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The OHRID Institute announces that in cooperation with the University American College promoted the **new International Educational Curriculum Program** offering integrated one- semester course for students in the second and third year of Political Science and Business Administration.

The Macedonian students often do not have the opportunity to attend different International seminars, trainings, courses or to educate themselves abroad, due to the financial issue and the visa regime; this is a perfect opportunity for the Macedonian students to broaden the knowledge with international opinions and ideas, professors and to study abroad. The International Educational Curriculum Program is an innovative platform for study in the multidisciplinary field of the International Political Economy, focused on the role of democratic governance and market economy in development.

"The goal of this Program is simple: to help students in Macedonia make the best out of their undergraduate education and become the leaders of tomorrow. This Program is a pilot this year, exclusively offered at the American College University and we intend to expand it by involving more students next yeas, as well as adding new presentations, translating books, and incorporating new features, as multimedia classroom" – said Biljana Janeva, the Executive Director of the OHRID Institute.

The lectures presented in this Program uncover and clarify the connections that exist between political and economic institutions in the world. The concepts that will be presented herewill build on practical experiences of professors from EU and USA (Harvard, Austria, Germany, Rome, Czech Republic etc) while incorporating theories and analysis of economics, politics, business, legal studies, and other related fields.The Educational Curriculum Program is a joint effort that relies on knowledge, expertise, and experience of distinguished partners of the OHRID Institute around the world, who not only consider the issues of development in an academic setting, but also apply them in their daily work with business associations, economic think tanks, and other private sector organizations.

The distinguished lecturers, who generously contributed their time and expertise to preparing the lectures hail from different countries, teach at different universities, but have the will to share the lessons learned to our Macedonian students. Another important distinguishing feature of the Program is its format as a online resource, which makes it available to wider audience and enables students to connect, share their views and contribute. Easy-to-view multimedia presentations and our Forum will add an element of interactivity where users can

not only watch lectures, but also engage in online discussions and exchange ideas with their peers.

The Educational Curriculum Program comprises 13 topics and each topic consists of several multimedia presentations and accompanying materials that can be used as the basis for classroom discussions.

The program is offered as an elective one (elective subject) according to the Credit Transfer System compatible with the US and EU standards. The OHRID Institute at the end of the year will organize essay contest and will reward the top 10 students with publication of their essay in an international journal, an internship experience, scholarships for spending 7 days Summer Seminar in Vienna.