

# Georgia

## Advising Center Network

EducationUSA centers in Georgia are administered by two organizations: the Center for International Education (in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, and Batumi), and Kvali in Tbilisi.

## Recent Trends: US Study 2.9%

- ▶ Georgian Scholarship Program for Education Professionals - funded by OSI, the Georgian Ministry of Education, Harvard University, and Columbia University – offers MA studies to support higher education reform.
- ▶ An additional year was added (from 11 to 12) to the secondary education system in 2007.
- ▶ Unified National Admissions Examination has been required since 2005 for undergraduate study and since 2007 for graduate study.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business administration, law, international relations, public administration, and education.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: tennis, soccer, and basketball.

## Resource Links

Center for International Education: [www.cie.ge/?/=1](http://www.cie.ge/?/=1)

Kvali Education Center: [www.kvali.org/center](http://www.kvali.org/center)

Ministry of Education and Culture: [www.mes.gov.ge/?lang=eng](http://www.mes.gov.ge/?lang=eng)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Georgian	Georgian
Years of study required:	12 years	4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	outstanding (5) – A good (4) – B satisfactory (3) – C unsatisfactory (2) – D	5-point scale
Scholarship for US studies:	US: Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)	Georgian Scholarship Program for Education Professionals USG: Global UGRAD, Muskie

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Education Fair – Fall 2008
- ▶ Council of International Schools (CIS) Education Tour, April 2009

## Partnering with EducationUSA Georgia

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Georgia to discuss specific project ideas for 2008, and their involvement as guest speakers and/or co-organizers, especially in the February-May and October-November timeframe.

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## Program Highlights 2007

### Outreach

Shota Vashakidze, president of Kvali, provides students at Gori State University with an overview of the US higher education system. March 2007.



### Alumni

US Ambassador to Georgia John Tefft talks with Georgian Muskie alumni at a reception to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Muskie program. November 2007.



### Education Fair

Students look through materials from the University of California system at the US Embassy's annual education fair.



### Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy in Tbilisi
- ▶ Ministry of Education and Culture of Georgia
- ▶ Open Society Institute
- ▶ Kvali
- ▶ American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS
- ▶ IREX
- ▶ Center for International Education

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	343	353
Total number of center inquiries:	23,300	25,000