**Brief Introduction & Quality Assurance**

Qafqaz University has been providing the highest standards in education in Azerbaijan for its students since 1993 and has been the top rated private university since 1996. Modeled on the western education program the university has been offering the credit point system since the day it was opened and adopted the ECTS in all departments. Qafqaz University is the first and only higher educational institution which was nominated with the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Certificate and Total Quality Management 100 Certificate of International Arc of Europe in Golden Category in Azerbaijan. The university offers B.A, M.A., M.Sc., MBA and doctoral programs as well as joint M.A. and M.Sc. programs with universities from the United States and Europe (School of Engineering, School of Economic & Administrative Sciences, and School of Education). Currently the total student population exceeds 4200. Currently 20 education programs out of 29 disciplines are taught completely in English.

**International Ranking**

According to 2012 QS World University Ranking system, Qafqaz University was ranked 64th in the whole world in the index of “attracting international students” and among top 700 universities of the world. In addition, according to State Student Admission Committee of Azerbaijan Republic Qafqaz University has been rated as the top preferred university since 1996.

**EU EACEA Project Portfolio**

- Advocacy Establishment for Students through Ombudsman Position AESOP, Grant number (561640-EPP-1-2015-1-AZ-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP), November 15 2015
- Restructuring and development of doctoral studies in Azerbaijan in line with requirements of European higher education area NIZAMI, Grant number (561784-EPP-1-2015-1-FR-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP), November 15 2015
- Erasmus+ KA107, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility, Coordinator – Silesian University of Technology, October 1 2015
- Erasmus+ KA1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility, Coordinator – University of Ljubljana, October 1 2015
- ECDL National Operator and Test Centers in Azerbaijan - ENOTES, Grant number (530340-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-AZTEMPUS-JPHES), Grant holder (Qafqaz University), October 15 2012 – October 15 2015
- Development of Training Network for Improving Education in Energy Efficiency ENERGY, Grant number (530379-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-LVTEMPUS-JPCR), Grant holder (Riga Technical University), October 15 2012 – October 15 2015
- Student Support and Development Services SSDS, Grant number (530154-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-ITTEMPUS-JPGR), Grant holder (Universita’ Degli Studi Dell’aquila), October 15 2012 – October 15 2015
- Documentation for Quality Assurance of Study Programs DOQUP, Grant number (517340-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-IT-TEMPUS-SMGR), Grant holder (University of Genoa), October 15 2011 – October 15 2014
• Migration and Higher Education – Building Skills and Capacity UNIMIG, Grant number (517002-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-GE-TEMPUS-JPCR), Grant holder (Tbilisi State University), October 15 2011 – October 15 2014
• Establishing Modern Master-level Studies in Industrial Ecology IEMAST (517346-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-SE-TEMPUS-JPCR), Grant holder (KTH Royal Institute of Technology), October 15 2011 – October 15 2014
• Strengthening the Specific Role of Universities as LLL Institutions SSRULLI, Grant number (544251-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-GE-TEMPUS-JPHES)
• Centre for the Third Age Education, Grant number (CTAE 544517-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-ITTEMPUS-JPHES), Grant holder (University of Genoa)
• Curriculum Reform and Modernization of Ecology Engineering Based on Nanotechnology ECONANO, Grant Number (543924-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-IT-TEMPUS-JPCR), Project holder (Università Sapienza di Roma)
• Erasmus Mundus ALRAKIS student and staff mobility program (www.alrakis.eu)
• Erasmus Mundus BACKIS student and staff mobility program (www.backis-mundus.eu)
• Erasmus Mundus HUMERIA student and staff mobility program (www.humeria.eu)

National Cooperation in Engineering

• BP Azerbaijan (Caspian Ltd.) – Qafqaz University collaboration, “Enlargement of Engineering School” Grant number (G-10-BPCS-200814), 2010 – 2014
  - Phase I (Modernization of Chemical Engineering curriculum and establishment of 10 modern research laboratories),
  - Phase II (Modernization of Mechanical Engineering curriculum and establishment of 11 modern research laboratories),
  - Phase III (Modernization of Civil Engineering curriculum and establishment of research laboratories)

Research Centers

• Caucasus Research Institute
• Center for International Conflict Studies
• Center for Energy Researches
• Research Center for Private Law
• Center for Educational Excellence at Qafqaz University
• Centre for Social and Economic Research
• Scientific Activity of Information Communication Technology Scientific Research Center
• Center for Municipality Researches
• Center for Entrepreneurship

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