



აკაკი წერეთლის სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი

Akaki Tsereteli State University

Kutaisi, GEORGIA



Map of Georgia





History of Akaki Tsereteli State University



The history of Akaki Tsereteli State University (ATSU) started 80 years ago (1933) and it's one of the oldest high education institutions of Georgia.

Akaki Tsereteli State University was merged with Kutaisi Technical University in 2006 and with Sukhumi Subtropical Teaching University in 2010.

ATSU became one of the largest universities with wide spectrum of academic (on BA, MA, and PhD levels) and professional teaching programs and research fields.

ATSU aims to respond to the job market needs and provide skilled labour force to contribute to the social, economic and cultural development of the country.



Faculties:

1. Humanitarian Faculty
2. Faculty of Business, Law and Social Science
3. Faculty of Pedagogic
4. Faculty of Medicine
5. Faculty of Exact and Natural Science
6. Faculty of Technical Engineering
7. Faculty of Technological Engineering
8. Faculty of Maritime Transport
9. Agrarian Faculty





Academic Programs at ATSU

- 42 Bachelor programmes
- 3 one-step programmes
- 52 Master programmes
- 31 Doctoral Programmes

ATSU is an authorized University by the
National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement



Participant of TEMPUS, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus + Projects

- **Ongoing Erasmus+ CBHE Projects:**

Advocacy Establishment for Students through Ombudsman Position (**AESOP**)-Coordinator;

Paving the way to Interregional Mobility and Ensuring relevance Quality and Equity of Access (**PAWER**) - Partner;

Academic Integrity for Quality Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutions in Georgia (**INTEGRITY**) - Partner;

Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units (**HERD**) – Partner

- **Erasmus+ Credit Mobility**



Grants from EU countries Governments:

CZECH Republic - Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS)
“Increasing of Capacities of Academic and Management Staff at Akaki Tsereteli State University (Georgia)”

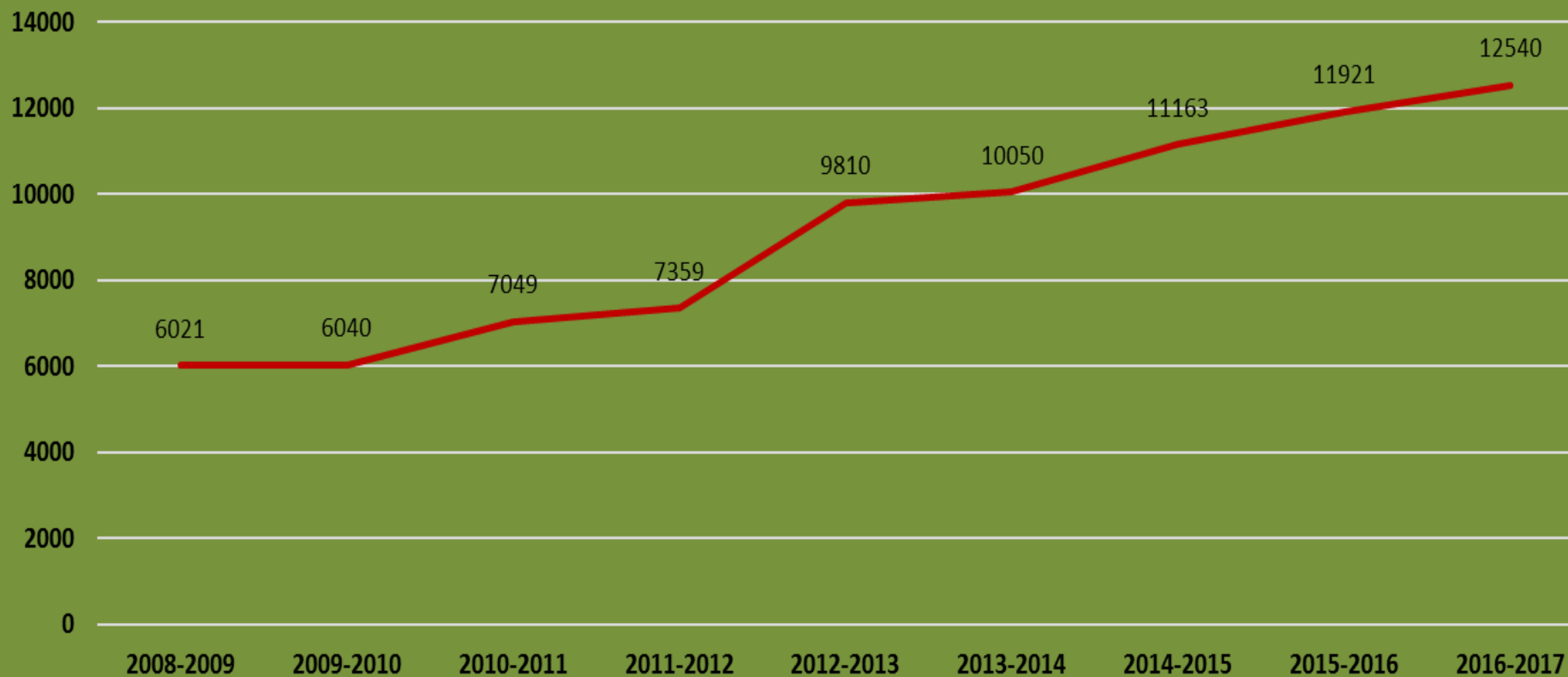
Norway - Telemark University College (NO-TUC/HiT)
“Sustainable Tourism: Rural Entrepreneurship and Heritage.
Educational Cooperation Between Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Norway”

Estonia – with the cooperation of Estonian Business School, in the sphere of Innovative Project Management



Number of Students of ATSU in 2008-2017

Study Level and Number of Students





Partner Foreign Universities:

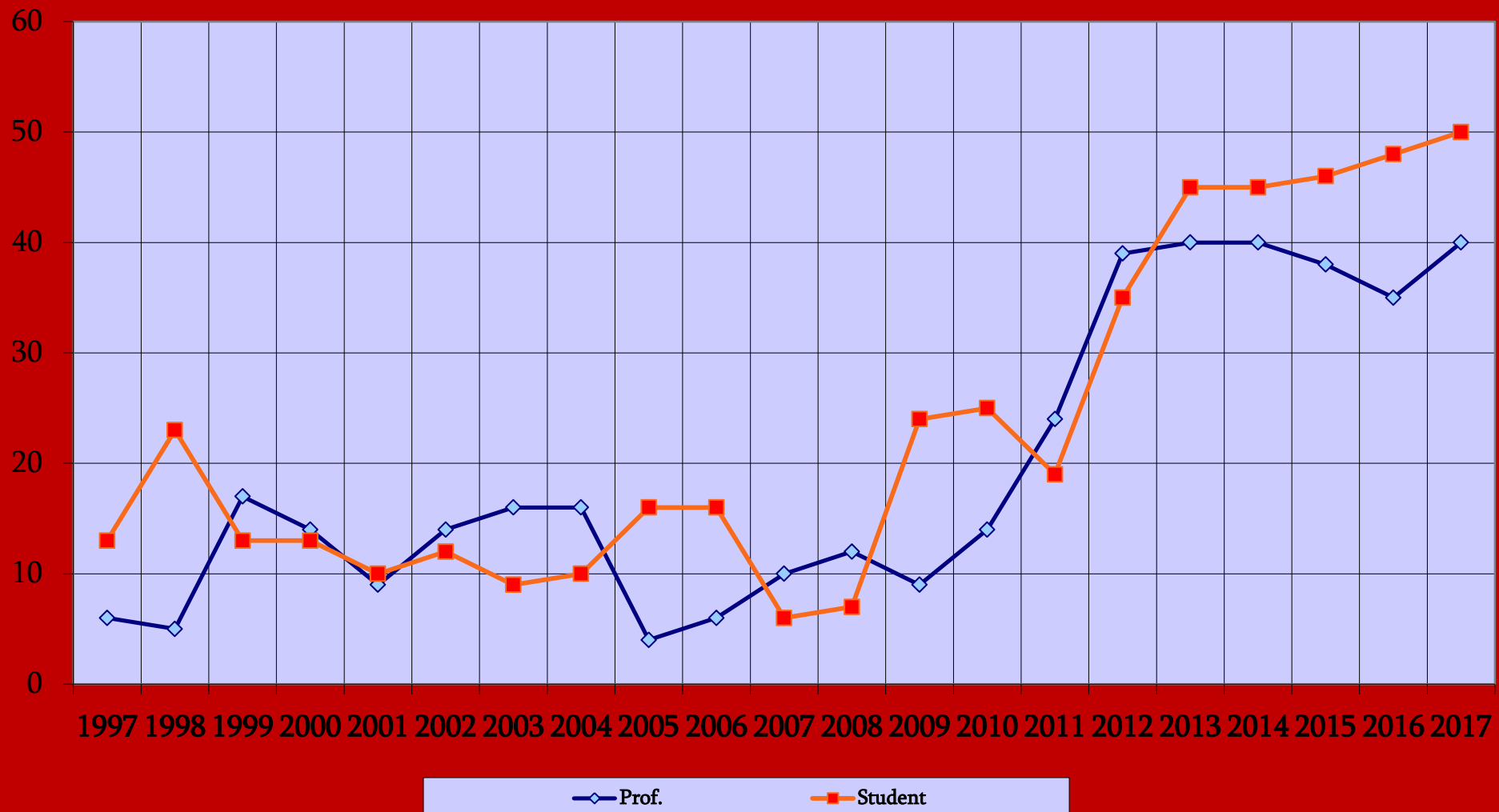
- University Missouri (USA)
- University of South Wales (UK)
- University of Bamberg (Germany)
- University of Gottingen (Germany)
- University of Bremen (Germany)
- University of Versailles (France)
- University of Ankara (Turkey)
- Ariel University (Israel)
- University of Latvia (Latvia)
- Daugavpils University (Latvia)
- and many more ...





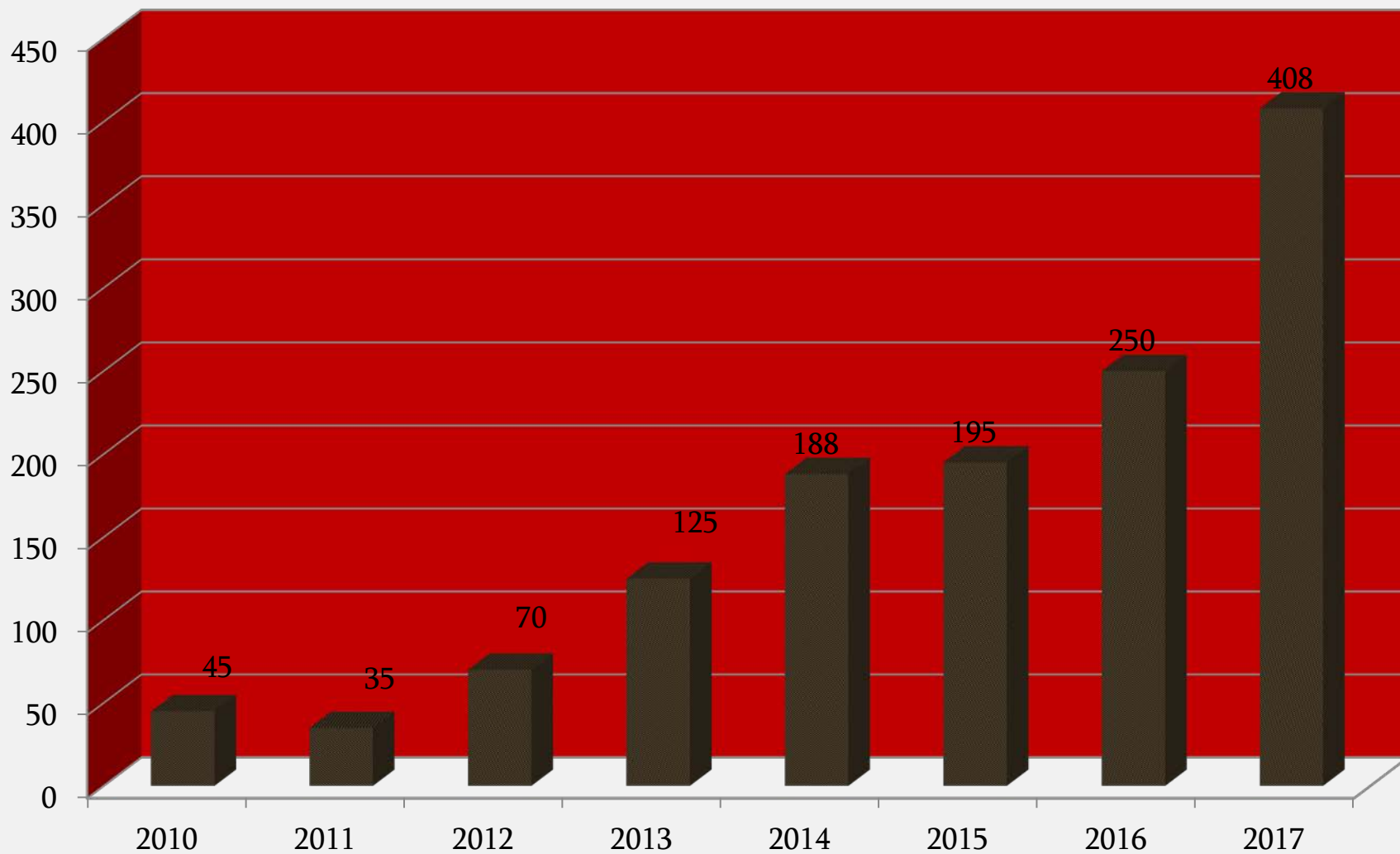
Internship Abroad for Students and Professors

Intership Abroad for Students and Professors





Number of Foreign Students at ATSU in 2010-2017:





Subject Areas offered by Akaki Tsereteli State University in foreign languages

1. EC languages
2. Non-EC languages
3. Computer Science
4. Applied Science (Biotechnology)
5. Engineering
6. Mathematics
7. Geography
8. Economics
9. Business Studies, Management Science
10. Public Administration
11. Law
12. International Relations, American Studies, European Studies Oriental Studies
13. Philological Science (Classical Philology, Linguistics ...)
14. Education, Teacher Training
15. History





Academic Programmes offered by Akaki Tsereteli State University in foreign languages:

In English:

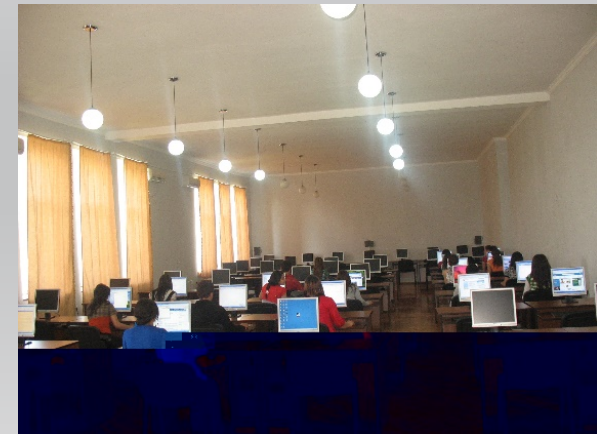
- One-step High Medical Education Programme **“Medicine”** (in English)
- MA programme **“Leadership and Management in High Education”**
- Academic programme in **“Pharmacy”**
- BA programme in **“English Philology”**





International Students Service

- **Orientation Days**
- **Housing, Dormitory**
- **Visa assistant**
- **Social Activities**
- **Georgian Language Course**





Internationalization Policy

The Policy includes organizational management, learning/teaching, scientific work, service implementation and quality management issues.

To achieve the goals set out in the Internationalization Policy, four main directions are separated, the development of which is taken care of by the University:

- Development of institutional partnership;
- Recruitment and integration of foreign students, academic, scientific and administrative contingent;
- International mobility of students, academic, scientific and administrative contingent of ATSU;
- Increase in the quality of learning/teaching, scientific activities and student services at the University.

On the other hand, each direction may include several key activities and programs in the direction of developing a particular possibility.



Internationalization Policy

All services for outgoing/incoming students academic/administrative staff related to their outgoing/incoming mobility are offered by Foreign Affairs and Development Office (FADO) The services include counselling about the mobility opportunities, selection criteria, academic recognition, programme offer (who can go and at which stage of their study programme, financial conditions, living conditions etc.), sign Learning Agreement/Mobility Agreements and inform about credit recognition, advice on preparation of necessary documents or information on contacts at host Universities.

Incoming students/staff are provided with the necessary information and assistance. Foreign Affairs and Development Office (FADO) Welcome centre provides academic advice, assistance with registration issues, local language courses, residence permit, accommodation, local and regional transport, etc.

In some cases final modification to students Learning Agreement may take place, mainly due to causes such as incompatibility of timetables of different subjects, contents not as adequate as expected, etc.

Foreign Affairs and Development Office in cooperation with relevant faculty representatives observes the transparency of mobility at ATSU.



Internationalization Policy

Before mobility

- Provide information on courses (content, level, scope, language) well in advance of the mobility periods to allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.
- Ensure that student and staff mobility is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants.
- Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation. See the information / housing section for contact details.



Internationalization Policy

During and after mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants and integrate incoming mobile participants into the institution's everyday life, and have in place appropriate mentoring and support arrangements
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement as counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- Provide, free-of-charge, incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts in English or in the language of the sending institution containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.
- Support the reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.
- Ensure that staff are given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement.



Internationalization Policy

During and after mobility

FADO provides information and support on visa obtaining, health insurance, accommodation, etc. to outgoing student and staff. Foreign Affairs and Development Office with the support of ATSU Language centre organizes language test for the outgoing students and give them appropriate language certificate. Also FADO organizes orientation days for outgoing students for cultural awareness.

The office is conducting Orientation Days for foreign students. Primary orientation days are after the student's arrival and continues for 5 business days;

Day 1- Picking up/accommodation, visiting the dormitory, visiting the apartments (if a student wishes) and accommodation;

Day 2 - Opening a bank account, purchasing a mobile phone number;

Day 3 – Visiting the University library campus, registration in the library

Day 4 - Meeting with relevant faculty administration and lecturers;

Day 5 – City Tour

In order to obtain a residence permit by a foreign student, the Service regulates his documentation to be submitted to the House of Justice. In case of refusal to residency, the teaching contract of the student with the University is terminated and regulations set out by the Georgian legislation shall be implemented



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