

Georgian American University Selection Criteria for Students Participating in the Exchange Program

1. Academic Performance – 50%

- Academic performance (academia means a scientific institution in Greek) is the conclusive assessment of the educational process at its current stage based on the requirements of the program's designated subjects. A student's disciplinary record or their personal characteristics, which the academic program does not aim to develop, will not be taken into account when assessing their academic performance.
- GPA (Grade Point Average) is taken into consideration when assessing academic performance. A GPA is a number representing the average value of the accumulated final grades earned in courses over time.

2. English Language Proficiency – 20%

- English language proficiency can be assessed using several criteria:
 - Via an international English language certificate (Test of English as a Foreign Language-TOEFL; International English Language Testing System- IELTS; Cambridge English Qualifications; Pearson English Language Test- PTE Academic, etc.), B2 equivalent
 - Based on a grade received in English Language as a subject. (as a compulsory subject within the curriculum), B2 equivalent
 - Based on an interview

3. Motivation – 10%

- Why the student wants to study abroad:
 - How will the trip aid their professional growth?
 - Do they have a plan for their professional future upon returning to the country?
- Student's advantages over the competition:
 - Why you and not someone else? What are your advantages?
- What will Georgian American University and the target university gain by sending/receiving you?
 - What skills will you develop?
 - What will other students learn from you? (In GAU and in the target university)

4. Target University/Country's Language Proficiency – 10%

- Target University/Country's Language Proficiency can be assessed using several criteria:
 - International language certificate;
 - A certificate issued by Georgian American University and the Spanish Language and Culture Center. (In case of Spanish)
 - Based on the grade received in Foreign Language as a subject (elective foreign language)
 - Based on an interview

5. Social-economic situation – 10%

- Forcefully displaced people from occupied territories of Georgia (Abkhazia, Samachablo)
- Socially disadvantaged people;
- Family members of fallen soldiers who died fighting for Georgia's territorial integrity;
- People living in the occupied territories;

- Inhabitants of villages bordering occupied territories;

Gender Balance - In case of equal candidates, priority will be given to the female applicant.