



*Baku State University*

**2025 REPORT ON  
SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND  
STRONG INSTITUTIONS**





## Introduction

Baku State University actively contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 16 by fostering a diverse and inclusive governance structure, supporting students through an independent student union, and engaging with local stakeholders. BSU provides expert advice to government bodies, offers capacity-building initiatives for policymakers, conducts policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments, and provides a neutral platform for open discussions. Additionally, the Criminal Law Association at BSU promotes free exchange of ideas and values through social media. These initiatives collectively reflect BSU's dedication to promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions in its academic and societal engagements.





The Scientific Council of BSU serves as the central governing body, responsible for the overall management of BSU. It operates as a collegial body, indicating that decisions are made collectively, involving various members' input and expertise. The pivotal role of the Rector, who heads the Scientific Council, highlights their leadership in guiding the university's scientific initiatives and academic pursuits. The establishment and functioning of the Scientific Council are outlined in the "Regulation on the Scientific Council of Baku State University". This regulation provides the framework within which the Scientific Council operates, defining its responsibilities and decision-making processes.

BSU's commitment to promoting equality diversity and inclusion (EDI) among its academic, administrative staff and students, in accordance with its policy, reflects a proactive approach to promoting a diverse and inclusive environment within the university community. In addition, the composition of the Academic Council reflects the comprehensive representation of the university's stakeholders. The Academic Council includes the Rector, vice-rectors, advisors, academic secretaries, deans, heads of various departments, as well as representatives of the teacher and student trade union committees, student youth organizations, the Student Scientific Society, the veterans' council, and the teaching and methodological council.

This diverse representation within the Scientific Council aligns with the university's EDI policy (Policy on equality, diversity, and inclusion), as it not only ensures participation from different academic and administrative roles but also includes student representatives and voices from various committees and organizations. Such inclusivity at the decision-making level can contribute significantly to fostering a more equitable and diverse university environment, promoting collaboration, understanding, and mutual respect among all stakeholders. Overall, the outlined approach emphasizes BSU's dedication to embracing EDI principles throughout its governance structure.



At the same time, BSU's Trade Union Committee, as described, plays a vital and multifaceted role in the well-being of the university's employees. Its diverse activities, ranging from improving social conditions and providing affordable catering to reinforcing labor discipline and ensuring the health and protection of employees, showcase a comprehensive approach to employee welfare. The Committee's commitment to tasks like regulating daily activities demonstrates its dedication to enhancing the overall work environment. According to the Accommodation Policy, BSU's provision of exceptions and financial assistance to students and employees from socially vulnerable groups signifies a commendable commitment to fostering inclusivity and accessibility in higher education and employment. By offering support to those in need, the university demonstrates a socially responsible approach, ensuring that education and employment opportunities are accessible to individuals facing economic challenges.





## Independent students' unions



BSU has various organizations in which students actively participate. Those organizations operate on priorities, as stated in the University's Student Led Society Policy.

## The Student Trade Union Committee

The Student Trade Union Committee is highlighted as a cornerstone of student representation, demonstrating its significance through its large membership base of over 18,000 students. Its pivotal role in university affairs is indicative of its effectiveness in advocating for student interests and concerns.





**The Student-Youth Organization (STU)**, established in 2005, serves as a dynamic platform for student participation. Its multifaceted programs, encompassing faculty meetings, event coordination, philanthropic initiatives, and concert planning, reflect a comprehensive approach to student engagement, fostering a vibrant campus life.



**The Union of Independent Students (UIS)**, with its commitment to democratic values and inclusivity, shows a commendable dedication to promoting student rights. Its involvement in academic pursuits, athletics, and cultural exhibitions underscores its multifaceted role, providing students with avenues for self-expression and personal development.

**The BSU Volunteers Organization**, founded in 2019, exemplifies the spirit of social and civic activism. With approximately 1000 student volunteers, their active participation in various events and actions demonstrates a strong





commitment to community service, making



a positive impact within both the university

and the wider society.

**The Young Scientists Council** serves as a breeding ground for aspiring researchers and innovators, offering a platform for development, international collaboration, and commercial research. Their involvement in scientific research, international activities, media strategy, and commercialization efforts signifies their proactive role in advancing research initiatives.



**The Student Scientific Society** plays a crucial part in BSU's research landscape, fostering research-based initiatives, competitions, seminars, and collaborations. By coordinating faculty-specific scientific societies and enhancing the quality of education and research, they contribute significantly to the academic excellence of the university.



The active participation of the students from the Faculty of Law at BSU in events organized by the Azerbaijan representation of the **European Lawyer Students Association (ELSA Azerbaijan)** is a testament to the international engagement and academic enthusiasm within the university. This collaboration highlights the proactive approach of BSU's law students, showcasing their eagerness to broaden their horizons beyond traditional academic boundaries. By engaging with ELSA





Azerbaijan, students can connect with a broader legal community, participate in international events, and gain valuable insights into global legal practices and perspectives.



**Local stakeholders:** BSU's proactive approach to fostering collaboration with stakeholders reflects a commendable dedication to enhancing the career prospects of its students. By consistently engaging with external partners, the university demonstrates a keen understanding of the evolving demands of the labor market. The university's commitment to deep analysis of current labor market needs showcases a forward-thinking mindset. This strategic approach not only benefits students by aligning their education with real-world

requirements but also strengthens the university's reputation as an institution dedicated to producing industry-relevant graduates. BSU's emphasis on cooperation and market analysis exemplifies its commitment to preparing students for successful and meaningful careers. Such initiatives not only empower students with practical skills and knowledge but also contribute significantly to the overall socio-economic development of the region by producing skilled professionals tailored to the demands of the contemporary job market.





BSU's commitment to sustainable investment, as outlined in its Sustainable Investment Policy, reflects a forward-thinking and socially responsible approach. The university's dedication to promoting sustainable services through various communication channels demonstrates a proactive effort to engage both internal and external stakeholders. The emphasis on establishing partnerships with companies and organizations that prioritize fair labor practices, engage with stakeholders, and demonstrate a commitment to social welfare progress aligns with contemporary ethical standards and sustainability goals. By fostering collaborations with entities that share similar values, BSU not only reinforces its commitment to social responsibility but also contributes to broader societal progress. This policy signifies the university's awareness of its role as a catalyst for positive change. By promoting sustainable practices and engaging



in ethical partnerships, BSU actively participates in building a more equitable and sustainable future. Such initiatives not only reflect the institution's commitment to ethical conduct but also inspire a culture of responsibility and social consciousness within the university community and beyond.



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**Criminal Law Association.** The purpose and nature of the events organized by the Criminal Law Association.

### Event Description

It describes the event as a regular meeting within the framework of the "Theoretical and Practical Exchange in Fighting Crime" project. This provides context about the event's focus on crime-related topics.

### Guest Speakers

The statement mentions the invitation of well-known lawyers from various legal fields, which suggests a diverse range of expertise and knowledge-sharing opportunities for students.

### Benefits for Students

It highlights the benefits for students, including the acquisition of theoretical and practical knowledge and advice on faculty life. This emphasizes the event's educational and mentorship aspects.

### Student Interest

The statement indicates that the meeting generated significant interest among students and association members, underscoring its relevance and popularity within the faculty.

### Content Shared

It mentions that the lawyers shared information about their professional activities, life experiences related to fighting crime, and challenging criminal cases. This provides insight into the valuable content of the event.

A curriculum or academic program in the field of Jurisprudence, specifically regarding the specialization in Anti-corruption law:



### Clarity and Specificity

The statement is clear and specific in terms of the date (14.09.2020) and the subject (Anti-corruption law) under discussion. This is essential for academic or administrative communication.

### Curriculum Structure

It mentions that "Anti-corruption law" is part of the elective subjects within the annual employee Curriculum for the "Jurisprudence" specialty. This provides insight into the structure of the curriculum and what students can expect in their program.

### Specialization and Direction

It highlights that "Anti-corruption law" is offered within the specialization of "Jurisprudence" and is part of the bachelor's professional period in the same field. This information helps students understand how the subject fits into their specialization.

### Working with government:

Policy on equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) defines the legal service as a subsystem. The Faculty of Law of BSU provides expert services in the adoption of Plenum Decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Opinions are provided by expert lawyers in different legal





fields. BSU expresses its support for the establishment of sound legal thinking in the country and the correct application of laws.



### Clarity

- The statement is clear and effectively conveys the services offered by the Faculty of Law.

### Scope of Services

- It explains that expert lawyers from the faculty provide opinions on various legal fields, which indicates a broad range of expertise.

### Purpose and Support

- The statement highlights the university's commitment to supporting sound legal thinking in the country and the proper application of laws. This demonstrates a commitment to the legal and constitutional framework of Azerbaijan.



### Conciseness

- The statement is concise and to the point, making it easy to understand

### Positive Tone

- The statement conveys a positive message about the university's role in supporting legal processes and the legal community in Azerbaijan

### Outreach

- According to the Sustainable Procurement Policy Objectives one of the main goals is applying global best practices

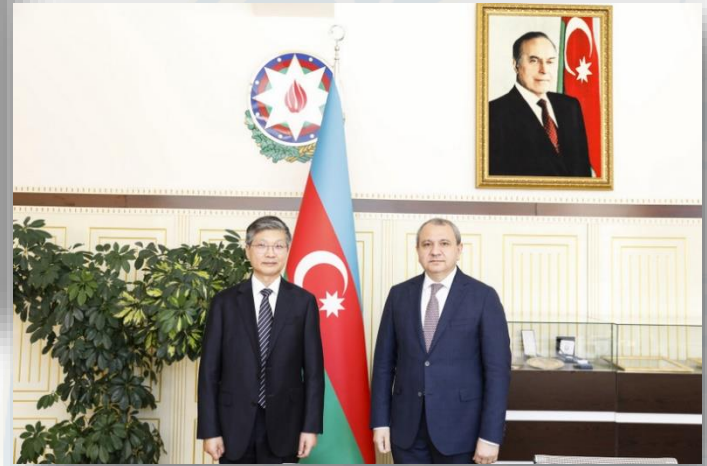
## Local

"Young Talents" Lyceum under BSU is guided by the recommendations of the Scientific Council of BSU, as well as the latest achievements of modern pedagogy on education and upbringing, in addition to taking as a basis the exemplary educational programs of general education schools.

## Regional

Collaboration between BSU and partner universities. It covers a wide range of areas of cooperation, including education, research, innovation, commercialization of scientific knowledge, social life, and international relations. This demonstrates a comprehensive approach to collaboration. The mention of exchanging international experience indicates a commitment to cross-cultural learning and sharing best practices.





The Agreement on Cooperation between the Bar Association of the Republic of Azerbaijan and BSU signifies a significant collaboration between legal practitioners and academia, ensuring the alignment of legal education with the practical needs of the legal profession.



The Agreement on Cooperation between the General Prosecutor's Office and BSU emphasizes the importance of legal education and research in the context of the legal system, fostering an environment where academic knowledge contributes to the enhancement of the justice system.



The collaboration with the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan highlights BSU's involvement in cutting-edge scientific research and innovation, particularly in the domain of intellectual property, demonstrating the university's commitment to advancing knowledge-based economies.

The meeting to discuss cooperation issues between the



Training Center of the State Tax Service and BSU showcases BSU's dedication to enhancing professional skills and training, aligning the curriculum with the evolving needs of the financial sector, and preparing students for successful careers in taxation and related fields.

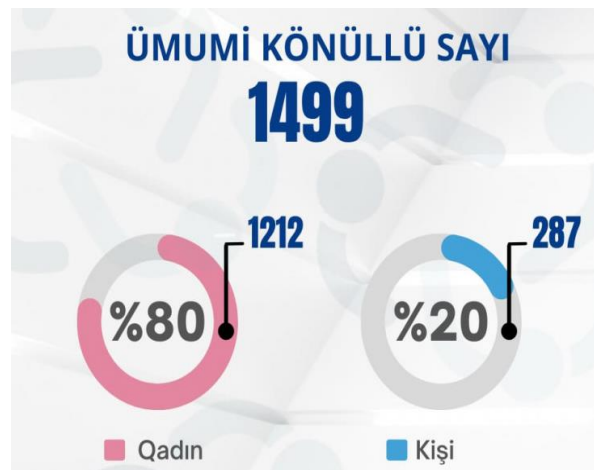
Collectively, these agreements exemplify BSU's proactive engagement with key institutions, ensuring that education is not confined within academic boundaries but extends into practical, real-world applications. This strategic approach not only enriches the learning experience for students but also bolsters the university's role as a pivotal player in shaping the future of various professional sectors in Azerbaijan.



The Criminal Law Association, established under the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology of the Law Faculty of BSU, creates an environment of free discussion by using various social network accounts.



**The chairman of BSU Volunteers: Our organization has become a favorable platform for students development.**



people and is being systematically developed as one of the priority directions of the state's youth policy. In

Volunteering in Azerbaijan is gradually becoming a lifestyle among young

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activity of youth. Consequently, such activities can be valued as an important factor

this context, the "BSU Volunteers" organization stands out by bringing together thousands of students and actively participating in various social, environmental, and public-oriented projects and events. The organization's active role in environmental awareness, sustainable development initiatives, and international events such as COP29 has significantly contributed to shaping the sense of social responsibility and increasing the public



serving to strengthen civil society, protect the environment, and ensure the social integration of young people.

For more information please [click](#).

### The State Youth Policy is being successfully implemented

Hundreds of social and cultural projects are being implemented at Baku State University to increase the public activity of students and staff and to expand cooperation with government and non-governmental organizations. In 2024, more than 900 events were organized at the university, including over 70 activities focused on environmental awareness within the framework of COP29 and the "Year of



"Solidarity for the Green World." These initiatives contributed to strengthening the role of youth in civil society, increasing public participation, and promoting the values of sustainable development.

For more information please [click](#).

### A forum dedicated to Azerbaijan Youth Day was held at BSU



A forum was held at Baku State University on the occasion of Azerbaijan Youth Day. The event underscored the role of National Leader Heydar Aliyev in shaping and advancing Azerbaijan's youth policy, as well as the state programs implemented under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev aimed at supporting youth education,



employment, and the development of their creative and innovative potential. The forum also highlighted the public engagement of young people, their achievements in international competitions, and various scientific and technical initiatives carried out at the university. In addition, the winners of the “Young Scientist of the Year” competition, along with active students, were presented with awards in recognition of their accomplishments.

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### **A BSU staff member participated in an event on the topic of Cybersecurity in the Telecommunications Sector**

Afsana Mustafazade, a specialist at Baku State University, participated in a roundtable discussion entitled “Cybersecurity in the Telecommunications Sector”. The event addressed key issues



related to ensuring cybersecurity in the telecommunications industry, countering hybrid threats and disinformation, managing cyber incidents, and developing human capital in the field. In

addition, an information exchange platform established by the National Cybersecurity Center of the State Security Service was presented during the discussion.

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### **Master class on the Topic "Combating Human Trafficking" at BSU**

A masterclass on the topic "Combating Human Trafficking" was held at Baku State University for Social Work program students. During the training, information was provided regarding victims of human trafficking, and the measures taken in this



field both in Azerbaijan and globally were explained. Key topics included psychological intervention programs and the significance of a multidisciplinary approach. Students also became acquainted with practical examples concerning rehabilitation centers and success stories, and their questions were answered.

**For more information please [click](#).**

### **The 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Student Law Journal was celebrated at BSU**

A ceremony was held by the Student Scientific Society of the Faculty of Law at Baku State University to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the "Student Law Journal." The role of the journal in shaping students' scientific creativity and legal thinking, as well as its contribution to the development of legal science and young lawyers, was emphasized. During the ceremony, it was noted that the journal is indexed in international databases such as Scopus and HeinOnline, and is available in the libraries of prestigious institutions like UC Berkeley and Yale University, highlighting its significant contribution to advancing students' legal knowledge.



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### **Awareness event on Combating Environmental Crimes: Legal and Organizational Approaches held at BSU**



An educational event titled "Combating Environmental Crimes: Legal and Organizational Approaches" was held for students at Baku State University. The event was organized to increase students' environmental awareness, enrich their legal knowledge, and strengthen their sense of social responsibility toward environmental protection. The lectures emphasized the liability and penalties for environmental



crimes under Azerbaijani legislation, as well as the enforcement of laws and the state's environmental policy. The event continued in an interactive format, enriched by students' questions and discussions.

For more information please [click](#).

### Republic-wide intellectual competition among youth held at BSU within the framework of the Year of the Constitution and Sovereignty



An intellectual legal competition titled "Legal Ring" was held among the country's youth at Baku State University within the framework of the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty." The primary objective of the event was to increase legal knowledge among young people and raise awareness about human rights, the rule of law, and principles of public administration. During the competition, issues such as the role

of the Constitution in protecting rights and freedoms, the restoration of sovereignty, and the strengthening of democratic values were emphasized.

For more information please [click](#).

### Brotherhood concert program held at BSU

A concert program titled "Brotherhood" was organized at Baku State University, initiated by the "BSU Volunteers," dedicated to the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty" and the May 19 Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day. The event emphasized the historical friendship between Azerbaijan and Türkiye, shared national-cultural values, and the role of youth in the development of society. Featuring joint performances by students





from both countries, the concert served as a symbol of unity and contributed to strengthening solidarity among the youth.

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### Meeting with active members of Youth Organizations at BSU



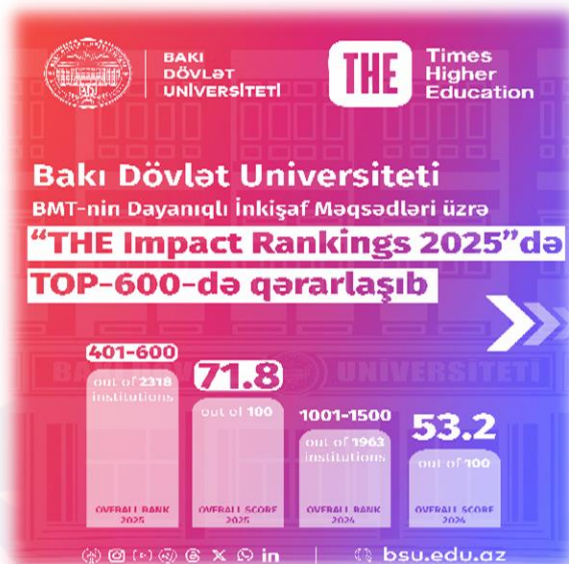
Elchin Babayev, the Rector of Baku State University, held a meeting with active members of the university's youth organizations, highly



commending their role in public life. During the meeting, it was emphasized that youth represent a vital force in the state youth policy, in being raised with a spirit of patriotism, and in the socio-cultural development of the university. The event was significant in terms of supporting youth initiatives and strengthening an active citizenship position.

For more information please [click](#).

### BSU Ranks in the Top 600 in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025



Baku State University (BSU) has secured a position among the top 600 universities globally in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, showing significant progress from its previous 1001-1500 range. Among 2,318 higher education institutions, the university was evaluated across 15 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieved high global results in several areas,



including SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). This achievement demonstrates the success of BSU's strategic reforms in sustainable development, social responsibility, and inclusive education.

For more information please [click](#).



## Two BSU students to receive Ombudsman Special Scholarship within the “Year of Constitution and Sovereignty”



Within the framework of the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty," a special scholarship has been established by the Ombudsman for students of Baku State University (BSU). The scholarship is intended for two students with high academic performance in the Law and International Relations programs. This initiative aims to encourage student specialization in the field of human rights and to promote their scientific research activities.

For more information please [click](#).



## BSU students participate in “Cyber Summer School 2025”

Students from Baku State University (BSU) participated in the "Cyber Summer School 2025" summer camp. The event took place from July 21–26 at the "Bilgah" Recreation Center of the State Security Service



and offered practical trainings in cybersecurity, "Red Team" and "Blue Team" laboratory sessions, expert meetings, and international presentations. BSU students

applied their theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, enhancing their experience in technology and international networks.

**For more information please [click](#).**

## Master class held at BSU in collaboration with the Media and Judicial Legal Council

Baku State University (BSU), the Media Development Agency, and the Legal Advisory Board jointly organized a masterclass for



students of the Faculty of Journalism



titled "The Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan – A Solid Guarantee of Human Rights." The event featured discussions on the role of the Constitution, the protection of



human rights, national values, and civic responsibility. Students received answers to their legal questions during an interactive session.

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### **BSU's Legal Clinic expands its activities**

The Legal Clinic operating under the Faculty of Law at Baku State University (BSU) has expanded its scope of activity. The clinic provides free legal assistance to low-income families and victims of cybercrime, offering practical support for the protection of rights and providing online consulting services. At the same time, it aims to contribute to the development of civil society by implementing training sessions and public awareness projects on increasing legal literacy, digital security, and the protection of human rights.

**For more information please [click](#).**



### **Round table dedicated to the World Day for Decent Work held at BSU**

A roundtable discussion dedicated to "Decent Work Day" was held at Baku State University (BSU). The event featured discussions on the concept of decent work, the protection of employees' labor rights, the prevention of discrimination, and the legal measures implemented in this field in Azerbaijan. During the presentations, it was emphasized that ensuring labor





rights plays a crucial role in strengthening the principles of social justice and the rule of law.

For more information please [click](#).

## BSU hosts “Youth Dialogue of the Future” event dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations



An event titled "Youth Dialogue for the Future," dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN),



was held at Baku State University (BSU).



The event emphasized the strengthening cooperation between Azerbaijan and the UN in the fields of peace, security, human



rights, and sustainable development, while noting that the university has enhanced its international standing through education, research, and ecological initiatives aligned with the SDGs. During the panel discussions, the role of youth as active partners in building a sustainable future, along with climate change and the green transition, was specifically highlighted.

For more information please [click](#).



## BSU Volunteers conduct civil court simulation

The first stage of a civil court simulation was held at the Binagadi District Court with the participation of law students. During the



simulation, students gained practical



knowledge regarding the conduct of court sessions, the presentation of parties' positions, the examination of evidence, and decision-making mechanisms. The event emphasized the crucial role of real court processes in legal education, and a separate competition with awards was arranged for observing students.

For more information please [click](#).

## An event titled “The role of the court in ensuring human and civil rights and freedoms” was held at BSU

An event dedicated to the role of courts in ensuring human and civil rights and freedoms was held at Baku State University (BSU) within the framework of the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty." The event emphasized that





the judicial-legal reforms implemented in Azerbaijan in recent years serve to protect



it was noted that legal education and the preparation of professional, ethical lawyers are key factors in the effective guarantee of rights and freedoms.

For more information please [click](#).



human rights, strengthen the fair trial system, and promote constitutional values in society. During the speeches,



### Celebration of Victory Day at BSU

An event dedicated to November 8 – Victory Day was held at Baku State University (BSU). The ceremony began with participants laying flowers at the bust of National Leader Heydar Aliyev and the memorial corner dedicated to the



university's martyred graduates, followed by the National Anthem and a moment of silence for the martyrs. Rector



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Elchin Babayev and other speakers emphasized the historical significance of Azerbaijan's victory in the Patriotic War,



peacebuilding projects in the liberated



territories, and stated that the Victory is eternally etched in the nation's history. The event concluded with an arts program prepared by the BSU Culture and Creativity Center.

For more information please [click](#).



### Roundtable at BSU: “Constitution and natural resources from a scientific-legal perspective”

A roundtable discussion titled "Constitution and Natural Resources: A Scientific-Legal Perspective" was held at Baku State University (BSU). The event was organized by the Student Trade Union Committees of the Faculties of Geology and Law within the framework of the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty." During the event, students discussed the core principles of the Constitution, state sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the protection of human rights, as well as legislative aspects regarding the management and conservation of natural resources. The roundtable continued with interactive discussions on the interaction between scientific-research



and practical approaches in the fields of geology and law, and the efficient



management of natural resources.

For more information please [click](#).

### MLSPP holds an information session for BSU students on the advantages of civil service

An information session titled "Advantages of Civil Service, Reforms, and Future Perspectives" was held at Baku State University (BSU) by the Ministry of Labour



and Social Protection of the Population



(MLSPP). The event was attended by representatives from relevant MLSPP departments and undergraduate and





graduate students from various BSU faculties. During the session, information was provided on the benefits of civil service, the reforms carried out within the framework of the "Action Plan" of the Employment Strategy for 2020–2025, and future strategic plans; the session concluded with discussions and a Q&A.

**For more information please [click](#).**

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## CONCLUSION

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These key findings highlight the proactive and comprehensive approach of BSU in promoting SDG 16 principles. The university's efforts align with the goals of peace, justice, and strong institutions by ensuring inclusivity, representation, and open dialogue within its governance and educational structures. Furthermore, BSU's commitment to engaging with external stakeholders and fostering a culture of social responsibility underscores its significance in contributing to broader societal progress. Based on the information provided and the structure of the report, here are the key findings regarding BSU's engagement in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:

- **Governance and Inclusivity** - The Scientific Council of BSU operates with broad representation, including the rector, vice-rectors, deans, student organizations, and staff, reflecting the university's commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- **Student Engagement** - The Independent Student Union, Student-Youth Organization, "BSU Volunteers," Young Scientists Council, and other student associations actively promote participation in academic, social, and civic activities.



## Social Welfare and Support

BSU provides extensive social protection mechanisms, including financial assistance, exemptions for vulnerable groups, and policies ensuring accessibility and support for both students and staff.

## Collaboration with Government and Legal Institutions

The university cooperates with the Constitutional Court, Prosecutor General's Office, Bar Association, Intellectual Property Agency, and Tax Service to integrate academic knowledge into practical legal and governance frameworks.

## Anti-Corruption and Transparency

Through policies, training programs, and seminars, BSU fosters ethics, transparency, and integrity among students and staff.

## Environmental Protection and ECOLEAD Project

The joint ECOLEAD platform with the Prosecutor General's Office and the Ministry of Ecology addresses environmental crimes, public awareness, and reforestation initiatives.



## SDG FOCUSED MEMBERSHIPS



**ISCN**  
International Sustainable Campus Network



## SDG FOCUSED RANKING RESULTS



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# Baku State University

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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



CHEMISTRY

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**Baku State University**

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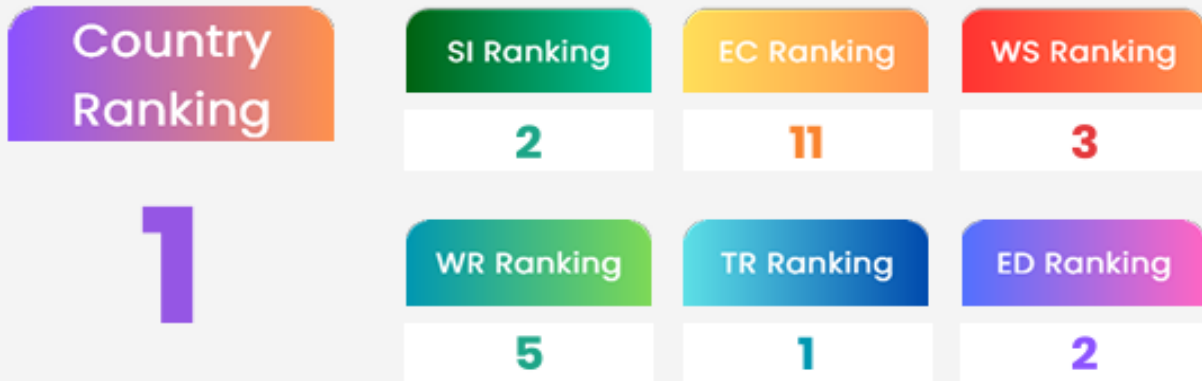


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#### 4. RANKING IN AZERBAIJAN



#### 2. RESULTS SUMMARY



#### 3. WORLD RANKINGS HISTORY





## UNIVERSITY PROFILE

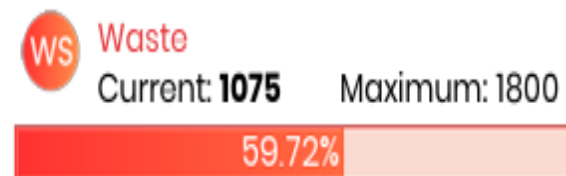
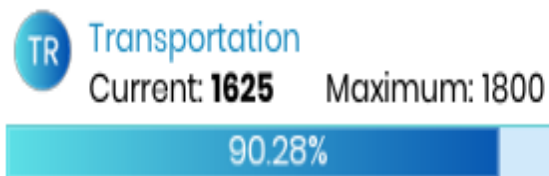
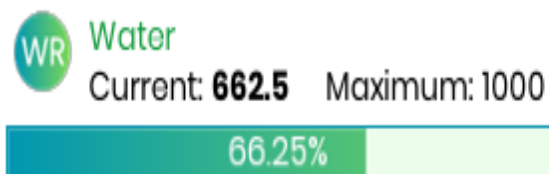
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EST. : 1919  
COUNTRY : AZERBAIJAN

### 1. VERIFIED DATA

#### Campus Sustainability Scores

Overall Performance  
**68.75 %**

Total Score  
**6875 / 10000**





# THE IMPACT RANKINGS

OVERALL RANK

**401-600** out of **2318** institutions

OVERALL SCORE

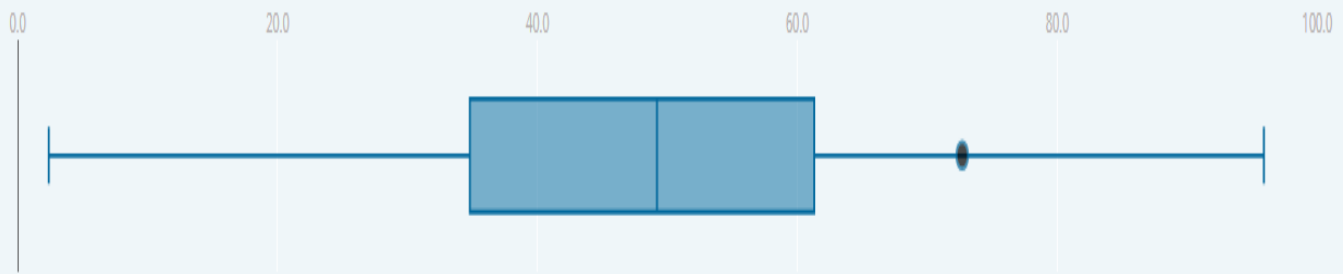
**71.8** out of **100**



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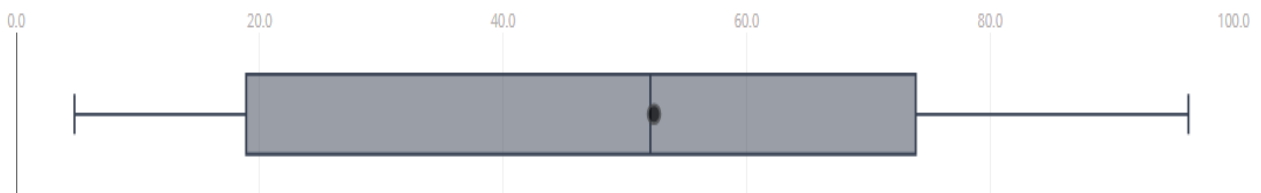
## PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SCORE **72.7** RANK **101-200** out of **1265** institutions



SCORE **52.4** Research on peace and justice

27% OF THIS SDG





SCORE

## 79.8 University governance measures

26.6% OF THIS SDG



SCORE

## 74.7 Working with government

23.2% OF THIS SDG



SCORE

## 86.2 Proportion of graduates in law and civil enforcement

23.2% OF THIS SDG





## SDG FOCUSED RESEARCH

Baku State University (BSU) actively contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through its research and academic activities. As one of the leading research institutions in Azerbaijan, BSU supports the development of effective legal systems, the protection of human rights, and the promotion of transparent and accountable governance.

Research conducted by BSU scholars addresses a wide range of SDG 16–related topics, including judicial reforms, digital privacy rights, crime prevention, environmental law during armed conflicts, and the protection of cultural heritage in conflict zones. These studies also examine international legal frameworks such as the European Convention on Human Rights and explore broader issues related to post-conflict governance and global justice.

Through empirical studies, comparative legal analysis, and policy-oriented research, BSU provides valuable insights that support evidence-based policymaking and institutional development. By promoting academic dialogue on law, governance, and human rights, the university contributes to strengthening peace, justice, and resilient institutions at both national and international levels.

1. Authors: Mammadova, L.

Focus: Azerbaijan’s 2023-2024 legal reforms on in absentia trials.

Methods: Comparative legal analysis with Germany, Italy, and Turkey.

Findings: New laws ensure fair trial rights with representation and appeal, but challenges remain in notifying defendants and enforcing outcomes.

Recommendation: Improve defendant notification and post-trial enforcement mechanisms.

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2. Authors: Hashimova, L.F.

Focus: Relationship between cultural heritage protection and human rights.

Methods: Review of international legal documents, court practices, and case law.

Findings: Destruction of cultural heritage is a violation of human rights; growing legal trend integrates human rights into cultural heritage protection.

Recommendation: Strengthen international mechanisms linking human rights law and cultural heritage protection.

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3. Authors: Asadov, J., Safarli, G.

Focus: Environmental damage caused by armed conflicts.



Methods: Review of international legal conventions, case study of Garabagh conflict.  
Findings: Armed conflicts harm farmland, water, and ecosystems; international law offers limited retroactive remedies.

Recommendation: Apply and strengthen International Law Commission Draft Principles for environmental protection during war.

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4. Authors: Khalilov, K.

Focus: Extraterritorial jurisdiction under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

Methods: Case law analysis of ECtHR decisions.

Findings: Jurisdiction applied via spatial, personal, and alternative models; crucial for balancing regional scope with broader human rights objectives.

Recommendation: Adopt flexible models to ensure broader human rights protection beyond state borders.

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5. Authors: Humbatov, E.A.

Focus: Protection of privacy and personal data security in the virtual space.

Methods: Comparative analysis of Anglo-Saxon and European legal approaches.

Findings: Internet anonymity and borderless nature enable violations; existing frameworks differ in scope and enforcement.

Recommendation: Strengthen Azerbaijan's data protection laws by adopting best international practices.

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6. Authors: Garashova, S.

Focus: U.S.-Azerbaijan relations (1991–2020).

Methods: Political, economic, diplomatic, and security analysis across four policy phases.

Findings: U.S. influence peaked with energy and democracy promotion but declined after 2015; Russia remains dominant.

Recommendation: Diversify Azerbaijan's foreign policy partnerships to balance declining U.S. engagement.

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7. Authors: Rahimli, S.

Focus: Soviet Russia's aggression against the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR).

Methods: Legal analysis of 1907 Hague Convention and early 20th-century international law.

Findings: Soviet annexation did not erase ADR's international legal identity; Azerbaijan retained sovereignty under law.



Recommendation: Recognize continuity of ADR's legal identity in modern international law discourse.

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8. Authors: Sevdimaliyev, R.M.

Focus: Rise and fall of the Sunni Awakening (Sahwa) movement in Iraq.

Methods: Historical-political analysis of tribal alliances and U.S. policy.

Findings: Movement weakened Al-Qaeda but collapsed due to political marginalization and U.S. missteps; many fighters later joined ISIL.

Recommendation: Future counterinsurgency strategies must ensure long-term political inclusion of local actors.

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9. Authors: Aliyeva, Z.

Focus: Azerbaijan's crime prevention policies compared with international best practices.

Methods: Clustering methods (DBSCAN, K-Means) using 2021 crime and socio-economic data across 50 countries.

Findings: Azerbaijan clusters with Albania, Jordan, Mongolia, Romania, and Serbia; socio-economic context matters in policy adoption.

Recommendation: Adapt crime prevention models from comparable countries to Azerbaijan's context.

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10. Authors: Aliyeva, Z.

Focus: Impact of state policy on violence and crimes against human life and health.

Methods: Statistical analysis using crime rates, homicide data, socio-economic, and institutional variables across developing and transitioning states.

Findings: Strong institutions, higher GDP, and minimum wages reduce violence; punitive measures are less effective than improving social welfare.

Recommendation: Focus on socio-economic development and support for vulnerable populations to reduce violent crime.

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11. Authors: Karimova, T.

Focus: Development of the right to publicity as a form of intellectual property.

Methods: Comparative analysis of Anglo-Saxon and Romano-German legal traditions.

Findings: Increased commercial use of personal images raises conflicts with media freedoms and trademarks; Azerbaijani law lacks clear regulation.

Recommendation: Introduce legal reforms in Azerbaijan for registering personal identification as trademarks.

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12. Authors: Shahbazov, I., Afandiyev, Z.

Focus: Gun culture and firearm ownership in post-conflict Azerbaijan.

Methods: Expert interviews and conflict-affected population surveys.


















Findings: Low levels of gun crime; firearms mainly used for hunting and self-defense; absence of “conflict mentality” compared to other war-affected societies.

Recommendation: Maintain strict gun control policies to preserve low firearm-related crime rates.

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