

Summer 2020 Online Program

PEACE & SECURITY IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS PROGRAM

American Councils is pleased to offer the Peace & Security in the South Caucasus (PSSC) summer 2020 coursework by way of distance learning. Coursework is divided between real-time engagement with professors based in Tbilisi, Georgia and asynchronous learning sessions (including pre-recorded lectures, films, course readings, virtual tours, and other virtual cultural activities) that allow participants to reinforce their in-class learning.

Academic Structure Overview

The academic program is centered around two regional studies courses, taught in English, exploring the politics, society, and culture of the South Caucasus region. Each course is divided into themed modules that investigate the myriad of factors that led to issues of conflict and political instability in the region.

Geopolitics, Conflict and Development in the South Caucasus

Module 1: Political History of the Caucasus (up to 1991)
Module 2: Democratization and Political Development
Module 3: Energy and Economics of Transition
Module 4: Conflict, Security, and Geopolitics

Society and Culture in the South Caucasus

Module 1: Religion and Identity
Module 2: Languages and Linguistics
Module 3: Memory in the South Caucasus
Module 4: Migration and Global Flows in the South Caucasus

In addition to the regional studies courses outlined above, the program will also offer a total of 12 hours of live online language instruction at all levels (including beginners), grouping students into classes based on language and proficiency. Languages available for instruction include Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chechen, Georgian, and Russian.

In total, the program will include approximately 12 hours of instruction per week through synchronous and asynchronous sessions. Participants can expect at least two hours per day of live, synchronous instruction conducted Monday through Friday. Participants will also complete regular assignments and course readings outside of class that expand upon the activities covered in online classes.

Cultural Activities

American Councils will arrange for approximately six total hours of virtual cultural activities and excursions to places of historical and cultural importance throughout Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. The virtual activities and excursions will be conducted by local alumni and staff, and participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions as the virtual excursion is taking place. The guide will also share different aspects of local culture or traditions in order to increase cultural understanding on a local level.

Potential virtual activities and excursions include:

- Virtual tours of Tbilisi, Yerevan, and Baku city sights
- Guest speakers from local activists and experts
- Cooking lessons

- Discussion groups with local youth across the region

Total Contact Hours

Language coursework and two regional studies courses (including both live and asynchronous instruction) combine to provide participants a total of 72 contact hours over the duration of the six-week program.

Academic Credit

Participants will receive academic credit (8 undergraduate credit hours or 10 graduate credit hours) from Bryn Mawr College for successful completion of the program.

1. Political Science 365 / Geopolitics, Conflict, and Development in the South Caucasus (1.0 Unit*)
Political Science 565 / Geopolitics, Conflict, and Development in the South Caucasus (1.0 Unit*)
2. Sociology 347 / Language and Society in the South Caucasus (1.0 Unit*)
Sociology 547 / Language and Society in the South Caucasus (1.0 Unit*)

**One Bryn Mawr unit is equivalent to four undergraduate or five graduate semester hours.*

Time Difference

To facilitate scheduling between teachers based in Tbilisi, Georgia and participants from around the United States, daily live class sessions will take place Monday through Friday between 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Eastern Time / 8:00 am – 10:30 am Pacific Time.

Dates

Classes will start on **Monday, June 22, 2020** and continue for six-weeks through **Friday, July 31, 2020**.

Cost

The Peace & Security in the South Caucasus Program Summer 2020 online program fee is **\$2,800**.

Financial Aid

American Councils has several scholarships available for students applying to the PSSC Summer 2020 Online Program. Applicants can apply for financial aid in the program application.

To Apply

Applications will be accepted through **Wednesday, June 10, 2020** with admission and consideration for financial aid offered on a rolling basis as soon as an application is complete. Please visit our [online application portal](#) to begin the application process.

Questions?

Please direct any questions about the Peace & Security in the South Caucasus Summer 2020 Online Program to Liz Cameron (ecameron@americancouncils.org).