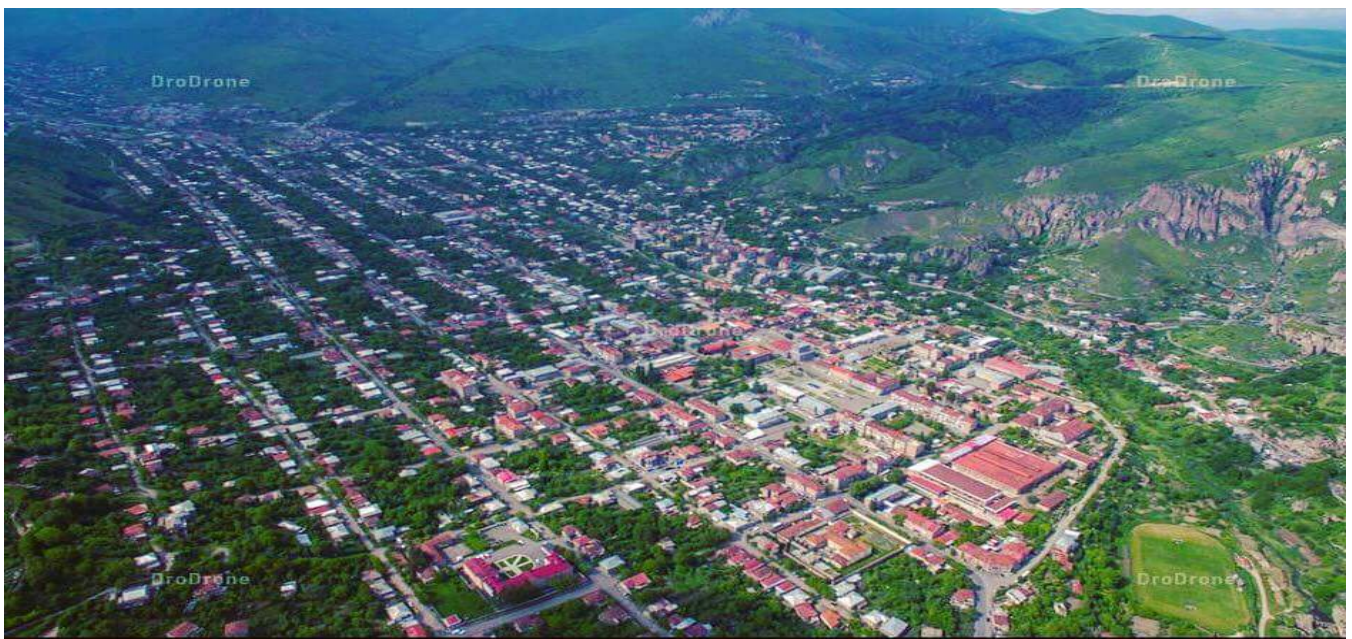




BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



LOCATION

Goris State University (GSU) is a regional university in the town of Goris, Syunik region, located in the southern part of Armenia. Its favorable geographical location, climate, and the unique natural landscape, as well as the rich cultural heritage and the well preserved local traditions, together with the existing infrastructure and human potential are the prerequisites for the sustainable development of Goris and improvement of the social and economic conditions of the local population. A small town with a population of roughly 21,000, Goris offers a wide variety of educational and cultural opportunities, in a friendly and safe environment.



MISSION

By highly appreciating and retaining its mission of being the unique and leading HEI in Syunik region of RA, Goris State University has continually been developing the system of higher education for already half a century thus ensuring the inter-institutional and intercultural relations in line with the Bologna provisions. Being a dynamically developing regional HEI GSU prepares skilful and competitive specialists who actively implement their activities in the spheres of education, economy, industry and information technologies for the region who are highly professional, competitive and responsive to current challenges, as well as to create student-centered environment which promotes flexible professional academic programs (PAPs), academic courses and relatively modern teaching and learning methods in line with educational and technological needs of the society and economy.

GSU celebrated the 50th anniversary of its activity in October 2017.



Research and educational-methodological work is being implemented at the university. The number of the academic staff employed at the university is 97 among whom there are 8 Doctors and Professors in Science, 32 Ph.D., and Associate Professors and 57 Assistant Professors and lecturers. The number of students at GSU comes up to approximately 1400.

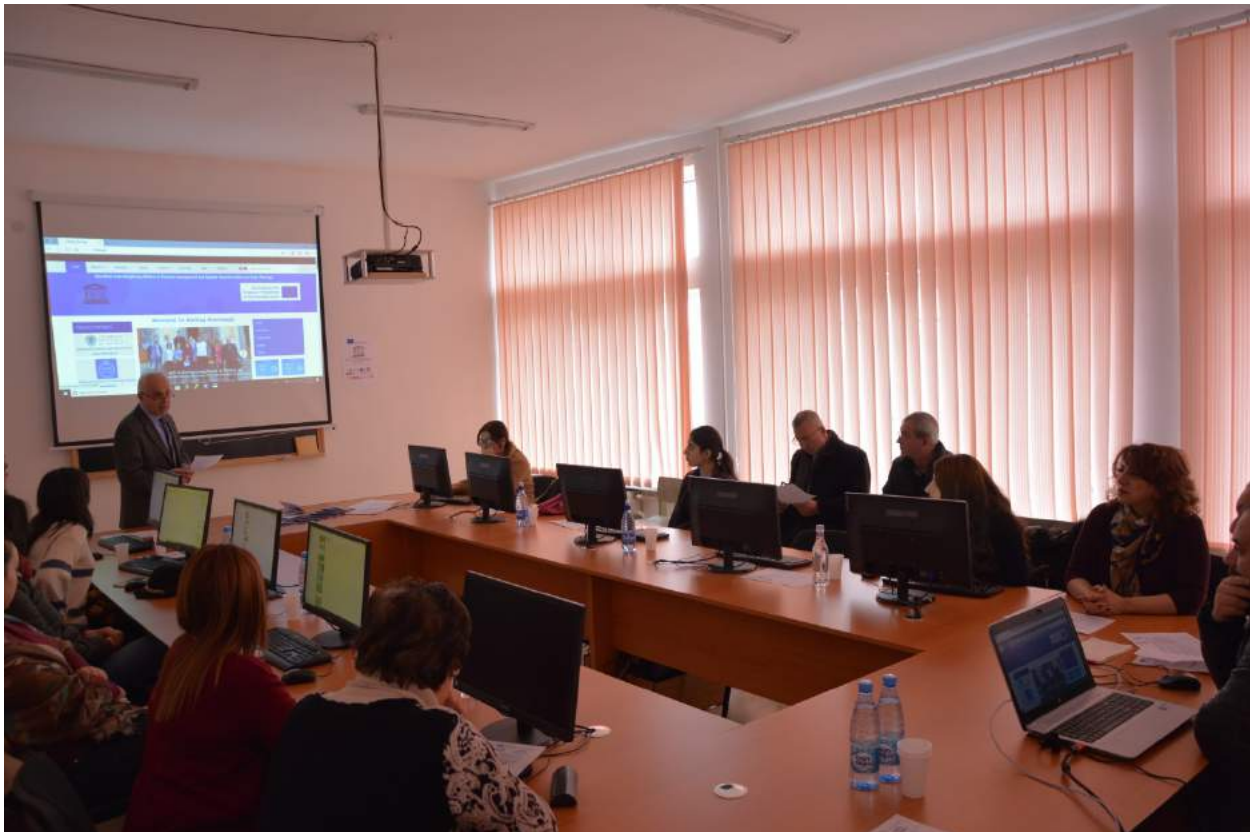
Goris State University was accredited by the National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation in 2018.

In order to keep its accreditation status, the university is periodically reviewed to make sure that the educational standards described in the "Institutional and programme accreditation criteria and standards of RA" are met. It helps to know how institutional resources, structures, and processes are aligned with scholastic outcomes.

STUDY OPTIONS

The university has three faculties: the Faculty of Natural Sciences, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Economics and Engineering. At the respective Chairs of the above-mentioned faculties, the education is realized in 15 specialties through Bachelor's and Master's education programs and full-time and correspondence courses. The Bachelor's education program is implemented for the specialties in Mathematics, Pharmacological Chemistry, Law, Armenian Language and Literature, Primary Education Pedagogy and Methodology, Electronics, Electrical Energy, English Language and Literature, Fine Arts, Management, Enterprise Economics, History, Physics and Chemistry.

The Master's education program is implemented for the specialties of Education Management, Special Pedagogy, Tourism Management, Mathematics, Law, Armenian Language and Literature, Pedagogy and Methodology, Economics, Physics and Chemistry.



COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Since 2012 GSU has been a partner university in different Tempus and Erasmus+ projects such as "University – Employer" (ARARAT), Access to Society for People with Individual Requirements (ASPIRE), Building capacity for University-Enterprise partnerships towards competency-based training in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine (Cap4Com), Master in Higher Education Management: Developing Leaders for Managing Educational Transformation (MAHATMA), Library Network Support Services (LNSS: Library network support services: modernizing libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming libraries) and Higher Education interdisciplinary Reform in Tourism management and Applied Geo-information curricula (HERITAG).

GSU students also participated in EU cooperation and mobility projects Humeria and Backis.

The Master Programs Education Management and Tourism Management have been introduced to the university in the framework of Tempus+MAHATMA and Erasmus+Heritag projects.

Several laboratories and centers have been created in the result of the implementation of international projects /the laboratory of electro-energetics, the GIS lab, a classroom of Inclusive Education, University-Enterprise Cooperation and Career Centre etc./.

The university is effectively implementing its strategic plan by continually improving its image and reputation and raising the employability of its graduates in the labour market.



In the frames of the process of internationalization GSU intends to expand its cooperation and involvement in other projects aiming at:

- Modernization of the University based on the best practices of the partner universities and its own potential by way of reforms and innovations.

Introduction and implementation of educational and research projects and services in line with the needs and development opportunities in the fields of education, culture and economy of Syunik Region

- Preparation and recruitment of competitive and comprehensively skilful specialists corresponding to the European standards and meanwhile remaining loyal to the principles of democratization, liberalization, tolerance, education accessibility and lifelong learning

- Through the introduction of an effective and flexible system of management in the framework of the project to implement the students', academic and administrative staffs' mobility and mutual visits which will contribute to the exchange of best practices and progressive approach to the system of education.

- Designing and introducing joint education programs, curricula and courses

- Improving the relevance of professional education at GSU by the scaling up and the experience of the previous international projects

- Stepping up onto a new stage of the assessment of the market requirements and university potential and needs

- To increase GSU capacities by transferring both EU and Armenian HEIs' best practices on raising its graduates' employability and qualifications

- To create a professional structure aiming to foster the university's social relations at various levels

- Creation of research and scientific-technological centers with enterprises, NGOs and other organizations.



WHY TO COOPERATE WITH US

- The University has an important role in the educational eco-system of the region.
- The University is attractive to applicants of the region.
- The PAPs are in compliance with the University's mission and state educational standards.
- There are available mechanisms of identification of full-time students' educational needs and consultancy provision.
- The University ensures teaching staff with respective qualifications in compliance with PAPs.
- There are sufficient services directed to the assurance of the University's environment and maintenance of health and security.
- There is a formulated system of internal and external accountability.
- The University's staff members have participated in a number of international projects directed to capacity building.

More about the university and our gorgeous town at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5phLh8B_nQ8

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