bachelor's degree for Azerbaijani citizens. To be considered for admission, citizens of Azerbaijan must:

- Have graduated from a secondary, specialized secondary or higher education institution and have a school-leaving certificate;
- Register for the Bachelor's degree entrance examination of SEC;
- Participate in SEC examination depending on specialization group;
- Be admitted according to the appropriate pass marks of each program;
- There is no restriction related to the foreign language test on the SEC examination.

Admission Requirements for international applicants

To be considered for admission, international applicants are required to:

- Have graduated from or be in the process of graduating from high school or a higher education institution, accredited by the respective governmental agency.

Required documents for international applicants:

- Online Application Form;
- Copy of a certificate or diploma from previously attended schools (translated into English and notary-certified);
- Official academic transcripts from all previously attended schools (translated into English and notary-certified);
- Recent photo taken within the last six months;
- Copy of Identification Card or Passport;
- Medical certificate.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

The local graduate admission process at Western Caspian University is different than the admission process for international students.

Admission Requirements for Azerbaijani Citizens

The State Examination Center (SEC) of the Republic of Azerbaijan carries out admission to the Master's degree for Azerbaijani citizens. To be considered for admission, citizens of Azerbaijan are required to:

- Have graduated from a university and obtained a Bachelor's degree.
- Register for the Master's entrance examination of SEC.
- Participate in the SEC examination; The exam is conducted in two rounds:
 1. Examination on Logic, Informatics and Foreign Language; the exam is evaluated on a 100-point system.
 2. Examination on a field subject; the exam is evaluated by a 50-point system.
- Be admitted according to the appropriate pass marks





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

To be considered for admission, international applicants are required to:

- Have graduated from a university, accredited by a respective governmental agency and obtained a Bachelor's degree;

Required documents for International applicants:

- Online Application Form;
- Copy of a diploma from previously attended university (translated into English and notary-certified);
- Official academic transcript from a university previously attended (translated into English and notary-certified)
- Recent photo taken within the last six months;
- Copy of ID Card or passport;
- Medical certificate.

POSTGRADUATE ADMISSION

The Postgraduate admission rules are the same for local and international students. Candidates should submit the following documents:

- Statement (addressed to the Rector);
- Personal questionnaire;
- Autobiography;
- Reference letters (from employer);
- 2 photos (3x4 cm);
- Professional reference (for candidates who have work experience);
- Labor notebook (for candidates who have work experience);
- List of the scientific publications, papers;
- Study / research objectives;
- Copy of a diploma from universities previously attended (translated into English and notary-certified);
- Official academic transcripts from universities previously attended (translated into English and notary-certified);
- Copy of passport or ID card;

Candidates admitted to the PhD programs take the following exams:

- Specialty;
- Philosophy;
- Foreign language (except Russian language).

Prospective candidates of a PhD degree program are required to participate in an interview with their future supervisor.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Western Caspian University operates on an academic year divided into two equal semesters of 15 weeks of instruction each (plus exams) plus a summer term.

Fall Semester - September 15 to December 30 (plus exams)

The confirmation of student's individual educational plan	27 August - 10 September
Start of the lessons	15 September
Last date of study	28-30 December
Exams of semester	5-31 January

Spring Semester - February 16 to May 31 (plus exams)

The confirmation of student's individual educational plan	1 February - 10 February
Start of the lessons	16 February
Last date of study	31 May
Exams of semester	1-30 June
Graduation exams	10-30 June

The Summer Term begins in mid-July and continues for six weeks of instruction (15 July–30 August). Exams in the Summer term start the last week of August and continue for a week.

Special notes:

The university does not operate on official national holidays and other dates that are recognized and memorialized in Azerbaijan.

If the first lesson of the semester coincidentally overlaps on Saturday or Sunday, then the first lesson of the semester will be held on the first working day of the next week.

Western Caspian University reserves the right to change scheduled time for semester examinations.