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Center for Social and Civic Involvement (CSCI)

Established at the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences by the Department of Education Sciences (meeting minutes # 4, September 13, 2017)
Approved by the Faculty Board (meeting minutes # 5, 20.03.2018)

The Center was opened in the frame of ERASMUS+ project: Curriculum Reform for Promoting Civic Education and Democratic Principles in Israel and in Georgia (CURE) (573322-EPP-1-2016-IL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) – Multi-faceted program for curricular reform that aims to improve the level of curriculum for Civic Education and Principles of Democracy in teacher-training programme in Israel and Georgia.

Project Partners:

Israeli Partners: Gordon Academic College of Education, Sakhnin Academic College, David Yellin Academic College, Academic College of Education Givat Washington, Sapir Academic College, The Heschel Center for Sustainability.

Georgian Partners: Ilia State University, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Samtskhe-Javakheti State University, Shota Rustaveli State University (Batumi), Kutaisi University, Civic Development Institute (NGO).

European Partners: University of Education Upper Austria (Austria, Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg (Austria), Canterbury Christ Church University (United Kingdom), Tallin University (Estonia), Jagiellonian University (Poland), Jaan Tõnissoni Instituut (NGO, Estonia)

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Regulations

The goal of the **CSCI** is to raise the awareness of civic activism and social involvement among the students of Higher Education Institutions (colleges and universities) and General Education Institutions (schools).

Subject/Topics: Civic education, democracy, politics, law, human rights, culture, religion, history, media, economy, environment protection and sustainable development.

TASKS:

- To cooperate with non-governmental organizations and with the similar centers of the CURE partner HEIs, as well as other educational institutions in Georgia;
- To raise the awareness of students about civic education issues and enhance their practical experience by participating in the activities organized by the Center.
- To organize events, fun/outdoor activities, charity fundraising and public lectures on pressing and topical social/civic issues.
- To encourage volunteering in the Center's activities/events and raise students' motivation by awarding Certificates of Participation, tying their participation to research opportunities, which will support their professional advancement, increase their employment by enriching their CV.
- To organize educational trips and contests promoting civic activism and social involvement of diverse communities.

Participation in the CSCI:

- Participation in the Center's activities is free and voluntary;
- Students, any member of the faculty/administrative staff;

Management of the CSCI:

The CSCI activities will be managed by the Head of CSCI and supervised by the Board of minimum 3 members (1 faculty and 2 students)

Initially, the Head of the CSCI will be elected from the project participant faculty members with the term of 2 years, with no more than 2 terms. After expiration of the term a new Head will be elected from the faculty members.

The decisions will be made by the Head of CSCI together with the Board.

Dissemination of CSCI's activities:

All information about the events and activities of CSCI will be available at the Faculty website, CSCI webpage on Facebook, as well as uploaded on CURE portal.

Term of CSCI:

The CSCI will be functioning at least 5 years from the date of its establishment (13.09.2017)

Location of the CSCI:

3rd building of TSU, Room # 117
 11-a, I.Chavchavadze Ave. 0179, Tbilisi

Performed Activities:

Center is New	Center Exists and list of activities	Number of ACTIVITIES through CURE's program	Name of Activity	Target Population	Number of HEI students/faculty/staff involved	Expected time-line of activity (date of start and date of completion)
YES		1.	Principles and values of Democracy	Public school #21, 11 th Grade students	3 Student facilitators-Project participants, 1 Faculty member 18 student participants (22 altogether)	19.10. 2017 11:00-13:00
		2.	Presentation of research findings carried out together with CDI on students awareness and attitudes to civic activism	TSU	25 participants, including faculty members and students	23.10.2017 15:00-17:00
		3.	World Cafe	Students	9 Students 2 Faculty members 1 Staff member/Head of CSCI (12 altogether)	22.11.2017 13:00-16:00

