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## **Quality of education**

In recent years, to improve the quality of education Lankaran State University took important steps. The university administration has accepted the adaptation of the teaching process to modern standards as a priority and has implemented a number of reforms for this purpose. These changes led to the improvement of the quality of education, making teaching more effective and student-oriented. The involvement of foreign teachers in the teaching process has created conditions for students to listen to lectures from teachers from Europe and other countries.

#### **Material-Technical Base and Infrastructure**

In recent years, the material and technical base of LSU significantly strengthened. The construction of new educational buildings, the major repair and renovation of existing buildings, and the creation of comfortable conditions for students and teachers have had a positive effect on the quality of education. Establishing of modern laboratories and research centers, equipping of computer classrooms and multimedia rooms have increased students' opportunities to apply their theoretical knowledge in practice. The provision of laboratories, especially in the fields of natural sciences, engineering and medicine, contributes significantly to the improvement of the quality of education. At the same time, the installation of an elevator in the newly opened educational building for students with physical difficulties and the construction of the structure with these students in mind shows the attention to the inclusive education system.

# **Updating Curricula and Improving Teaching Staff**

According to modern requirements, university also updated the educational programs. During the improvement of the programs, LSU took into account the requirements of the labor market, international educational standards and local specific requirements. In addition, it ensured the teaching staff of the university is involved in professional development and retraining courses, and their internship in foreign educational institutions. This has a direct impact on the quality of education by improving teachers' professional knowledge and teaching methods. Ensuring the participation of teachers during trips to foreign countries, as well as in

events carried out with a number of programs, enables teachers/professors to be acquainted with European experience. Those teachers at LSU organized the seminars about European experience and that experience transferred to other colleagues.

## **International Collaborations and Exchange Programs**

In recent years, Lankaran State University has been actively working to expand its international cooperation. Cooperation agreements signed with a number of foreign universities and student exchange programs provide students and teachers with the opportunity to gain international experience. Within the framework of Erasmus+ and other international exchange programs, students have the opportunity to study abroad, practice in different countries and improve their foreign language skills. This contributes to the development of students as globally competitive specialists. At the same time, the visits to a number of universities organized for the implementation of the dual diploma project in the future, and necessary measures for ensure of implementation of the dual diploma project.

# **Research Activities and Projects**

The promotion and development of scientific-research activities in the university also plays an important role in improving the quality of education. Scientific conferences, symposiums and seminars organized regularly; students and teachers are involved in various scientific projects and researches. This helps students to increase their knowledge and skills in the field of scientific research, as well as to be better prepared for the application of modern technology and innovations. At the same time, LSU holds international conferences with the Turkish universities it cooperates with, which creates opportunities for LSU researchers to acquire foreign experiences and to cooperate with professors/teaching staff of foreign universities. I would like to note that Lankaran State University is preparing projects within the Erasmus K2 project. At the same time acts as a partner, university in the projects presented by other universities and implemented at the same time.

### **Student Oriented Approach and Support Services**

In recent years, the strengthening of the student-oriented approach at Lankaran State University has also been the center of attention. Lankaran State University organizes the psychological support services, career counseling services and mentoring programs. These services increase students' motivation to study, help their personal and professional development. Increasing scholarship and social support programs also allows students fully focus on their studies, free from financial constraints. At the same time, we would like to inform you that students supported to join a number of scholarship programs in order to be acquainted with the education system of Europe and other countries, and to be acquainted with the culture of those countries.

### **Application of Digital Technologies**

The application of digital technologies in education has been one of the main directions of development of LSU in recent years. Online classes, electronic libraries and digital resources provide students with access to course materials at any time and make teaching more flexible and convenient. These technologies also enable teachers to present teaching materials in a more interactive and visual way. Because of actions aimed at improving the quality of education at Lankaran State University in recent years, the university's reputation and popularity among students have increased. Adaptation of teaching to modern standards, promotion of scientific-research activities and increase of support provided to students have led to recognition of the university as a competitive educational institution in the region and within the country.