

ANALYTICAL REPORT

ISET in 2026 National Exams

Consolidated Benchmarking Report

Economics, business, finance and management • common-subject • national • TSU • within-ISET analysis

Executive summary

CENTRAL FINDING

Across the broadest normalized comparisons, ISET is the leading benchmark: first among 72 economics/business/finance/management programs with 10 or more candidates, first among 176 programs requiring Georgian, English and Mathematics, first among all 511 programs with 10 or more candidates, and first among 55 TSU programs.

How the conclusion changes by score lens

Scope	Normalized raw	Normalized scaled	Final competitive score
Economics, business, finance & management	#1 / 72	#1 / 72	#1 / 72
Georgian + English + Mathematics	#1 / 176	#1 / 176	#4 / 176
All subject combinations	#1 / 511	#1 / 511	#3 / 511
TSU, all programs	#1 / 55	#1 / 55	#1 / 55
TSU, common-subject subset	#1 / 14	#1 / 14	#2 / 14

The rank changes under the final competitive score are not a contradiction. Normalized indices give each examination equal weight after conversion to percentages; the final competitive score preserves program-specific coefficients and is therefore a different admissions lens.

Five findings to retain

- In the expanded economics-related field, ISET leads the nearest program with 10 or more candidates—Free University Business Administration—by 0.52 percentage points on scaled normalization, 1.55 points on raw normalization, and 7.70 final-score points.
- The 11 field programs with fewer than 10 candidates are included descriptively. None reaches ISET’s averages, but their cohorts are too small for reliable ranking claims.
- Among programs with exactly Georgian, English and Mathematics, ISET remains first under both normalized measures; three programs exceed it under the coefficient-weighted final score.
- Across all subjects, TSU Law is the closest normalized national comparator, trailing ISET by only 0.11 scaled points in the equal-size comparison.
- Within ISET, English is closest to its examination ceiling; Mathematics contributes most strongly to variation in the final score because of both dispersion and its coefficient of six.

1. Methodology and interpretation

DATA SCOPE

The source is officially published 2026 ranked-list [workbook](#). Analyses use listed academic candidates and institution–program groups.

Common rules used throughout

Program inclusion and matched cohorts

Benchmark tables include programs with 10 or more listed academic candidates. For each peer, $n = \min(100, \text{the peer program's eligible candidate count})$, and the peer's top n candidates are compared with ISET's top n candidates under the same metric. Because n can differ by row, each result is a direct matched-size comparison rather than a single fixed-cohort league table.

Normalized raw score

Every recorded examination is divided by its official raw maximum and converted to a percentage. Candidate percentages are averaged with equal subject weight. ISET's Georgian–English–Mathematics formula uses raw maxima of 60, 70 and 51.

Normalized scaled score

Each examination has a fixed subject-specific benchmark denominator that is applied consistently across all programs. For Georgian, English and Mathematics, these denominators are 176.1, 166.2 and 190.2, respectively.

Final competitive score

The final score is read as a separate admissions-outcome measure. For ISET it equals $2 \times \text{Georgian scaled} + 4 \times \text{English scaled} + 6 \times \text{Mathematics scaled}$. Other programs can use different coefficients, so final scores are descriptive and not a coefficient-free cross-subject index.

Universe-specific issues

- The common-subject universe includes only complete Georgian, English and Mathematics records and therefore changes some program counts relative to the unrestricted program universe.
- The all-subject universe admits two-, three- and four-examination records. Equal weighting makes recorded academic examinations comparable but does not recover omitted practical, creative, interview or institutional assessments.
- Title-based field classification captures programs explicitly labeled economics, business, management or finance; it is transparent but cannot identify every substantively related program.
- Small cohorts ($n < 10$) are shown for completeness, not ranked. Their means are highly sensitive to one candidate.

Statistical caution

Within-ISET 95% confidence intervals are two-sided t intervals for the mean ($n = 100$, $df = 99$). They quantify precision under a sampling interpretation. Because the listed cohort is selected and may be close to the full observed applicant group rather than a random sample, the intervals should not be read as causal or as forecasts for future cohorts.

2. Economics, business, finance and management

FIELD SCOPE

The title-defined field contains 83 institution–program groups: 72 with at least 10 listed academic candidates and 11 small-cohort groups with 2–8 candidates. All programs with 10 or more candidates are considered in the ranked benchmark.

2.1 Raw and scaled normalized scores

ISET ranks first among the 72 field programs with 10 or more candidates under both normalized measures. Its full-cohort averages are 98.23% on scaled normalization and 94.69% on raw normalization. The nearest peer, Free University Business Administration, records 97.71% and 93.14%, leaving ISET leads of 0.52 and 1.55 percentage points.

#	Institution and program	n	Scaled avg.	Raw avg.	Final avg.
1	ISet — BA in Economics, English-taught	100	98.23%	94.69%	2,125.88
2	Free University — Business Administration	180	97.71%	93.14%	2,118.18
3	TSU — Economics	320	96.64%	89.98%	2,085.59
4	TSU — Business Administration	1,765	96.02%	88.90%	2,066.34
5	BTU — Business Administration, Finance	50	95.00%	85.12%	2,020.08
6	KIU — Mathematics & Applications: AI, Scientific Computing and Financial Mathematics	40	94.68%	85.13%	2,090.29
7	Caucasus University — Business Administration: Finance, Marketing and Management	270	94.26%	83.86%	1,999.76

The leading field positions are robust to the two normalization choices. Scaled normalization compresses differences near the top because it reflects the workbook’s transformed-score ranges; raw normalization shows a wider separation.

2.2 Final competitive scores

ISET also ranks first in the 72-program field under the recorded final competitive score, averaging 2,125.88. Free University Business Administration is second at 2,118.18, a 7.70-point matched-cohort gap. The ordering should be interpreted within the admissions formulas actually used, not as a standardized measure of academic quality.

FIELD CONCLUSION

ISet’s field leadership is consistent across normalized raw, normalized scaled and final-score lenses. The strongest normalized competitor is also the closest final-score competitor.

Detailed evidence: Appendix A1 contains the complete 72-program matched-cohort benchmark; Appendix A2 contains the complete full-cohort ranking; Appendix A3 reports all 11 programs with fewer than 10 candidates.

3. Programs requiring Georgian, English and Mathematics

COMPARABLE-SUBJECT UNIVERSE

This universe contains 9,849 eligible academic candidates and 176 programs with 10 or more candidates. Every included record has the same three required examinations, making normalized comparisons especially transparent.

3.1 Normalized raw and scaled results

ISET ranks first nationally among the 176 common-subject programs with 10 or more candidates, first among 43 economics/business programs in that universe, and first among 14 TSU programs. Its means are 94.69% raw normalized and 98.23% scaled normalized.

Scope	ISET rank	Closest normalized peer	Peer scaled	ISET scaled	ISET lead
TSU	#1 / 14	TSU Economics	96.63%	98.23%	+1.60
Economics/business	#1 / 43	Free University Business Administration	97.57%	98.23%	+0.66
National	#1 / 176	Free University Computer Science & Mathematics	98.34%	98.75%	+0.42

The national row uses n = 57, so the ISET comparator is its top 57 candidates (98.75%), not its full 100-candidate mean. This illustrates why the matched-n value must be read with each comparison.

3.2 Final competitive scores

Under final competitive scores, ISET is #4 of 176 nationally, #1 of 43 in the economics/business subset, and #2 of 14 within the common-subject TSU subset. The programs ahead nationally are Free University Computer Science & Mathematics, Free University Electrical & Computer Engineering, and TSU Computer Science (English-taught).

#	Program	Eligible n	Peer final	Matched ISET	Difference
1	Free University — Computer Science & Mathematics	57	2,228.80	2,135.91	+92.89 peer
2	Free University — Electrical & Computer Engineering	28	2,168.91	2,144.19	+24.73 peer
3	TSU — Computer Science, English-taught	25	2,149.74	2,145.07	+4.67 peer
4	ISET	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	—

#	Program	Eligible n	Peer final	Matched ISET	Difference
5	Free University — Business Administration	148	2,114.81	2,125.88	+11.07 ISET

INTERPRETATION

Common examinations control subject composition, but the final score still applies program-specific coefficients. ISET’s normalized leadership and fourth-place final-score position therefore answer different questions.

Detailed evidence: Appendices B1–B3 provide scaled, raw and final-score comparison tables for TSU, the economics/business subset and the national universe; Appendix B4 provides candidate-level top-group tables.

4. All programs with 10 or more candidates and all recorded subject patterns

NATIONAL SCOPE

The analysis covers 29,481 academic records and 511 program groups with 10 or more candidates: 17 two-subject, 466 three-subject and 28 four-subject groups. Detailed tables appear in Appendices C1–C5 and D1–D4.

4.1 Normalized results

ISET ranks first among all 511 program groups with 10 or more candidates under both normalized raw and normalized scaled averages. In the scaled comparison, TSU Law is the closest national peer: 98.12% against ISET’s matched 98.23%, a lead of only 0.11 percentage points.

#	Program	Listed n	Subjects	Scaled mean	Raw mean
1	ISET	100	3	98.23%	94.69%
2	TSU — Law	1,130	3	98.12%	94.60%
3	Free University — Electrical & Computer Engineering	32	3	98.71%	96.29%
4	Free University — Computer Science & Mathematics	64	3	98.23%	95.31%
5	Free University — Business Administration	180	3	97.71%	93.14%
6	TSMU — Medical Doctor	379	4	96.90%	90.92%
7	TSMU — American MD Program, English-taught	20	4	97.76%	93.32%

The four-subject Medical Doctor program is a useful stress test: with all recorded subjects equally weighted, it trails matched ISET by 1.33 scaled points and 3.77 raw points. Two- and four-subject results remain sensitive to assessments absent from the workbook.

4.2 Final competitive score

ISET is third nationally under the final competitive score. Two Free University engineering/computing programs exceed their matched ISET cohorts; all other displayed national comparators trail ISET. This narrower ranking reflects coefficients and program-specific admissions architecture.

#	Program	n	Peer final	Matched ISET	Gap
1	Free University — Computer Science & Mathematics	64	2,217.14	2,133.97	+83.17 peer
2	Free University — Electrical & Computer Engineering	32	2,160.88	2,143.05	+17.83 peer
3	ISET	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	—
4	Free University — Business Administration	180	2,118.18	2,125.88	+7.70 ISET
5	TSU — Computer Science, English-taught	30	2,130.49	2,143.60	+13.11 ISET
6	TSU — Law	1,130	2,090.04	2,125.88	+35.84 ISET

5. ISET within Tbilisi State University

5.1 All TSU programs: normalized results

Across 55 TSU program groups with 10 or more candidates and all recorded subject patterns, ISET ranks first under both normalized measures. TSU Law is closest on scaled normalization, only 0.11 points behind matched ISET.

#	TSU program	n	Peer scaled	Matched ISET	ISet lead
1	ISet	100	98.23%	98.23%	—
2	Law	1,130	98.12%	98.23%	+0.11
3	Economics	320	96.64%	98.23%	+1.58
4	English Philology	220	96.19%	98.23%	+2.04
5	Computer Science, English-taught	30	96.97%	99.13%	+2.16
6	Business Administration	1,765	96.02%	98.23%	+2.21

5.2 All TSU programs: final competitive score

ISET also ranks first among the 55 TSU groups under the unrestricted final-score comparison. TSU Computer Science (English-taught) has a higher full peer mean than ISET’s full mean, but against ISET’s top 30 candidates it trails by 13.11 points.

#	TSU program	n	Peer final	Matched ISET	ISet lead
1	ISet	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	—
2	Computer Science, English-taught	30	2,130.49	2,143.60	+13.11
3	Law	1,130	2,090.04	2,125.88	+35.84
4	Economics	320	2,085.59	2,125.88	+40.29
5	Computer Science	200	2,073.62	2,125.88	+52.26
6	Business Administration	1,765	2,066.34	2,125.88	+59.54

5.3 Why the common-subject TSU result differs

In the restricted common-subject universe, only 25 eligible candidates remain in TSU Computer Science (English-taught); their final mean of 2,149.74 exceeds the matched top-25 ISET mean of 2,145.07 by 4.67 points. ISET is therefore #2 / 14 in that restricted final-score comparison while remaining #1 / 55 in the unrestricted TSU final-score analysis.

Reconciliation: the rank change is driven by eligibility and matched cohort size—25 common-subject records versus 30 unrestricted program records.

Detailed TSU tables appear in Appendices B1, C1 and D1.

6. Within-ISET analysis by subject

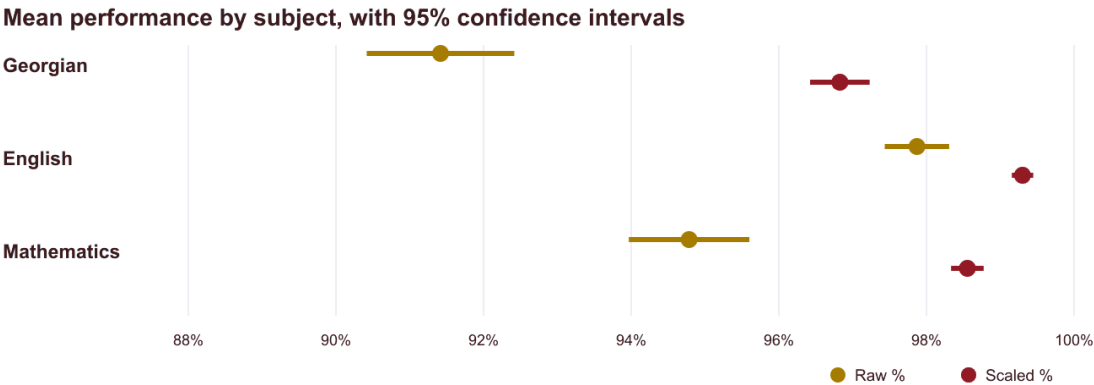
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All statistics in Sections 6–7 use the same 100 ISET candidates. Standard deviations are sample SDs; confidence intervals are two-sided 95% t intervals for means.

6.1 Subject-level results

Subject	n	Raw mean (SD)	Raw mean 95% CI	Raw range	Scaled mean (SD)	Scaled mean 95% CI	Raw maximum n
Georgian	100	54.85 (3.02)	54.25–55.45	48–60	170.51 (3.58)	169.80–171.22	7
English	100	68.51 (1.54)	68.20–68.82	61–70	165.04 (1.21)	164.80–165.28	31
Mathematics	100	48.34 (2.10)	47.92–48.76	42–51	187.45 (2.11)	187.03–187.87	17

English is closest to its ceiling: 68.51 of 70 raw (97.87%), with 31 maximum scores. Mathematics averages 48.34 of 51 (94.78%), with 17 maximums; Georgian averages 54.85 of 60 (91.42%), with 7. Scaled percentages are 99.30%, 98.55% and 96.83%, respectively.



6.2 Relation to the final score

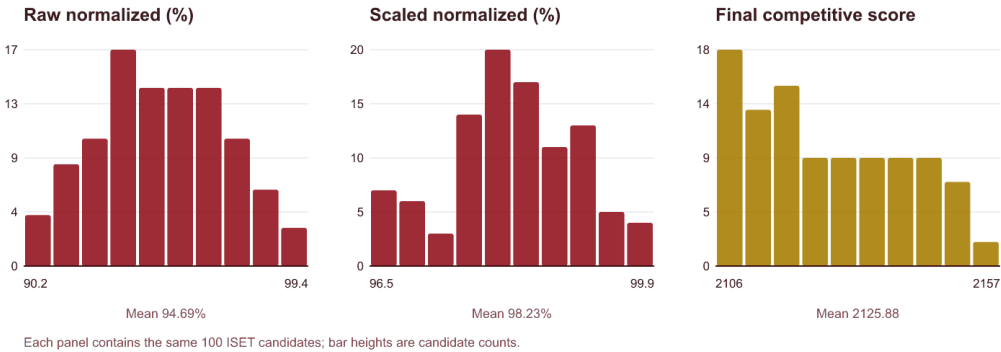
Scaled-score correlations with ISET’s final score are 0.44 for Georgian, 0.22 for English and 0.78 for Mathematics. Mathematics is the largest differentiator and carries the largest coefficient (6). These are mechanical associations, not causal effects.

Subject reading: English is strongest relative to its ceiling; Mathematics differentiates final scores most; Georgian has the widest scaled dispersion.

7. Within-ISET distributions and uncertainty

7.1 Distribution summary

Measure	Mean	SD	Median	IQR	Minimum–maximum	Mean 95% CI
Raw normalized (%)	94.69	2.18	94.57	93.02–96.21	90.16–99.44	94.26–95.12
Scaled normalized (%)	98.23	0.77	98.23	97.72–98.77	96.54–99.91	98.07–98.38
Final competitive score	2125.88	14.00	2123.50	2114.95–2137.35	2106.00–2157.20	2123.10–2128.66



7.2 Highest and lowest observed scores

Measure	Lowest	Highest	Range width
Raw normalized	90.16%	99.44%	9.29 pp
Scaled normalized	96.54%	99.91%	3.36 pp
Final competitive	2,106.00	2,157.20	51.20 points
Georgian raw	48	60	12 points
English raw	61	70	9 points
Mathematics raw	42	51	9 points

7.3 Confidence-interval interpretation

Mean-score 95% intervals are 2123.10–2128.66 for the final score, 94.26%–95.12% raw normalized, and 98.07%–98.38% scaled normalized. They are narrow because n = 100 and the cohort is tightly clustered; they do not cover year-to-year policy change or non-random selection.

Final reading: ISET leads the broad normalized benchmarks, remains highly competitive under recorded final scores, and has a tightly clustered 100-candidate profile.

Appendix guide and source note

Analysis universe	Candidates / records	Programs with 10 or more candidates	Primary comparability rule
Expanded economics/business/finance/management	Field-specific records	72, plus 11 smaller groups	Title-based field; matched top n
Georgian + English + Mathematics	9,849	176	Same three examinations; complete records
All subject patterns	29,481	511	Every recorded exam normalized and equally weighted
Within TSU	TSU subset	55 all-subject / 14 common-subject	Same rules applied within institution
Within ISET	100 candidates	1 program	Descriptive distribution and t intervals

Appendix map

- Appendix A: economics, business, finance and management field tables.
- Appendix B: Georgian, English and Mathematics common-subject tables.
- Appendix C: all-program normalized tables across recorded subject patterns.
- Appendix D: final competitive-score tables and diagnostics.
- Appendix E: methodology denominators and comparison rules.

Source and reproducibility

Source: 2026 ranked-list workbook (რანჟირებული სია 2026.xlsx). Program counts, peer means and ISET leads are derived from the workbook. Within-ISET standard deviations, quartiles and confidence intervals are calculated from the workbook’s 100 ISET records. Final-score distribution values are reconstructed from ISET’s recorded formula using scaled subject scores.

Appendix A1. Complete matched-cohort field benchmark

All 72 economics, business, finance and management programs with 10 or more candidates. For each peer, n is capped at 100 and compared with ISET’s top n under the same metric.

Blue rows identify programs with at least 10 candidates taking exactly Georgian, English and Mathematics, with no fourth examination.

#	Institution and program	n	Scaled avg.	ISET lead	Raw avg.	ISET lead	Final competitive avg.	ISET lead
1	ISET — BA in Economics, English-taught	100	98.23%	—	94.69%	—	2125.88	—
2	Free University — Business Administration	180	97.71%	+0.52	93.14%	+1.55	2118.18	+7.70
3	TSU — Economics	320	96.64%	+1.58	89.98%	+4.72	2085.59	+40.29
4	TSU — Business Administration	1765	96.02%	+2.21	88.90%	+5.79	2066.34	+59.54
5	BTU — Business Administration — Finance	50	95.00%	+3.84	85.12%	+11.39	2020.08	+117.80
6	KIU — Mathematics and Applications: AI, Scientific Computing and Financial Mathematics, English-taught	40	94.68%	+4.29	85.13%	+11.75	2090.29	+50.51
7	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Finance, Marketing and Management	270	94.26%	+3.97	83.86%	+10.83	1999.76	+126.12
8	KIU — Management, English-taught	120	93.31%	+4.92	81.04%	+13.65	1991.40	+134.48
9	BTU — Business Administration — Management	100	92.63%	+5.60	80.12%	+14.58	1966.58	+159.30
10	Georgian American University — Business Administration, English-taught	15	92.48%	+6.93	79.14%	+18.94	1962.72	+185.57
11	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Finance, Marketing and Management, English-taught	100	92.31%	+5.92	78.79%	+15.90	1962.63	+163.25
12	Caucasus University — Economics, English-taught	30	91.56%	+7.57	76.79%	+20.47	1954.17	+189.43
13	IBSU — Business Administration — Finance	27	90.56%	+8.62	73.76%	+23.64	1922.53	+221.95
14	Caucasus University — Economics	50	90.30%	+8.54	73.09%	+23.42	1916.50	+221.38
15	GTU — Construction Engineering and Management	60	89.66%	+9.05	71.16%	+24.97	1901.20	+233.84
16	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Rennes School of Business joint program, English-taught	25	89.66%	+9.56	71.73%	+25.77	1907.39	+237.68
17	Georgian American University — Business Administration	50	89.46%	+9.38	71.57%	+24.94	1896.82	+241.06
18	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Finance, Tbilisi	25	89.19%	+10.02	69.77%	+27.73	1885.53	+259.54
19	IBSU — Business Administration — Marketing, English-taught	27	89.19%	+9.99	72.73%	+24.67	1890.70	+253.79
20	Batumi State University — Business Administration	469	89.05%	+9.18	72.09%	+22.60	1888.00	+237.88
21	TSMU — Public Health and Management	75	89.03%	+9.52	68.14%	+27.47	1881.33	+250.04
22	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Business Administration, Kutaisi	310	89.02%	+9.21	71.51%	+23.18	1890.75	+235.13
23	CIU — Finance	20	88.85%	+10.46	68.99%	+28.79	1884.98	+261.71
24	IBSU — Economics, English-taught	27	88.84%	+10.34	69.20%	+28.21	1881.41	+263.07
25	University of Georgia — Business Administration	28	88.66%	+10.50	70.99%	+26.37	1879.26	+264.92
26	Georgian State University of Sport — Business Administration and Sport Management	85	88.28%	+10.17	70.53%	+24.74	1872.40	+256.71
27	Agricultural University — Agronomy, Landscape Management, Park and Forestry Studies, Viticulture and Winemaking	100	87.85%	+10.38	68.86%	+25.83	1859.54	+266.34
28	National Defence Academy — Defence Management	15	87.84%	+11.57	68.53%	+29.56	1865.89	+282.40
29	GTU — Engineering Management	50	87.81%	+11.03	68.05%	+28.46	1863.26	+274.62
30	IBSU — Business Administration — Accounting and Audit	47	87.70%	+11.18	66.12%	+30.51	1860.36	+278.41
31	IBSU — Economics	27	87.64%	+11.54	65.28%	+32.12	1853.54	+290.94
32	Georgian Aviation University — Air Transport Management	170	87.45%	+10.77	68.17%	+26.53	1854.08	+271.80
33	Alte University — Business Administration	30	87.44%	+11.69	67.66%	+29.61	1859.37	+284.23
34	IBSU — Business Administration — Finance, English-taught	27	87.20%	+11.98	64.94%	+32.47	1848.58	+295.90
35	Webster University Georgia — Business Administration, English-taught	18	87.13%	+12.22	66.19%	+31.72	1832.58	+314.73
36	IBSU — Business Administration — Accounting and Audit, English-taught	24	87.07%	+12.16	64.26%	+33.29	1846.08	+299.29

#	Institution and program	n	Scaled avg.	ISSET lead	Raw avg.	ISSET lead	Final competitive avg.	ISSET lead
37	IBSU — Business Administration — Management, English-taught	27	87.06%	+12.12	67.81%	+29.59	1844.56	+299.92
38	SEU — Finance	30	87.01%	+12.12	64.03%	+33.24	1845.69	+297.91
39	Caucasus University — Healthcare Management	25	86.89%	+12.32	65.91%	+31.59	1843.33	+301.74
40	IBSU — Business Administration — Marketing	57	86.88%	+11.87	66.30%	+29.93	1841.88	+294.03
41	IBSU — Business Administration — Management	57	86.79%	+11.96	66.14%	+30.10	1840.32	+295.59
42	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Management, Tbilisi	50	86.60%	+12.24	65.54%	+30.98	1836.16	+301.72
43	British University — Business and Management, English-taught	19	86.48%	+12.85	64.61%	+33.23	1850.60	+296.39
44	SEU — Business Management and Digital Technologies	30	86.30%	+12.83	64.16%	+33.10	1830.13	+313.47
45	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Marketing, Tbilisi	50	86.26%	+12.58	65.00%	+31.52	1824.14	+313.74
46	IBSU — Business Administration — Tourism	27	85.93%	+13.25	62.49%	+34.92	1825.35	+319.13
47	Batumi State University — Economics	30	85.39%	+13.74	60.16%	+37.11	1801.38	+342.22
48	SEU — Business Administration	120	85.33%	+12.90	62.70%	+31.99	1808.11	+317.77
49	Batumi State University — Finance	91	85.04%	+13.32	58.95%	+36.11	1796.80	+330.97
50	IBSU — Business Administration — Tourism, English-taught	22	84.77%	+14.50	62.44%	+35.21	1798.85	+347.15
51	SEU — Business Administration, English-taught	10	84.58%	+14.96	60.50%	+37.99	1790.48	+359.80
52	CIU — Business Administration	60	83.98%	+14.74	59.92%	+36.21	1780.38	+354.66
53	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Economics, Kutaisi	49	83.57%	+15.28	55.13%	+41.42	1771.66	+366.51
54	GIPA — Business Administration	90	83.51%	+14.88	58.01%	+37.08	1770.79	+357.21
55	Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University — Business Administration	50	83.48%	+15.36	57.58%	+38.93	1770.02	+367.86
56	Gori State University — Hotel Management	40	83.47%	+15.50	58.13%	+38.74	1770.53	+370.27
57	Grigol Robakidze University — Artificial Intelligence and Programming in Business, Tbilisi	30	83.38%	+15.74	56.30%	+40.96	1766.13	+377.47
58	SEU — Business Management and Digital Technologies, English-taught	10	83.28%	+16.27	57.71%	+40.78	1764.00	+386.28
59	East European University — Business Administration	40	83.18%	+15.79	56.49%	+40.38	1770.58	+370.23
60	CIU — Business Administration, English-taught	10	83.06%	+16.48	57.32%	+41.17	1759.32	+390.96
61	SEU — Management	30	83.00%	+16.13	56.93%	+40.33	1759.89	+383.71
62	CIU — Management	40	82.83%	+16.14	57.08%	+39.79	1756.28	+384.52
63	Tbilisi Humanitarian University — Business Administration	25	82.43%	+16.78	54.21%	+43.29	1748.61	+396.46
64	Alterbridge University — Business Administration and Digital Management	35	81.83%	+17.22	52.97%	+44.08	1735.76	+406.53
65	Georgian International University GIU — Business Administration	100	81.55%	+16.67	52.09%	+42.60	1729.90	+395.98
66	St Andrew the First-Called Georgian University — Business Administration	50	81.08%	+17.76	52.51%	+44.00	1719.90	+417.99
67	NEU National Educational University — Business Administration	20	80.15%	+19.15	49.29%	+48.49	1712.27	+434.42
68	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Management, Poti	50	79.20%	+19.63	48.03%	+48.48	1679.73	+458.16
69	New Higher Education Institute Newuni — Business Administration	40	79.18%	+19.79	45.68%	+51.20	1680.72	+460.08
70	University Geomedi — Healthcare Management	20	78.07%	+21.24	45.12%	+52.66	1661.18	+485.51
71	Batumi Arts State University — Culture Management	20	78.00%	+21.30	44.85%	+52.92	1656.32	+490.37
72	St Tbel Abuseridze Teaching University — Business Administration	30	76.23%	+22.90	39.41%	+57.86	1625.07	+518.53

Appendix A2. Complete full-cohort field ranking

All 72 programs with 10 or more candidates ranked by their own full-cohort scaled normalized average. Cohort sizes are not equalized in this table.

Blue rows retain the ISET-like subject-set marker used in Appendix A1.

#	Institution and program	n	Full-cohort scaled avg.	Full-cohort raw avg.	Full-cohort final competitive avg.
1	ISET — BA in Economics, English-taught	100	98.23%	94.69%	2125.88
2	Free University — Business Administration	180	96.86%	90.93%	2097.22
3	BTU — Business Administration — Finance	50	95.00%	85.12%	2020.08
4	KIU — Mathematics and Applications: AI, Scientific Computing and Financial Mathematics, English-taught	40	94.68%	85.13%	2090.29
5	TSU — Economics	320	94.62%	84.54%	2032.35
6	BTU — Business Administration — Management	100	92.63%	80.12%	1966.58
7	Georgian American University — Business Administration, English-taught	15	92.48%	79.14%	1962.72
8	KIU — Management, English-taught	120	92.41%	78.67%	1969.87
9	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Finance, Marketing and Management, English-taught	100	92.31%	78.79%	1962.63
10	Caucasus University — Economics, English-taught	30	91.56%	76.79%	1954.17
11	IBSU — Business Administration — Finance	27	90.56%	73.76%	1922.53
12	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Finance, Marketing and Management	270	90.43%	73.57%	1920.48
13	Caucasus University — Economics	50	90.30%	73.09%	1916.50
14	GTU — Construction Engineering and Management	60	89.66%	71.16%	1901.20
15	Caucasus University — Business Administration — Rennes School of Business joint program, English-taught	25	89.66%	71.73%	1907.39
16	Georgian American University — Business Administration	50	89.46%	71.57%	1896.82
17	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Finance, Tbilisi	25	89.19%	69.77%	1885.53
18	IBSU — Business Administration — Marketing, English-taught	27	89.19%	72.73%	1890.70
19	TSMU — Public Health and Management	75	89.03%	68.14%	1881.33
20	CIU — Finance	20	88.85%	68.99%	1884.98
21	IBSU — Economics, English-taught	27	88.84%	69.20%	1881.41
22	University of Georgia — Business Administration	28	88.66%	70.99%	1879.26
23	Georgian State University of Sport — Business Administration and Sport Management	85	88.28%	70.53%	1872.40
24	Agricultural University — Agronomy, Landscape Management, Park and Forestry Studies, Viticulture and Winemaking	100	87.85%	68.86%	1859.54
25	National Defence Academy — Defence Management	15	87.84%	68.53%	1865.89
26	GTU — Engineering Management	50	87.81%	68.05%	1863.26
27	IBSU — Business Administration — Accounting and Audit	47	87.70%	66.12%	1860.36
28	IBSU — Economics	27	87.64%	65.28%	1853.54
29	TSU — Business Administration	1765	87.59%	68.79%	1862.52
30	Alte University — Business Administration	30	87.44%	67.66%	1859.37
31	IBSU — Business Administration — Finance, English-taught	27	87.20%	64.94%	1848.58
32	Webster University Georgia — Business Administration, English-taught	18	87.13%	66.19%	1832.58
33	IBSU — Business Administration — Accounting and Audit, English-taught	24	87.07%	64.26%	1846.08
34	IBSU — Business Administration — Management, English-taught	27	87.06%	67.81%	1844.56
35	SEU — Finance	30	87.01%	64.03%	1845.69
36	Caucasus University — Healthcare Management	25	86.89%	65.91%	1843.33
37	IBSU — Business Administration — Marketing	57	86.88%	66.30%	1841.88
38	IBSU — Business Administration — Management	57	86.79%	66.14%	1840.32

#	Institution and program	n	Full-cohort scaled avg.	Full-cohort raw avg.	Full-cohort final competitive avg.
39	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Management, Tbilisi	50	86.60%	65.54%	1836.16
40	British University — Business and Management, English-taught	19	86.48%	64.61%	1850.60
41	SEU — Business Management and Digital Technologies	30	86.30%	64.16%	1830.13
42	Grigol Robakidze University — Business Administration — Marketing, Tbilisi	50	86.26%	65.00%	1824.14
43	IBSU — Business Administration — Tourism	27	85.93%	62.49%	1825.35
44	Batumi State University — Economics	30	85.39%	60.16%	1801.38
45	Batumi State University — Finance	91	85.04%	58.95%	1796.80
46	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Business Administration, Kutaisi	310	85.02%	60.86%	1804.56
47	IBSU — Business Administration — Tourism, English-taught	22	84.77%	62.44%	1798.85
48	SEU — Business Administration, English-taught	10	84.58%	60.50%	1790.48
49	SEU — Business Administration	120	84.45%	60.66%	1789.61
50	CIU — Business Administration	60	83.98%	59.92%	1780.38
51	Georgian Aviation University — Air Transport Management	170	83.67%	58.72%	1774.29
52	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Economics, Kutaisi	49	83.57%	55.13%	1771.66
53	GIPA — Business Administration	90	83.51%	58.01%	1770.79
54	Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University — Business Administration	50	83.48%	57.58%	1770.02
55	Gori State University — Hotel Management	40	83.47%	58.13%	1770.53
56	Grigol Robakidze University — Artificial Intelligence and Programming in Business, Tbilisi	30	83.38%	56.30%	1766.13
57	SEU — Business Management and Digital Technologies, English-taught	10	83.28%	57.71%	1764.00
58	East European University — Business Administration	40	83.18%	56.49%	1770.58
59	CIU — Business Administration, English-taught	10	83.06%	57.32%	1759.32
60	SEU — Management	30	83.00%	56.93%	1759.89
61	CIU — Management	40	82.83%	57.08%	1756.28
62	Batumi State University — Business Administration	469	82.57%	55.28%	1754.83
63	Tbilisi Humanitarian University — Business Administration	25	82.43%	54.21%	1748.61
64	Alterbridge University — Business Administration and Digital Management	35	81.83%	52.97%	1735.76
65	Georgian International University GIU — Business Administration	100	81.55%	52.09%	1729.90
66	St Andrew the First-Called Georgian University — Business Administration	50	81.08%	52.51%	1719.90
67	NEU National Educational University — Business Administration	20	80.15%	49.29%	1712.27
68	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Management, Poti	50	79.20%	48.03%	1679.73
69	New Higher Education Institute Newuni — Business Administration	40	79.18%	45.68%	1680.72
70	University Geomedi — Healthcare Management	20	78.07%	45.12%	1661.18
71	Batumi Arts State University — Culture Management	20	78.00%	44.85%	1656.32
72	St Tbel Abuseridze Teaching University — Business Administration	30	76.23%	39.41%	1625.07

Appendix A3. Field programs with fewer than 10 candidates

These 11 groups contain 52 candidates in total. Scores are descriptive; the groups are excluded from ranked comparisons because n ranges from 2 to 8.

n	Institution and program	Scaled avg.	Raw avg.	Final avg.
4	University of Georgia — Business Analytics	94.40%	83.23%	2,002.17
5	Grigol Robakidze University — AI and Programming in Business, English-taught	86.73%	65.11%	1,848.94
6	Georgian Aviation University — Air Transport Management, English-taught	85.17%	62.07%	1,815.03
2	Caucasus University — Business Analytics and Data Science, NJCU joint program, English-taught	85.15%	59.18%	1,822.20
8	Alterbridge University — Business Administration, English-taught	84.98%	61.86%	1,799.17
6	New Vision University — Business Administration, English-taught	83.28%	55.96%	1,770.40
3	Alte University — Business Administration, English-taught	82.86%	58.07%	1,761.97
5	Akaki Tsereteli State University — Technical Systems and Technologies in Agribusiness	81.30%	49.56%	1,725.44
7	Georgian International University GIU — Business Administration, English-taught	80.38%	50.86%	1,703.54
3	NEU National Educational University — Business Administration, English-taught	80.20%	50.50%	1,715.47
3	Tbilisi Humanitarian University — Business Administration, English-taught	78.89%	47.69%	1,671.47

University of Georgia Business Analytics is the strongest small cohort (n = 4), but four observations do not support a reliable program ranking.

SMALL-COHORT RULE

These programs broaden field coverage but do not alter the 72-program benchmark.

Appendix B1. Common-subject comparisons within TSU

B1a. Scaled normalized comparison

Programs requiring Georgian, English and Mathematics; equal-size matched cohorts.

Rank	TSU program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	ISet	100	100	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Economics	317	100	96.63%	98.23%	+1.60
3	Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	97.09%	99.22%	+2.12
4	Computer Science	181	100	94.98%	98.23%	+3.24
5	Business Administration	199	100	94.57%	98.23%	+3.66
6	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	43	43	93.54%	98.93%	+5.39
7	Law	306	100	92.30%	98.23%	+5.93
8	Physics	36	36	91.66%	99.03%	+7.37

B1b. Raw normalized comparison

The same TSU subset under official raw-score maxima.

Rank	TSU program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	ISet	100	100	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Economics	317	100	89.95%	94.69%	+4.74
3	Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	91.74%	97.50%	+5.76
4	Computer Science	181	100	85.52%	94.69%	+9.17
5	Business Administration	199	100	84.20%	94.69%	+10.49
6	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	43	43	82.01%	96.78%	+14.76
7	Law	306	100	78.16%	94.69%	+16.54
8	Physics	36	36	76.81%	97.02%	+20.21

B1c. Final competitive-score comparison

The same TSU subset under recorded final competitive scores.

#	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	Geo + Eng + Math	2,149.74	2,145.07	-4.67
2	ISet	100	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
3	Economics	317	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,085.33	2,125.88	+40.55
4	Computer Science	181	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,073.16	2,125.88	+52.72
5	Business Administration	199	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,025.73	2,125.88	+100.15
6	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	43	43	Geo + Eng + Math	2,038.63	2,139.91	+101.28
7	Law	306	100	Geo + Eng + Math	1,963.67	2,125.88	+162.21
8	Physics	36	36	Geo + Eng + Math	1,970.53	2,142.03	+171.51

Appendix B2. Common-subject economics and business comparisons

B2a. Scaled normalized comparison

Economics and business programs requiring Georgian, English and Mathematics.

Rank	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	97.57%	98.23%	+0.66
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	96.63%	98.23%	+1.60
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	199	100	94.57%	98.23%	+3.66
5	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	95.00%	98.84%	+3.84
6	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	243	100	93.37%	98.23%	+4.86
7	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	60	60	92.66%	98.72%	+6.06
8	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	90	90	92.14%	98.38%	+6.25

B2b. Raw normalized comparison

The same field subset under official raw-score maxima.

Rank	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	92.64%	94.69%	+2.06
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	89.95%	94.69%	+4.74
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	199	100	84.20%	94.69%	+10.49
5	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	85.12%	96.51%	+11.39
6	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	243	100	81.00%	94.69%	+13.69
7	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	90	90	78.15%	95.09%	+16.94
8	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	60	60	79.09%	96.12%	+17.03

B2c. Final competitive-score comparison

The same field subset under recorded final competitive scores.

#	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,114.81	2,125.88	+11.07
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,085.33	2,125.88	+40.55
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	199	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,025.73	2,125.88	+100.15
5	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	Geo + Eng + Math	2,020.08	2,137.88	+117.80
6	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	243	100	Geo + Eng + Math	1,981.38	2,125.88	+144.50
7	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	60	60	Geo + Eng + Math	1,967.53	2,135.04	+167.51
8	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	90	90	Geo + Eng + Math	1,959.28	2,128.00	+168.72

Appendix B3. Common-subject national comparisons

B3a. Scaled normalized comparison

National programs requiring Georgian, English and Mathematics.

Rank	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	57	57	98.34%	98.75%	+0.42
3	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	28	28	98.73%	99.16%	+0.43
4	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	97.57%	98.23%	+0.66
5	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	96.63%	98.23%	+1.60
6	Free University of Tbilisi - Building Systems Engineering	28	28	97.39%	99.16%	+1.78
7	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	97.09%	99.22%	+2.12
8	Agricultural University of Georgia - Construction & Mechanical Engineering	24	24	96.51%	99.23%	+2.72
9	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science	181	100	94.98%	98.23%	+3.24
10	Georgian Technical University - Architecture	156	100	94.96%	98.23%	+3.27
11	Agricultural University of Georgia - Electronic & Computer Engineering	47	47	95.54%	98.87%	+3.34
12	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	199	100	94.57%	98.23%	+3.66

B3b. Raw normalized comparison

The same national subset under official raw-score maxima.

Rank	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	57	57	95.59%	96.24%	+0.65
3	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	28	28	96.34%	97.35%	+1.01
4	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	92.64%	94.69%	+2.06
5	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	89.95%	94.69%	+4.74
6	Free University of Tbilisi - Building Systems Engineering	28	28	92.06%	97.35%	+5.29
7	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	91.74%	97.50%	+5.76
8	Agricultural University of Georgia - Construction & Mechanical Engineering	24	24	89.65%	97.55%	+7.90
9	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science	181	100	85.52%	94.69%	+9.17
10	Georgian Technical University - Architecture	156	100	85.45%	94.69%	+9.24
11	Agricultural University of Georgia - Electronic & Computer Engineering	47	47	87.24%	96.63%	+9.40
12	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	199	100	84.20%	94.69%	+10.49

B3c. Final competitive-score comparison

The same national subset under recorded final competitive scores.

#	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	57	57	Geo + Eng + Math	2,228.80	2,135.91	-92.89
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	28	28	Geo + Eng + Math	2,168.91	2,144.19	-24.73
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	25	25	Geo + Eng + Math	2,149.74	2,145.07	-4.67

#	Program	Eligible n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
4	ISET	100	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
5	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	148	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,114.81	2,125.88	+11.07
6	Agricultural University of Georgia - Construction & Mechanical Engineering	24	24	Geo + Eng + Math	2,111.02	2,145.38	+34.36
7	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	317	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,085.33	2,125.88	+40.55
8	Kutaisi International University - Mathematics & Applications: AI, Scientific Computing and Financial Mathematics (English-taught)	40	40	Geo + Eng + Math	2,090.29	2,140.80	+50.51
9	Free University of Tbilisi - Physics	21	21	Geo + Eng + Math	2,094.35	2,146.33	+51.98
10	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science	181	100	Geo + Eng + Math	2,073.16	2,125.88	+52.72
11	Agricultural University of Georgia - Electronic & Computer Engineering	47	47	Geo + Eng + Math	2,084.85	2,138.77	+53.92
12	Free University of Tbilisi - Building Systems Engineering	28	28	Geo + Eng + Math	2,084.39	2,144.19	+59.79

Appendix B4. Common-subject candidate concentration

B4a. Top-group cutoffs and ISET shares

Tie-adjusted candidate concentration in raw and scaled normalized top groups.

Benchmark	Raw cutoff	Raw ISET n	Raw share	Scaled cutoff	Scaled ISET n	Scaled share
Top 10	99.35%	1.60	16.0%	99.77%	1.00	10.0%
Top 25	98.39%	5.00	20.0%	99.56%	4.00	16.0%
Top 50	97.30%	11.00	22.0%	99.19%	12.33	24.7%
Top 100	96.01%	28.67	28.7%	98.75%	27.00	27.0%

B4b. Actual group sizes after ties

Nominal and actual benchmark sizes with ISET representation.

Benchmark	Raw: ISET/all	Raw share	Scaled: ISET/all	Scaled share
Top 10	2/12	16.7%	1/10	10.0%
Top 25	6/26	23.1%	4/25	16.0%
Top 50	11/50	22.0%	13/51	25.5%
Top 100	30/102	29.4%	27/100	27.0%

Appendix C1. All-subject comparisons within TSU

C1a. Scaled normalized comparison

All recorded subject patterns within TSU.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Law	1130	100	3 subjects	98.12%	98.23%	+0.11
3	Economics	320	100	3 subjects	96.64%	98.23%	+1.58
4	English Philology	220	100	3 subjects	96.19%	98.23%	+2.04
5	Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	3 subjects	96.97%	99.13%	+2.16
6	Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	96.02%	98.23%	+2.21
7	Psychology	150	100	3 subjects	95.65%	98.23%	+2.58
8	International Law	100	100	3 subjects	95.39%	98.23%	+2.84

C1b. Raw normalized comparison

The same TSU comparison under official raw-score maxima.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Law	1130	100	3 subjects	94.60%	94.69%	+0.10
3	English Philology	220	100	3 subjects	90.02%	94.69%	+4.67
4	Economics	320	100	3 subjects	89.98%	94.69%	+4.72
5	Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	88.90%	94.69%	+5.79
6	Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	3 subjects	91.36%	97.26%	+5.90
7	Psychology	150	100	3 subjects	87.80%	94.69%	+6.89
8	International Law	100	100	3 subjects	87.15%	94.69%	+7.54

Appendix C2. All-subject economics and business comparisons

C2a. Scaled normalized comparison

Economics and business programs across all recorded subject patterns.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	3 subjects	97.71%	98.23%	+0.52
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	3 subjects	96.64%	98.23%	+1.58
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	96.02%	98.23%	+2.21
5	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	3 subjects	95.00%	98.84%	+3.84
6	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	270	100	3 subjects	94.26%	98.23%	+3.97
7	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	100	100	3 subjects	92.63%	98.23%	+5.60
8	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	100	100	3 subjects	92.31%	98.23%	+5.92

C2b. Raw normalized comparison

The same field comparison under official raw-score maxima.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	3 subjects	93.14%	94.69%	+1.55
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	3 subjects	89.98%	94.69%	+4.72
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	88.90%	94.69%	+5.79
5	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	270	100	3 subjects	83.86%	94.69%	+10.83
6	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	3 subjects	85.12%	96.51%	+11.39
7	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	100	100	3 subjects	80.12%	94.69%	+14.58
8	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	100	100	3 subjects	78.79%	94.69%	+15.90

Appendix C3. All-subject national comparisons

C3a. Scaled normalized comparison

National comparison across two-, three- and four-subject records.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	98.23%	98.23%	-
2	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Law	1130	100	3 subjects	98.12%	98.23%	+0.11
3	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	32	32	3 subjects	98.71%	99.10%	+0.38
4	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	64	64	3 subjects	98.23%	98.67%	+0.44
5	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	3 subjects	97.71%	98.23%	+0.52
6	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor	379	100	4 subjects	96.90%	98.23%	+1.33
7	Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	97.76%	99.31%	+1.55
8	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	3 subjects	96.64%	98.23%	+1.58
9	Free University of Tbilisi - Building Systems Engineering	32	32	3 subjects	97.29%	99.10%	+1.80
10	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - English Philology	220	100	3 subjects	96.19%	98.23%	+2.04
11	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	3 subjects	96.97%	99.13%	+2.16
12	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	96.02%	98.23%	+2.21
13	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Psychology	150	100	3 subjects	95.65%	98.23%	+2.58
14	Free University of Tbilisi - Governance and Social Sciences	70	70	3 subjects	95.86%	98.61%	+2.75
15	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - International Law	100	100	3 subjects	95.39%	98.23%	+2.84

C3b. Raw normalized comparison

The same national comparison under official raw-score maxima.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	3 subjects	94.69%	94.69%	-
2	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Law	1130	100	3 subjects	94.60%	94.69%	+0.10
3	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	64	64	3 subjects	95.31%	95.98%	+0.67
4	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	32	32	3 subjects	96.29%	97.18%	+0.88
5	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	3 subjects	93.14%	94.69%	+1.55
6	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor	379	100	4 subjects	90.92%	94.69%	+3.77
7	Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	93.32%	97.77%	+4.45
8	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - English Philology	220	100	3 subjects	90.02%	94.69%	+4.67
9	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	3 subjects	89.98%	94.69%	+4.72
10	Free University of Tbilisi - Building Systems Engineering	32	32	3 subjects	91.83%	97.18%	+5.34
11	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	1765	100	3 subjects	88.90%	94.69%	+5.79
12	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	3 subjects	91.36%	97.26%	+5.90
13	Free University of Tbilisi - Governance and Social Sciences	70	70	3 subjects	88.91%	95.78%	+6.87
14	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Psychology	150	100	3 subjects	87.80%	94.69%	+6.89
15	Free University of Tbilisi - International Relations	80	80	3 subjects	88.12%	95.44%	+7.31

Appendix C4. Two- and four-subject sensitivity tables

C4a. Two-subject scaled comparison

Programs whose workbook records contain two academic examinations.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	Free University of Tbilisi - Visual Art, Visual Communication and Interior Design	35	35	2 subjects	94.80%	99.05%	+4.25
2	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Fashion Design	35	35	2 subjects	92.24%	99.05%	+6.80
3	Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University - Fiction and Documentary Film Directing	10	10	2 subjects	92.34%	99.54%	+7.20
4	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Painting	25	25	2 subjects	92.01%	99.22%	+7.21
5	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Graphic Art (Printmaking, Book Design and Illustration, Poster Design, Animation)	40	40	2 subjects	91.49%	98.97%	+7.48
6	Tbilisi State Conservatoire - Performing Arts: Keyboard Instruments	18	18	2 subjects	91.82%	99.35%	+7.53
7	Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University - Acting (Drama and Film)	20	20	2 subjects	91.25%	99.31%	+8.06
8	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Visual Art (Theatre, Film and Television Design)	20	20	2 subjects	90.74%	99.31%	+8.57

C4b. Two-subject raw comparison

Two-subject records under official raw-score maxima.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	Free University of Tbilisi - Visual Art, Visual Communication and Interior Design	35	35	2 subjects	86.88%	97.06%	+10.17
2	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Fashion Design	35	35	2 subjects	80.38%	97.06%	+16.68
3	Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University - Fiction and Documentary Film Directing	10	10	2 subjects	80.75%	98.49%	+17.74
4	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Painting	25	25	2 subjects	79.56%	97.50%	+17.94
5	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Graphic Art (Printmaking, Book Design and Illustration, Poster Design, Animation)	40	40	2 subjects	78.75%	96.88%	+18.12
6	Tbilisi State Conservatoire - Performing Arts: Keyboard Instruments	18	18	2 subjects	78.91%	97.91%	+19.00
7	Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University - Acting (Drama and Film)	20	20	2 subjects	77.81%	97.77%	+19.97
8	Tbilisi State Academy of Arts - Visual Art (Theatre, Film and Television Design)	20	20	2 subjects	76.93%	97.77%	+20.84

C4c. Four-subject scaled comparison

Programs whose workbook records contain four academic examinations.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISet mean	ISet lead
1	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor	379	100	4 subjects	96.90%	98.23%	+1.33
2	Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	97.76%	99.31%	+1.55
3	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	95.50%	99.31%	+3.81
4	Tbilisi State Medical University - Dentistry	217	100	4 subjects	93.98%	98.23%	+4.24
5	Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy - Medicine (English-taught)	26	26	4 subjects	93.77%	99.20%	+5.43
6	Tbilisi State Medical University - Dentistry (English-taught)	19	19	4 subjects	93.63%	99.33%	+5.69

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
7	Akaki Tsereteli State University - Medical Doctor (English-taught; Kutaisi)	10	10	4 subjects	92.30%	99.54%	+7.25
8	Akaki Tsereteli State University - Medical Doctor/PBL (Kutaisi)	37	37	4 subjects	89.96%	99.01%	+9.06

C4d. Four-subject raw comparison

Four-subject records under official raw-score maxima.

#	Program	Listed n	Matched n	Subjects	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor	379	100	4 subjects	90.92%	94.69%	+3.77
2	Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	93.32%	97.77%	+4.45
3	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor (English-taught)	20	20	4 subjects	86.58%	97.77%	+11.20
4	Tbilisi State Medical University - Dentistry	217	100	4 subjects	82.38%	94.69%	+12.31
5	Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy - Medicine (English-taught)	26	26	4 subjects	81.86%	97.45%	+15.59
6	Tbilisi State Medical University - Dentistry (English-taught)	19	19	4 subjects	81.51%	97.84%	+16.34
7	Akaki Tsereteli State University - Medical Doctor (English-taught; Kutaisi)	10	10	4 subjects	77.07%	98.49%	+21.42
8	Akaki Tsereteli State University - Medical Doctor/PBL (Kutaisi)	37	37	4 subjects	70.73%	96.98%	+26.25

Appendix C5. All-subject candidate concentration

C5a. Top-group cutoffs and ISET shares

Tie-adjusted candidate concentration in raw and scaled normalized top groups.

Benchmark	Raw cutoff	Raw ISET n	Raw share	Scaled cutoff	Scaled ISET n	Scaled share
Top 10	99.44%	1.00	10.0%	99.84%	1.00	10.0%
Top 25	98.79%	3.00	12.0%	99.63%	3.00	12.0%
Top 50	98.33%	7.40	14.8%	99.44%	7.00	14.0%
Top 100	97.22%	13.31	13.3%	99.11%	13.00	13.0%

C5b. Actual group sizes after ties

Nominal and actual benchmark sizes with ISET representation.

Benchmark	Raw: ISET/all	Raw share	Scaled: ISET/all	Scaled share
Top 10	1/10	10.0%	1/10	10.0%
Top 25	3/26	11.5%	3/25	12.0%
Top 50	8/53	15.1%	7/50	14.0%
Top 100	15/111	13.5%	13/100	13.0%

Appendix D1. Final-score comparisons within TSU

D1a. Matched final competitive scores

Detailed TSU program comparison.

Rank	TSU program	Total n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
2	Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	2,130.49	2,143.60	+13.11
3	Law	1130	100	2,090.04	2,125.88	+35.84
4	Economics	320	100	2,085.59	2,125.88	+40.29
5	Computer Science	200	100	2,073.62	2,125.88	+52.26
6	Business Administration	1765	100	2,066.34	2,125.88	+59.54
7	English Philology	220	100	2,031.03	2,125.88	+94.85
8	Psychology	150	100	2,023.58	2,125.88	+102.30
9	International Law	100	100	2,013.59	2,125.88	+112.28
10	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	50	50	2,024.66	2,137.88	+113.22

D1b. Mathematics coverage diagnostic

Raw Mathematics coverage and matched ISET comparison for TSU peers.

TSU program	Peer math coverage	Peer raw math mean	ISET raw math mean	ISET gap
ISET	100/100	48.34	48.34	+0.00
Computer Science (English-taught)	25/30	46.88	50.23	+3.35
Law	4/100	46.50	48.34	+1.84
Economics	100/100	43.29	48.34	+5.05
Computer Science	100/100	39.85	48.34	+8.49
Business Administration	43/100	40.47	48.34	+7.87
English Philology	0/100	N/A	48.34	N/A
Psychology	15/100	32.40	48.34	+15.94

Appendix D2. Final-score economics and business comparisons

D2a. Matched final competitive scores

Detailed economics and business program comparison.

Rank	Program	Total n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	ISET lead
1	ISET	100	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	2,118.18	2,125.88	+7.70
3	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	2,085.59	2,125.88	+40.29
4	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	1765	100	2,066.34	2,125.88	+59.54
5	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50	50	2,020.08	2,137.88	+117.80
6	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	270	100	1,999.76	2,125.88	+126.12
7	Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	100	100	1,966.58	2,125.88	+159.30
8	Georgian American University - Business Administration (English-taught)	15	15	1,962.72	2,148.29	+185.57
9	Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	100	100	1,962.63	2,125.88	+163.25
10	Caucasus University - Economics (English-taught)	30	30	1,954.17	2,143.60	+189.43
11	International Black Sea University (IBSU) - Business Administration - Finance	27	27	1,922.53	2,144.48	+221.95
12	Caucasus University - Economics	50	50	1,916.50	2,137.88	+221.38
13	Caucasus University - Business Administration - Rennes School of Business joint program (English-taught)	25	25	1,907.39	2,145.07	+237.68

D2b. Mathematics coverage diagnostic

Raw Mathematics coverage and matched ISET comparison for field peers.

Program	Peer math coverage	Peer raw math mean	ISET raw math mean	ISET gap
ISET	100/100	48.34	48.34	+0.00
Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	90/100	45.39	48.34	+2.95
Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	100/100	43.29	48.34	+5.05
Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Business Administration	43/100	40.47	48.34	+7.87
Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Finance)	50/50	37.00	49.78	+12.78
Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management)	77/100	34.49	48.34	+13.85
Business and Technology University (BTU) - Business Administration (Management)	60/100	29.38	48.34	+18.96
Georgian American University - Business Administration (English-taught)	12/15	25.83	50.47	+24.63
Caucasus University - Business Administration (Finance, Marketing, Management; English-taught)	90/100	29.53	48.34	+18.81
Caucasus University - Economics (English-taught)	30/30	29.97	50.23	+20.27

Appendix D3. National final-score comparisons

D3a. Matched final competitive scores

Detailed national comparison under recorded final competitive scores.

Pairwise rank	Program	Total n	Matched n	Peer mean	ISET mean	Peer gap
1	Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	64	64	2,217.14	2,133.97	+83.17
2	Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	32	32	2,160.88	2,143.05	+17.83
3	ISET	100	100	2,125.88	2,125.88	-
4	Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	180	100	2,118.18	2,125.88	-7.70
5	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	30	30	2,130.49	2,143.60	-13.11
6	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Law	1130	100	2,090.04	2,125.88	-35.84
7	Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	20	20	2,106.88	2,146.69	-39.81
8	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	320	100	2,085.59	2,125.88	-40.29
9	Agricultural University of Georgia - Construction & Mechanical Engineering	28	28	2,097.55	2,144.19	-46.64
10	Kutaisi International University - Mathematics & Applications: AI, Scientific Computing and Financial Mathematics (English-taught)	40	40	2,090.29	2,140.80	-50.51
11	Tbilisi State Medical University - Medical Doctor	379	100	2,074.05	2,125.88	-51.83
12	Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science	200	100	2,073.62	2,125.88	-52.26

D3b. Mathematics coverage diagnostic

Raw Mathematics coverage and matched ISET comparison for national peers.

Program	Peer math coverage	Peer raw math mean	ISET raw math mean	ISET gap
Free University of Tbilisi - Computer Science & Mathematics	57/64	50.23	49.31	-0.92
Free University of Tbilisi - Electrical & Computer Engineering	28/32	49.82	50.25	+0.43
ISET	100/100	48.34	48.34	+0.00
Free University of Tbilisi - Business Administration	90/100	45.39	48.34	+2.95
Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Computer Science (English-taught)	25/30	46.88	50.23	+3.35
Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Law	4/100	46.50	48.34	+1.84
Tbilisi State Medical University - American MD Program (English-taught)	6/20	46.17	50.30	+4.13
Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Economics	100/100	43.29	48.34	+5.05

Appendix D4. Final-score report candidate concentration

D4a. Raw three-exam top-group cutoffs

Tie-adjusted ISET representation under the coefficient-free raw average.

Benchmark	Cutoff average	Tie-adjusted ISET count	ISET share
Top 10	60.00	1.64 of 10	16.4%
Top 25	59.33	4.39 of 25	17.6%
Top 50	58.67	11.24 of 50	22.5%
Top 100	58.00	28.46 of 100	28.5%

D4b. Raw actual group sizes after ties

Nominal and actual raw-average benchmark sizes.

Nominal benchmark	Actual set with ties	ISET candidates	ISET share
Top 10	12	2	16.7%
Top 25	38	8	21.1%
Top 50	64	17	26.6%
Top 100	122	36	29.5%

D4c. Normalized top-group cutoffs

Tie-adjusted ISET representation under three-exam normalization.

Benchmark	Normalized cutoff	Tie-adjusted ISET count	ISET share
Top 10	99.35%	1.60 of 10	16.0%
Top 25	98.39%	5.00 of 25	20.0%
Top 50	97.30%	11.00 of 50	22.0%
Top 100	96.01%	28.67 of 100	28.7%

D4d. Normalized actual group sizes after ties

Nominal and actual normalized benchmark sizes.

Nominal benchmark	Actual set with ties	ISET candidates	ISET share
Top 10	12	2	16.7%
Top 25	26	6	23.1%
Top 50	50	11	22.0%
Top 100	102	30	29.4%

Appendix E. Methodology tables

E1. Examination maxima and scaled benchmarks

Denominators used in all-subject normalization.

Examination	Official raw maximum	Workbook scaled benchmark
Biology	70	184.9
Chemistry	63	180.0
Civic Education	60	181.8
English	70	166.2
Fine and Applied Arts	70	176.3
French	70	163.7
Geography	59	197.1
Georgian	60	176.1
German	70	166.2
History	60	189.4
Literature	70	181.4
Mathematics	51	190.2
Physics	63	181.8
Russian	70	166.2

E2. Common-subject comparison rules

Eligibility, grouping, matching and interpretation rules.

Rule	Application
Eligible candidate	Academic record with valid Georgian, English and Mathematics raw and scaled results
Language rule	English must be the recorded foreign-language examination
Elective rule	Mathematics may appear in either elective-subject position
No ISET coefficients	The 2/4/6 ISET weights are not used in the normalized raw or scaled averages; the reported final score retains the weighting applicable to each program
Equal subject weights	Georgian, English and Mathematics each contribute one third
Program grouping	Identical institution + normalized displayed program name; identical names across codes are consolidated
Benchmark orientation	Each peer program is compared directly with ISET; peer-to-peer pairs that do not involve ISET are not calculated
Equal-size comparison	For each peer, n=min(100, eligible peer total); compare the peer's top n with ISET's top n
Metric-specific selection	Top-n cohorts are selected separately under the raw-normalized, scaled-normalized, and reported final competitive-score measures
Candidate-count threshold	Primary program rankings require at least 10 eligible candidates
Cutoff ties	Candidate-level top 10/25/50/100 shares allocate tied cutoff positions proportionally; all-ties sensitivity is also reported
Reported final competitive score	Uses the workbook's final score for the same eligible Georgian-English-Mathematics candidates; it is not normalized and retains the weighting applicable to each program