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Overview of Lithuanian Research and Higher Education System¹

Research and higher education in Lithuania are governed by the Law on Higher Education and Research approved by the Parliament (Seimas) of the Republic of Lithuania on 30 April 2009. The law states that the mission of science and studies is to contribute to social, cultural and economic prosperity of the country, to enhance and support the capacity of every Lithuanian citizen to fully participate in society and to satisfy natural thirst for knowledge.

Lithuanian research and higher education policy is shaped by Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. National research and higher education policy is implemented by the Government, the Ministry of Education and Science together with other ministries and the Research Council of Lithuania. The State Studies Foundation, the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education, Ombudsman, and other institutions authorised by the Government and the Ministry of Education and Science also participate in fulfilling the educational policy. The implementation of innovation policy strategic provisions is the responsibility of two ministries, namely the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Education and Science. They coordinate key programmes on research and experimental development and innovation funded by the EU structural funds.

This overview provides a summary on Lithuanian research and higher education system including its structure, management and administration.

¹ References: Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania, Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, State Studies Foundation, Council for Higher Education, Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre, Lithuanian University Rectors' Conference, Open Information Counselling and Guidance System.

Structure

There are 14 state university-type **higher education and research institutions in Lithuania**: Aleksandras Stulginskis University, The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania, Kaunas University of Technology, Klaipėda University, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, Lithuanian Sports University, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Mykolas Romeris University, Šiauliai University, Vilnius Academy of Arts, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Vilnius University and Vytautas Magnus University, and 8 non-state university-type higher education institutions: the Branch of the University of Białystok Faculty of Economics and Informatics, ISM University of Management and Economics, LCC International University, Kazimieras Simonavičius University, European Humanities University, International Business School at Vilnius University, Telšiai Bishop Vincentas Borisevičius Priest Seminary and Vilnius St. Joseph Seminary.

In addition to university-type higher education institutions, research in Lithuania is also conducted in 13 state and 7 non-state research institutes.

Most of university-type higher education institutions have research institutes which fulfil university (academy) objectives and mission-based R&D activities providing scientific basis for studies and researchers' development, and creating favourable environment for advancing academic qualifications of teachers.

There are five integrated science, studies and business valleys in Lithuania. The valleys are aimed at creating hubs of international-level research, studies and knowledge economy, at strengthening long-term economic competitiveness and at accelerating the development of knowledge society in the country. Currently, Saulėtekis and Santara Valleys in Vilnius, Santaka and Nemunas Valleys in Kaunas as well as Marine Valley in Klaipėda are implementing research infrastructure development projects funded by EU structural funds. The valleys are expected to become the centres that will accelerate synergy among research, studies and knowledge intensive business, and will be able to compete in the international arena. By developing the highest-level of scientific cooperation the integrated science, studies and business valleys will attract international investors seeking high intellectual competencies.

There are 13 state and 11 non-state non-university-type higher education institutions – colleges in Lithuania which implement non-university studies and conduct applied research.

The Research Council of Lithuania is an advisory body to the Lithuanian Seimas and the Government for research and researchers' training issues. The Council was founded by Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. The Council takes part in implementing R&D and other programmes through programme-based competitive funding as well as organises Lithuanian research and art assessment. The Council is a coordinator of Lithuanian national EURAXESS centres and provides information on events, on available jobs for scientists and researchers both in Lithuania and abroad, and on research and fellowship funding opportunities. The Council is assigned to co-ordinate the implementation of the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7), COST, cross-border and other research programmes.



The Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA), founded by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Economy, is the main governmental institution, responsible for implementation of innovation policy in Lithuania. The main activity of MITA is coordinating of national and international R&D and innovation programmes and their competitive funding. MITA coordinates FP7 areas related to innovation and business participation as well as the implementation of EUREKA, EU-ROSTARS and BONUS programmes and EU Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP).



ERAWATCH network monitors the implementation of EU R&D policy in Lithuania.

The Council for Higher Education is an expert institution for higher education development acting in accordance with the regulations approved by the Government. The Council analyses and assesses the situation of higher education in Lithuania, and provides informed suggestions to the Ministry of Education and Science on strategic questions regarding higher education development and quality improvement. The Council for Higher Education also performs the assessment of the candidates for a higher education institution council proposed by the Senate of the institution.

The State Studies Foundation is a state budget institution which administers state loans and state-supported loans as well as study grants and social grants to the undergraduate, postgraduate and integrated studies' students. The Foundation also implements other measures assigned by the Ministry of Education and Science in order to ensure quality and accessibility of higher education.

Ombudsman is a public authority responsible for examining complaints about and initiating investigations of breaches of academic ethics and procedures. The Controller is appointed for a five-year term by Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania on the advice of the Research Council of Lithuania.

The Ministry of Education and Science develops and implements national education and science policy. The Minister of Education and Science is accountable to Seimas and the President of the Republic of Lithuania and reports directly to the Prime Minister.



Vice-Ministers, advisers, assistants and other civil servants of political and/or personal confidence of the Minister assist the Minister in developing policies and priorities as well as in decision making and implementation processes.

Higher education is the area of responsibility of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology. The Department oversees development and implementation of national policy on higher education and academic mobility. It coordinates international cooperation in the field of higher education and is involved in developing and implementing national policy on research, technology and innovation. The Department also participates in coordinating research, technology and innovation activities of Lithuanian research and higher education institutions. The Department ensures the functioning of continuing and adult education system and promotes international development of Lithuanian (Baltic) studies. The Department has the Non-University Studies Division, University Studies Division, Science Division, Technology and Innovation Division and Academic Mobility and Continuing Education Division.

The Ministry of Education and Science
has the authority on the following
Lithuanian institutions working
in the field of higher education:

Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC) performs external quality assessment and accreditation of study programmes and higher education institutions. It is also responsible for recognition of qualifications obtained abroad, and providing consultation and information on Lithuanian and international higher education systems. The Centre provides advice to higher education institutions on choosing appropriate international partners and assists employers from both public and private sector with information on their employees' diploma quality. SKVC is a full member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), and one of the founding members of the Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA). SKVC is the authorized centre of ENIC (European Network of Information Centres) and NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centres) networks in Lithuania. In 2012 CQAHE was included into the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).



Education Exchanges Support Foundation (EESF) helps Lithuanian citizens to take advantage of international co-



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operation by offering guidance to potential applicants and providing information about various educational and training programmes and activities. The aim of the Foundation is to implement EU Lifelong Learning Programme and a number of other EU programmes and projects such as National Bologna Expert Group, Europass, Euroguidance and Euroskills. In addition to coordinating state grants and payments under international agreements enforced by the Ministry of Education and Science, the Foundation operates as a national information centre for issues and questions regarding qualification. With the help of structural funds EESF initiated a unified and coordinated effort to promote Lithuania as a destination country for international students within Study in Lithuania project. Foundation also supervises implementation of other programmes and projects in Lithuania under agreements with the European Commission and other partners using funds allocated to the administrated programmes and projects.

Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA) is a state budget institution which monitors and analyses the state of the Lithuanian research and higher education systems, provides necessary information and draws up recommendations on the development and implementation of research and higher education policies. The Centre monitors the research and study system in Lithuania improving monitoring indexes and performing comparative analysis of statistical indicators. In addition to analysing research and study situation in Lithuania, international research and study trends and information on study policy and monitoring, MOSTA also participates in developing the policy for research, study and innovations and in strategic planning of the research and study system. The Centre's recommendations are used while designing the legislations for research and study monitoring according to the demands of the State and international practice. Lithuanian Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre collaborates with the research and study institutions, and the institutions coordinating their activities as well as expert organisations locally and internationally; it represents Lithuania in international organisations, EU work groups and takes part in other activities related to monitoring, situation analysis, designing of strategies for development of the research and study system.



Management and Administration of University-type Higher Education Institutions

Nearly all Lithuanian state higher education institutions have been reorganised into public institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Higher Education and Research. The Schools have the status of a public legal entity and operate as public institutions with autonomy guaranteed by the Constitution and a special status provided by the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legislation of the Republic of Lithuania. Non-state higher education institutions also have the status of a public legal entity and operate as public institutions or private legal entities.

The autonomy of Lithuanian university-type higher education institutions include academic, administrative, economic and financial activities based on the principle of self-government and academic freedom. The autonomy of a higher education institution is combined with the accountability to the society, the founders and the academic community in accordance with the procedures established by the Constitution, the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legislation of the Republic of Lithuania. State university-type higher education institution must have collegial management bodies: the council and the senate as well as a sole management body, the rector. The management of a non-state higher education institution is subject to the founding documents of the institution.

University-type higher education institutions organise and provide university education, issuing qualifications foreseen by the Law on Higher Education and Research. These institutions conduct research and experimental (social, cultural) development and/ or cultural activities, applying research and experimental (social, cultural) development results. University-type institutions collect scientific knowledge, while developing creative activities and contributing to culture at large, and fostering academic values and traditions.

Higher education system. According to the Lithuanian Education Classification, university higher education belongs to ISCED levels 5A and 6. There are three levels of university studies: undergraduate (Bachelor), graduate (Master) and postgraduate (Doctoral and Residency), and two types of studies: full-time and part-time. Universities can organise doctoral studies together with research institutes. The right to organise doctoral studies is granted by The Research Council of Lithuania. The Council also performs the monitoring of the study process.

One academic year of full-time studies is usually equivalent to 60 higher education credits (ECTS) but no less than 45 ECTS. One academic year of part-time studies is equivalent to 45 ECTS. The total duration of part-time studies may not be longer than one-and-a-half times the full-time studies with 60 ECTS per year. The volume of undergraduate university study programmes is not smaller than 210 ECTS and not bigger than 240 ECTS. The volume of graduate studies is not

smaller than 90 ECTS and not bigger than 120 ECTS. Full-time doctoral studies last up to four years and part-time doctoral studies last up to six years. Upon completion of higher education study programme, university education and/ or qualification is obtained.

Funding. Every year on February 16 the Minister of Education and Science announces the preliminary number of state funded places for undergraduate and integrated studies in all study fields or study areas. The Minister annually approves the standard prices for all degree studies and non-degree studies. The calculations are based on requirements for teacher qualification, the ration of teachers to students, and costs for study-related goods and services. The standard price for studies assists a higher education institution in setting tuition fees for paid studies. State allocated funding is available to high school (gymnasium) graduates with highest scores. State funding is only available to those studying at state higher education institutions both full-time and part-time.

Master level and non-degree study places are allocated by the Ministry of Education and Science based on scientific or art activity results and/ or enrolment numbers of undergraduate and integrated studies applicants regarding the study field.

Doctoral places for research and higher education institutions are allocated by the Ministry of Education and Science based on research or art activity results and doctoral students’ performance.

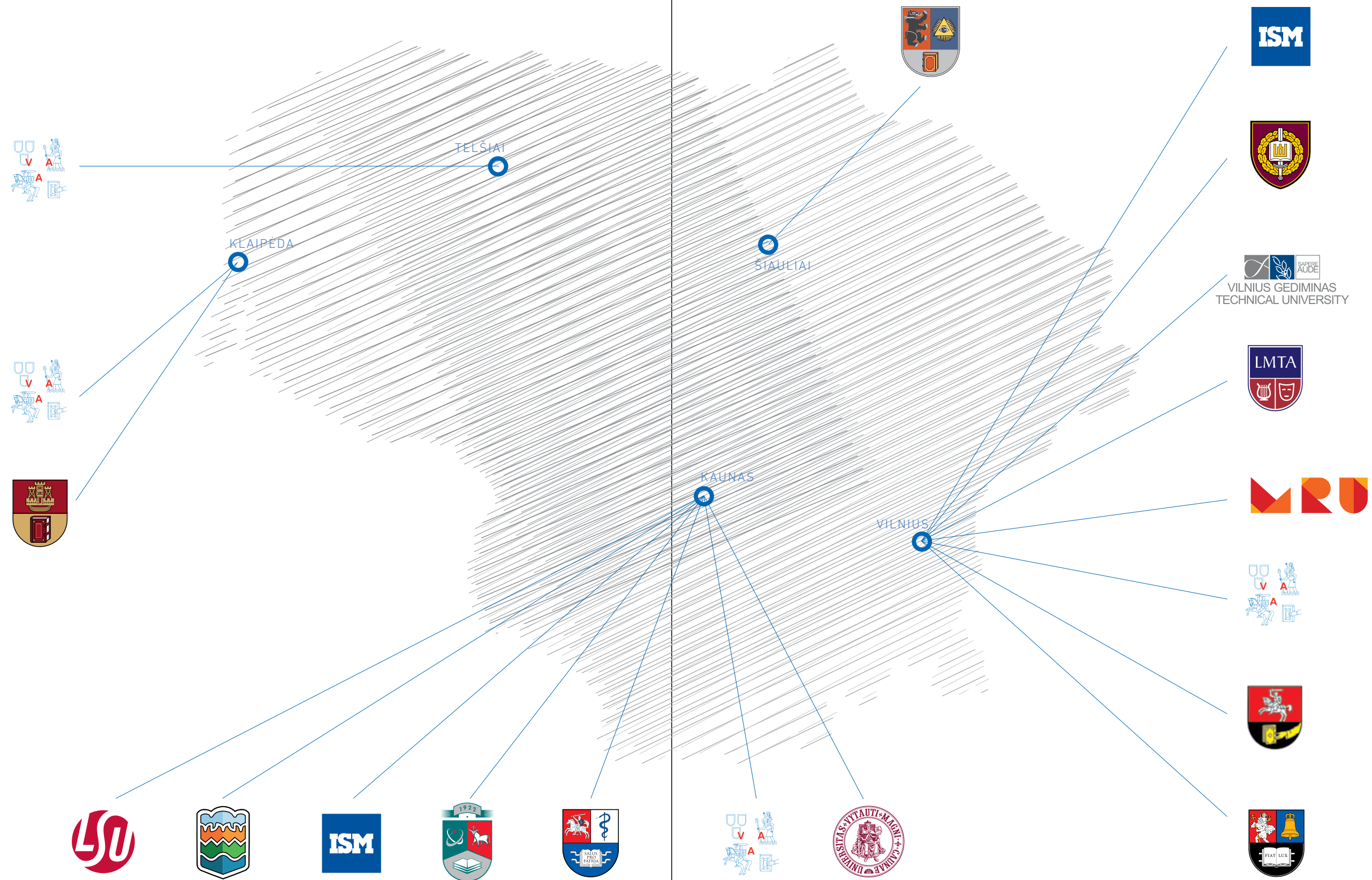
The Lithuanian University Rectors’ Conference (LURK) is an association uniting the rectors of Lithuanian university-type higher education institutions, each representing their university or academy. The Conference coordinates the links among university-type higher education institutions as well as their relationship with state government and municipal institutions. The Conference provides expert knowledge in the field of higher education and R&D policies. The Conference aims to promote the development of Lithuanian science, education, culture and economy, to encourage cooperation among higher education institutions and international networking as well as cooperation with government authorities and municipal institutions.



Lithuanian Academy of Sciences unites the most prominent scientists in Lithuania. Founded by Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Academy initiates and, by the order of Seimas and the Government, organises and coordinates research, advises Seimas and the Government, draws up recommendations and provides expert evaluation.



Some of the student unions of Lithuanian higher education institutions belong to the **Lithuanian National Union of Students**. The purpose of the Union is to represent the rights and legitimate interests of Lithuanian students and coordinate the activities of full members and observer members. Currently, the Union has 21 full members: seven student unions from Vilnius, nine from Kaunas and five from Klaipėda.



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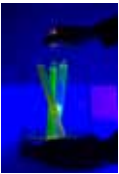
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Aleksandras Stulginskis University

Aleksandras Stulginskis University (ASU) a state institution of higher education and research which is constantly evolving to meet the highest expectations of society needs. Today it is the only state university in Lithuania awarding the diplomas and degrees at PhD, MSc and BSc levels in the fields of food sciences, agriculture, forestry, water and land resources management, bioenergy and mechanical engineering, climate change and sustainable use of natural resources.

The focus of our studies and research are natural resources that have no borders. Our goal is to be global experts in sustainable use of resources whatever smart technologies are applied.

We are serving **our mission** by creating and disseminating scientific knowledge, aiming to create safe and healthy food and full-fledged living environment for every citizen of Lithuania. However, our mission goes beyond our country. We are serving many people of the planet and sharing our knowledge with them. We are open to challenges and changes, adopting the best experience of the world universities, developing internationally, at the same time serving our own country, seeking continuous improvement and leadership among the best universities of our area.

Five faculties – the Faculty of Agronomy, the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology, the Faculty of Economics and Management, the Faculty of Water and Land Management, and the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering – offer study programmes in the areas of Biomedicine, Social, Physical, and Technological Sciences. There are more than 40 undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes, among them – 19 programmes in English at ASU.

There are almost 5,000 students currently studying at the University.



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University developed excellent infrastructure for research.
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Research

ASU scientists are conducting fundamental and applied research in the areas of biomedicine, technology, agriculture and social sciences.

We are proud that many of our researchers have gained national and international acknowledgement and have attained numerous awards. The two latest ones include the National Award for the best research in technological sciences in 2012 (prof. dr. P.Janulis, prof. dr. V.Makarevičienė, dr. E.Sendžikienė) and National Award for the best dissertation in Environmental sciences in 2011 (dr.Ž.Preikša).

The ASU researchers hold memberships in global, international and network research organisations of 38 European countries, Japan, and the USA.

ASU has established a very innovative financial tool – a breakthrough fund “TOP 2020”, which is aimed at promoting prospective researchers and initiating beneficial partnership with innovative business leaders.

ASU is one of the initiators and partners of the Nemunas Valley, an integrated centre of study, research and business. With the assistance of European funds ASU has created a modern infrastructure for scientific research.

Studies

Each student at ASU is offered a wide choice of interesting and future-oriented study programmes along with modern study and living environment. The students can choose from 25 undergraduate (BSc degree) and 19 postgraduate (MSc degree) study programmes. Existing study programmes are being updated and improved all the time; new study programmes are being created according to the needs. Study methods used at ASU are innovative, and there is a reliable study quality assurance system.

Many programmes are taught in English, which attracts international students to ASU. Increasing numbers of international students promotes international mobility of ASU students: they can choose among 82 universities in 27



Cosy University campus is an ideal place to study and relax.
ASU photo

different countries for their studies under exchange programmes. Our students often start their work career while still studying at the University. Our close cooperation with business companies helps our students to get scholarships, to find the career opportunities or to start their own business.

Promoting Knowledge and Values to General Public

Our aim is to change the world by improving and changing ourselves. Good and healthy food, clean and safe environment for everyone is the purpose of all our activities. Therefore we create and disseminate our advanced knowledge and experience on sustainable use and development of land, forest and water resources.

For many years ASU has been creating linkages and collaboration networks with more than 100 academic, social, and business partners both on national and regional level. The broad objective of these partnerships is to guarantee supply of competitive university graduates to satisfy the needs of society, also to provide a wide range of expertise and mutual benefits to different target groups of rural communities and business.

Internationality

ASU is expanding its international academic activities, strengthening its cooperation with international partners in student exchange and joint study programmes, and developing study programmes for international students.

The mobility of ASU students and staff enhances international exposure through participation in the international educational exchange programmes and projects, such as EU (Erasmus programme), BOVA (Baltic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network), NORDPLUS (Nordplus Framework Pro-

ASU is rapidly expanding its students' geography.
ASU photo



gramme) and others. Furthermore, ASU is actively involved in student and academic staff exchange, placement and training, intensive courses and programmes.

The students and academic staff of ASU can choose from more than 90 European universities for their exchange studies or teaching abroad. Moreover, ASU is consolidating and strengthening bonds with the USA and Asian universities. The University signs 4-6 new student exchange agreements every year. The University favours from particularly strong links with universities in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Latvia, and Estonia. Recently, ASU entered into active cooperation with Indian, Chinese and Kazakh universities promoting joint research projects, and exchange of students and teachers.

Regional and National Impact

As agriculture is among the most significant and sustainable economic sectors in Lithuania, ASU is one of the major players in promoting innovation and the economic growth for the whole country as well as social welfare for rural community. ASU experts participate in a number of work groups and committees for discussing, drafting and evaluating of crucial strategies, programmes, projects related to different authorities and rural communities.

The international agricultural exhibition What You Sow and environmental and forestry exhibition Solution Circle are among the most effective forms of the collaboration of ASU with national and international business and government partners, demonstrating the most updated technologies and knowledge for the agriculture.

Finally, we strongly believe that each of us can change the world by thinking globally while acting locally.



The Rector of ASU Antanas Maziliauskas, the President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė, the Minister of Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania Vigilijus Jukna and the Director of Park of Science and Technologies of ASU Virginijus Venskutonis.
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ISM University of Management and Economics

ISM in a Nutshell

The ISM University of Management and Economics was established by **BI Norwegian Business School** and **Innovation Norway** in 1999 as the first privately owned institution of management education in Lithuania.

- ✓ All levels of studies: Bachelor, Master and Doctoral studies, Executive education.
- ✓ International Quality Accreditation by CEEMAN.
- ✓ One of the TOP 200 business schools in EDUNIVERSAL global ranking since 2007. The ISM ranking is the highest in Lithuania and one of the highest in Eastern and Central Europe.
- ✓ The only university in Lithuania and one of the few universities in Eastern and Central Europe twice awarded a European Credit Transfer Label (ECTS label).
- ✓ Over 2,000 students and 2,500 alumni.
- ✓ Local and visiting professors from all around the world.
- ✓ Exchange and double degree programmes at over 100 universities worldwide.
- ✓ Campuses in Vilnius and Kaunas.

Vision: ISM seeks to be a dynamic and modern European university of management and economics, serving the lifelong educational needs of individuals, business and society in general.

Mission: ISM aims to encourage professional and socially responsible development of high relevance managerial competence and economic thought.

Values: expertise, entrepreneurship, social responsibility, partnership.



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Research

The principal strategic priority of the ISM University of Management and Economics is to provide international study and training programmes of the highest quality and to base its activities on relevant research. The University looks for faculty who are professional in their knowledge, and can provide quality teaching and research.

Knowledge management is the basis on which ISM seeks to become an acknowledged expert and a knowledge centre in developing relevant research. Knowledge management is best reflected in the following activities: the development of knowledge management competences, the development of innovative scientific products, and the development of international research networks.

Moreover, ISM is focused on enhancing international research cooperation. While most of the faculty are from Lithuania, there are a significant number of faculty members who are from other European countries, USA, Australia, Asia. The University is a head office of the Baltic Journal of Management which is the only journal that promotes a dialogue among Baltic management scholars and supports research in the region.

In 2012 ISM hosted Strategic Management Society (SMS) extension conference **Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Transitioning Post-Socialist Economies**. It was the first extension as well as the main (Prague) conference in the region. In Autumn 2013, ISM will welcome participants of the major European conference on entrepreneurship **Research in Entrepreneurship** (RENT).

Study Programmes

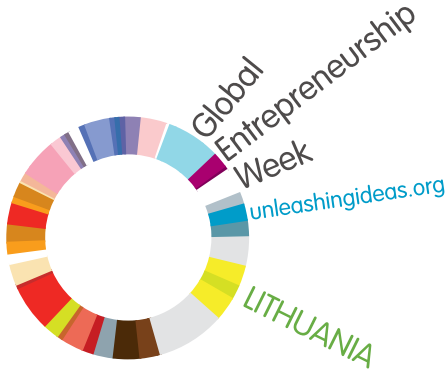
ISM teaching philosophy is a student-centred teaching. It helps students to discover their own learning style, understand their motivation and acquire effective study skills that will be useful throughout life. Teachers use active teach-



Knowledge and the constant search for new ways to apply it are crucial for our students.
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University where everyone is involved in co-creating value.
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At ISM we interpret entrepreneurship as the 3I's: idea, initiative, implementation.
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ing methods, help students set achievable goals, encourage students to evaluate themselves and their peers, help work in groups and provide knowledge on the use of innovative learning resources. The student-centred teaching promotes clear learning expectations (clearly defined learning outcomes, content, methods and assessment), teacher and student collaboration, mutual respect in the learning process, and self-reflection.

Bachelor programmes:

- Economics
- Economics and Politics (in English)
- Finance
- Industrial Technology Management (in English)
- International Business and Communication (in English)
- Business Management and Analytics

International Master programmes:

- International Marketing and Management (in English)
- Financial Economics (in English)
- Innovation Management and Technology Transfer (in English)
- IT Management (in English)

Doctoral programmes:

The Baltic Doctoral Programme in Management and Administration is led by ISM in partnership with BI Norwegian Business School, Norway, Aarhus University, Denmark, Tartu University, Estonia. Doctoral Studies in Economics – joint programme in partnership with five Lithuanian universities.

Executive programme:

Executive Master in Management is recognised as the best management programme in Eastern European region according to Eduniversal business school and university ranking.

Short courses and summer programmes:

- ISM Summer University in the Baltics
- International Baltic Summer School

Entrepreneurship: Spreading the Word

The purpose of spreading the idea of entrepreneurship is to bring together different stakeholders – government, experts, academia, businesses, and youth to share knowledge, experience, good practice and to raise awareness that entrepreneurship is a lifelong learning experience, which starts at school level and continues into further education. ISM is the national host of Global Entrepreneurship Week in Lithuania. Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) is the world's largest celebration of innovators and job creators who launch start-ups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare.

ISM is itself an excellent example of entrepreneurship. The initiative of the founders to introduce the Western tradition of business education in Lithuania has made ISM the best business university in the country.



ISM students enjoy numerous international opportunities. ISM student in India.
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Broad Vision and Action

Being open to the best global experience has been important for ISM ever since it was founded. ISM has well-founded ambitions, huge motivation, and an ability to see itself in a broader international context.

Co-operation, new experience, and innovative ideas help ISM to create its own international network of partners. Each year ISM acquires even more new partners, joins new projects, and changes in response to global trends. Its international activities have been well received, which is confirmed by the accreditations granted to the University and its expanding circle of partners.

ISM has been actively expanding the network of international academic partners not only in Europe but also in other countries around the world. Today, ISM has over 100 bilateral cooperation agreements with 42 countries in all continents. Recently, more focus has been placed on the development of the network of partnerships in other continents. This shift of focus is associated with the need for students to deepen their knowledge not only of the Western European cultures and business traditions but also of the emerging markets such as, for instance, Asian and South American countries.

Sharing Knowledge and Success

ISM University of Management and Economics, the first private university in Lithuania, has always striven to be the best in the country. Today we are one of the best among the region’s business schools with full-scale international study and training programmes.

ISM was first in Lithuania to introduce the Western tradition of business studies. Today the University not only draws on this knowledge, it also supplies the international community with information about the dynamic business environment of the Baltic States.

We believe that business must be created with respect for people and the surrounding environment. Today ISM is actively championing responsible business ideas. In 2011 the University launched an ISM Excellent 100 Partnership Pro-



Close ties with the business world is a priority at ISM. ISM Excellent 100 event.
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gramme, inviting companies to establish scholarships for the 100 best students of social sciences. With the help of the programme and ISM Foundation, 117 students were studying for free in Spring semester 2013.

ISM has more than 2,500 alumni. This whole new generation of leaders has made significant impact on the development of Lithuanian businesses. Initiative, creative and striving for success – ISM alumni are among the most sought after employees and top executives. According to the graduate career survey, 99 per cent of ISM graduates have jobs matching their educational background. Every fifth ISM graduate has started up his/her own business.



The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

At a Glance

The aim of the Academy is to train commanders-leaders for the Lithuanian Armed Forces by providing high-quality university and military education and performing scientific research, and sustaining the Lithuanian military traditions.

16 June 1992: The Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the Resolution on the Establishment of the National Defence Academy under which the National Defence School was established. It is the official date of the establishment of the Academy.

1992–2012: Published nearly 400 publications, including manuals, dictionaries, monographs, periodical and informative publications.

1992–2012: 2,173 cadets graduated from the Academy full-time (1,513), part-time and postgraduate studies.

2005–2012: 5,213 course participants completed military, English language and other courses at the Academy.

In 2013, there were 191 cadets, including 18 female cadets; 9 cadets studied abroad; 66 undergraduate cadets, 71 postgraduate cadets; 875 course participants; academic staff included 17 professors, 21 associate professors, 51 university teachers and senior teachers, 28 lecturers and 44 military instructors. In summer 2013, Class 20 graduated from the Academy.



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Academic cooperation with foreign institutions of higher education in the fields of research and studies includes joint international scientific research, student and teacher exchange programmes, scientific and methodology conferences, joint scientific publications, etc.
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Military Sciences

The Military Academy of Lithuania undertakes scientific research in the fields of modern technologies, military history, strategic research and others.

- Major fields of research of the Centre of Strategic Research are as follows:
- ✓ Complex analysis and overview of the key changes affecting Lithuanian national defence;
 - ✓ Tendencies of military, political and economic development of the Eastern neighbours of Lithuania;
 - ✓ The Lithuanian Armed Forces research.

The Centre of Military History coordinates and performs research on military history and warfare, employs supporting measures for research implementation, releases scientific publication **War Archive**, organises lectures, seminars, etc.

By implementing scientific research programmes and projects, the Centre of Military Technology carries out scientific research and examinations related to military technology; promotes cooperation with Lithuanian and international institutes of science and technology, universities and other educational institutions and companies engaged in scientific research on defence and military technology.

Studies

Academic training at The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania is an integral part of studies ensuring a high level of officer training and linking scientific achievements to the studies. Besides weapon handling and application of necessary tactics or strategy on the battlefield, a modern officer is also required to understand complex political processes, behave appropriately in different cultural and international environments, have proper communication with civilians, and be skilled to handle the equipment and to apply the latest training methods.



Military training is an endless process and there are no limits to perfection as there cannot be any. It is a lifelong individual learning and teaching.
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Academic studies and research is a rapidly evolving area of activities that faces many changes, welcomes new ideas, initiates and implements projects. The Military Academy of Lithuania is establishing a Career Centre and Study Quality Assurance System. Academic studies and research are aimed at specialising in military sciences, security and defence while maintaining high academic standards.

In 2011, the Academy was authorised to launch a PhD programme in Political Science in association with Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas University of Technology and Klaipėda University.

University and Public Relations

Being the only institution of higher military education in Lithuania, the Academy takes advantage of all forms of communication and development of the Lithuanian scientific potential.

By maintaining university relations, the Academy aims at satisfying different needs of the National Defence System and fostering cooperation among statutory institutions subordinate to the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

By cultivating relationships with educational institutions, including those of the National Defence System, and cooperating with public and non-governmental organisations, the Academy contributes to civic and national identity education.

Our concern is to create a positive image for the society and to encourage youth to choose military profession. For this purpose the Academy cooperates with general education schools and gymnasiums by developing moral values and skills of schoolchildren and showing them examples of patriotism and citizenship.

The Academy cooperates with students and representatives of the Lithuanian higher education institutions, and youth organisations, and engages in social and cultural activities.



The Cadets' Council cooperates with the students of the Lithuanian higher education institutions, representatives of educational institutions and youth organisations and engages actively in social and cultural activities.
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Graduation Badge of the Military Academy of Lithuania

International Relations

The Military Academy of Lithuania has been actively cooperating with the European and U.S. higher military education institutions. International cooperation has become more intense after Lithuania joined NATO and the EU.

Academic cooperation with international institutions in the fields of research and studies includes joint scientific research, student and teacher exchange, scientific and methodological conferences, etc. Researchers and lecturers are engaged in the activities of international scientific societies and associations.

The Erasmus exchange programme enables the Academy to improve educational process and to ensure the quality of studies, to promote cooperation and scientific activities.

The Academy runs international career and English courses for Lithuanian and other officers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Croatia, Latvia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

To strengthen military training, to enhance the quality of studies and to expand the cooperation with the EU educational institutions, the Academy participates in the European Military Academy Commanders Seminar (EMACS), Baltic Sea Military Academy Conference (BSMAC), etc.

Regional and National Impact

The joint Bachelor degree study programme of integrated studies for air force officers is an example of the cooperation between the Military Academy of Lithuania and Antanas Gustaitis' Aviation Institute of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. According to a similar model Navy officers are being developed at the Lithuanian Maritime Academy.

Close relations were also established with Kaunas University of Technology, and together with Aleksandras Stulginskis University, the Academy performs fuel research for implementation of NATO Single Fuel Policy in Lithuania. Joint archaeological and historical research, civil education relate the Academy with

Klaipėda University and Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences. The Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University and the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy of Vytautas Magnus University are partners in preparing Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review.

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For many years the Military Academy of Lithuania has been closely cooperating with the institutions of higher military education in Europe and the United States of America. International cooperation has become greater since Lithuania joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union (EU).
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Kaunas University of Technology

University at a Glance*

Strategic Outlines

Public university since 1922.

Faculties: 14, Research Institutes: 13, Research Centres: 2.

Campuses in Kaunas and Panevėžys.

The University Renewal Programme 2013-2014 was launched in March 2013 aiming to develop internationally competitive interdisciplinary study programmes, to advance internationally acknowledged research, and to increase infrastructure management effectiveness.

Community

Number of students: 11,982 (375 international students and 378 PhD students).

Alumni: ~ 130,000.

Graduates in 2012: ~ 1,100.

Faculty: 1,036.

Academic Overview

Number of study programmes: 154 (including 39 in English; 46 interdisciplinary; 17 PhD programmes).

Member of EUA, CESAER, EUCEN and other international educational network organisations.

Number of research publications per year: ~ 2,000.

Participation in international research programmes (7FP, COST, EUREKA, etc.): 92.

Regional Impact

Founder of two Integrated Science, Studies and Business Valleys – Nemunas and Santaka.

R&D for business: 1,421 K EUR.

Number of business start-ups: 22.

* The information is accurate as of 01/09/2013



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Equipped with professional mechanical equipment and software KTU Food Research and Technology Centre is part of Integrated Science, Study and Business Valley Nemunas, established in 2010.
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Research and Innovation

Research performed by the researchers of Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) in the fields of ultrasound, synthetic chemistry, optoelectronic, measurement, mechatronics, information and communication technology, biomedical and environmental engineering, chemical technology and food sciences, business and management sciences help to create revolutionary solutions to scientific and practical problems internationally: from designing smart appliances and constructing assisting devices for disabled people, to creating ultra precise tools for medical diagnostics and implementing innovations in space and nuclear equipment.

In 2008–2012, researchers of the University contributed to 38 projects of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), to 15 EUREKA projects, to 4 EURO-STARS projects and participated in 41 COST actions. The University publishes 14 scientific journals, referred in international scientific databases, and around 40 thematic conferences are being organised in KTU to discuss the latest science and industry news.

Kaunas University of Technology maintains strong links with business and industry – 70 percent of all Lithuanian higher education institutions commissioned R&D is fulfilled by KTU researchers. KTU is a founder of two integrated science, studies and business valleys – Nemunas and Santaka.

Founded in 2012, The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre became a facilitator between business and science – the starting point for making a connection that lead to interesting collaborations, new enterprises, and innovative solutions.

Kaunas University of Technology provides its students a ground where their ideas can spring to life. Start-up Space of KTU assists students, researchers and the graduates of the University in transforming their imagination into businesses. With the help of Start-up Space 22 start-up businesses on the intellectual property basis have been founded.

Partnership with industry, strong international relationships, experience, knowledge, and skills of the researchers, methodological and technical resources of the University create a favourable climate for fostering the talents of the new leaders of science. At the moment, KTU offers 17 PhD programmes.



The researchers of Kaunas University of Technology contribute to construction of the first in Lithuania satellite, which will be launched into space from NASA platform in December 2013.
KTU photo



The interdisciplinary approach and vast academic and methodological resources render the graduates of Kaunas University of Technology with advantages when designing their career path.
KTU photo

Studies

Kaunas University of Technology aims to develop renowned experts contributing to the development of their professional field, who will make a significant impact on life and society in general.

One of the top priorities in KTU studies is the interdisciplinary approach. KTU offers a wide variety of interdisciplinary programmes. Some of them, such as Design or Environmental Engineering, have a relatively long history and tradition; whereas the new ones, such as Biomedical Engineering, New Media Language, or Interdisciplinary Music reflect current societal needs for framing the interdisciplinary experience of technologies. KTU students can choose their own path of studies, as they can combine different study programmes themselves to create various combinations of majors and minors. So far, over 350 unique combinations exist.

Kaunas University of Technology is the only Lithuanian university a member of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The open online course initiatives are among the factors influencing the modernisation of higher education.

University's connections with business and industry – such as participating in contracted research, initiating integrated business and science valleys, welcoming the adjoining enterprises – facilitate the visibility of the University students and graduates in the professional field. Career Days at KTU is the largest career fair among Lithuanian universities. KTU Start-up Space provides its students a favourable environment for developing their ideas into businesses.

The students of Kaunas University of Technology have access to the most modern research equipment. The largest in Lithuania modern mobile applications laboratory and the laboratories of sustainable chemistry, mechatronics, future energy and environmental engineering, information and telecommunication technologies are just a fraction of the available technological resources. KTU invests in its current students by improving their study environment and by building their confidence as it is the investment for the future of society in local and global terms.



KTU students can choose their own path of studies by combining different study programmes themselves.
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Kaunas University of Technology is actively promoting science and introducing technology innovations.
KTU photo

Publicity and Outreach

Kaunas University of Technology is known for its unconventional activities, events, and campaigns promoting science and introducing technology innovations. The University is proud of its student, graduate, and alumni communities, serving as linkages between the scholarly community of the University and society.

KTU is the organiser and a partner of a number of science-promoting activities such as a robot competition, science innovation exhibitions, and science festivals. Technorama, the annual exhibition of the practically applicable science and technology innovations created by young scientists, attracts more and more participants and visitors every year.

The University’s Mobile Laboratory attracts major attention of pupils – future students and scientists. KTU is a founder of Children and of Pupil Universities. Over 3,000 children and schoolchildren attended the seminars led by the University academics, scientists, and researchers in 2012 with increasing demand. The University demonstrates its social awareness by collaborating with social care systems and including the little residents of foster homes as KTU Children University participants.

For KTU, the opinion of its students is one of the most important drives for implementing changes and inciting progress. By including the representatives of the student community into The University Council, KTU not only guarantees the voicing of the student point of view, but also creates a favourable space for developing the sense of responsibility, social awareness, and leadership among the students.

The aim of Kaunas University of Technology to grow distinguished personalities has been proven successful by considerable number of graduates, who have become inspiring leaders in their areas of work locally, nationally, and internationally. Among them is the former President of Lithuania Algirdas Mykolas Brazauskas. The interdisciplinary approach and versatility of education provided by KTU



In the exhibition of science and technology innovations Technorama 2013, the flying laboratory constructed by the students of Kaunas University of Technology was awarded the First Prize.
KTU photo

is demonstrated by the number of notable graduates, the winners of Lithuanian National Culture and Art Award – a writer Icchokas Meras, a philosopher prof. Marijus Arvydas Šliogeris, a photographer Romualdas Požerskis and others. The graduate and alumni communities of the University serve as a live bridge communicating the values of the University to society and influencing all parts of its life.

Internationalisation

Kaunas University of Technology aims to meet the challenges of globalisation while sustaining the traditions and practices that define the University’s scholarly community.

By forming strategic partnerships with the distinguished institutions of higher education, research institutes and centres, and business and industry organisations, KTU renders the opportunity for its scientists, researchers, students, and academics to incorporate international experiences into all parts of their University careers. The University is a member of all major international educational network organisations, collaborates with notable universities, such as Stanford (USA) and Aalto (Finland); the scientists and researchers of KTU participate in around 30 international science programmes. Through linkages and networks all over the world, KTU can evolve and adapt to ever-shifting priorities and advances in teaching and research.

There are more than 450 of international students studying at Kaunas University of Technology. Although a number of them are the participants of exchange programmes (KTU has over 450 collaboration agreements with over 200 institutions of higher education all over the world, and the number is growing), many of international students choose KTU for their undergraduate, master or PhD studies. At the moment the university offers 16 undergraduate, 23 master and 17 PhD study programmes for international students. KTU encourages the international mobility of its students and staff. A welcoming atmosphere and



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Sir Richard Branson, an honorary doctor of Kaunas University of Technology, was impressed by the electric drive unit, which can be attached to a regular bicycle, invented by a KTU student Gediminas Nemanis.
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favourable teaching and studying conditions for the international students and visiting professors and speakers, available methodological, academic and social support influence the increasing number of international students choosing KTU as their university and the international professors deciding to take on the residing professor responsibilities.

Regional Impact and Sustainability

By integrating the principles of sustainability across all campus systems, from operations to academics, by organising studies focused on sustainability, by collaborating with local enterprises and state institutions Kaunas University of Technology contributes greatly to overall economic and societal climate of Kaunas region and Lithuania.

The University's impact on accelerating implementation of sustainable solutions is recognised locally and globally. In 2012, Kaunas University of Technology was awarded QUESTE-SI (Quality System of Science and Technology Universities for Sustainable Industry) accreditation for integrating the sustainability attitude in all its functions, duties and activities. The University is a member of UN Global Compact network which encourages organisations to embrace the principles of social awareness and to act responsibly towards environment, society and businesses.

The KTU initiative Green University is setting an example of environmental awareness for its own community and society in general. The university has developed a recycling system that encourages the members of its community, academics, staff and students to recycle, and has created a scheme for promoting saving and effective usage of energy. The University has organised several conferences advocating renewable energy and sustainability that inspired discussions among politics, energy providers and public and offered energy saving solutions. Strong links with business and state enterprises make KTU an important contributor to the economic, social and cultural development in Kaunas region and

nationwide. The University has more than 200 agreements with enterprises and organisations and the scientists and the researchers of KTU participate in almost 100 national and over 30 international projects concerning social security, national heritage, future energy, and other issues of national importance.

The specialised laboratory spaces that are open for use by industrial partners, the favourable climate for creating new businesses, the welcoming of University adjoining enterprises are among the factors influencing the development of the region.



The students of KTU have access to the largest modern mobile applications laboratory in Lithuania.
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Klaipėda University

Introduction

Klaipėda University (KU) is an institution of higher education in the Western Lithuanian region. It is a wide-range, inter-disciplinary centre, integrated into international academic networks; the national and regional leader in marine sciences and studies, a conservator of cultural heritage and a centre for lifelong learning.

Klaipėda University was established on January 1, 1991. It started its activities with three faculties and about 3,000 students. Today over 6,000 students and 3,500 unclassified students attend lectures at the University. It is also a workplace for 1,300 employees, including 600 lecturers and researchers (over 250 with doctor's degree, 60 established artists). Over 30,000 students have already graduated KU.

In 2012 the University was granted a six years accreditation – the longest possible period in Lithuania. It is a positive evaluation of its actual resources, management, studies and lifelong learning systems, quality of scientific research and specialisation in the national higher education system. The main advantages of Klaipėda University are its average size, mobility, quality and location, as it is a research and study centre of the Baltic Sea region.

The University campus covers the territory of 24 ha. It consists of traditional local architecture and modern buildings.

There are seven faculties (Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the Humanities, Marine Engineering, the Arts, Pedagogy, Social Sciences, Health Sciences) and one study institute (Continuing Studies) in the University. These subdivisions house 48 departments. The University also houses three research institutes (Coastal Research and Planning Institute, Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology, Mechatronics Science Institute) and several research and study centres. Important role in its academic activities also belongs to other subdivisions: Library (0,5 million of printings), the Botanical Garden (9,5 ha), the University Press (over 120 research studies and 1,000 other printings), Career Centre, Distance Training Centre with more than 400 study subjects, developed for distance learning, a scientific research and a training schooner Brabander. The Klaipėda Research and Technology Park was established together with the Ministry of Economy.



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The main potential of scientific activity is concentrated in two Centers of Excellence of European level. One of them is Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology where scientific research of Baltic Region characteristic only of Klaipėda University is fulfilled.
KU photo

Research Activities

KU is implementing fundamental and applied research experimental work in physical, biomedical, technological, social and humanitarian sciences. The University aims to be a leader in marine sciences and technologies.

Klaipėda University implements research in the areas that are not much developed in other universities of Lithuania, such as: environmental science, technologies and engineering of marine transport, hydrology and oceanography, marine economy, history of the Klaipėda region, Eastern Prussia and Lower Lithuania in the context of the Baltic Sea region, archaeology of the Baltic region and underwater archaeology, languages and cultures, landscape architecture, seaport technology management, port constructions, coastal cultural landscapes. The University also develops research in other areas. Over 600 employees (scholars and researchers) are involved in above research activities.

The major potential of research is concentrated around two Centres of Excellence (Coastal Research and Planning Institute, Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology), corresponding to European standards. There is a plan to establish at least another two similar centres in social and health sciences.

Klaipėda University is participating in a state programme, designed for development of integrated research, study and business centre (Marine Valley) in Lithuanian marine sector. The programme aims at creation of modern research infrastructure for development of internationally competitive fundamental and applied science, also for training of highly qualified specialists for Lithuanian marine sector. The University has already established a Marine Science and Technology Centre with four open access research laboratories. Construction of a ship for scientific research and environmental monitoring with modern marine and coastal research equipment is in progress.

The University is annually involved in over 40 international research projects and cultivates research and academic partnership with other countries, and participates in a number of international funds, programmes and networks.



Areas of research performed at Klaipėda University are unique to this institution, not covered by any other Lithuanian university. One of them is underwater archaeology.
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Researchers from 24 countries give lectures and perform scientific research at the University.

The University is the publisher of 10 scientific research journals which are included in international data bases.

Arts are an integral part of the University's research activity. Cultural and artistic priorities of Klaipėda University are focused on preservation of cultural heritage of Klaipėda region and entire Lithuania Minor. They include exploration and investigation of historical, linguistic, confessional, musical and ethnic heritage of Lithuania Minor, sustaining history of musical culture in Lithuania Minor and Klaipėda region, analysis of modern phenomena and comparative analysis of music around the Baltic Sea region.

Studies

The University provides its students higher academic education, based on scientific research and corresponding to the modern level of knowledge and technologies, with higher education qualification. The studies are also focused on upbringing of universally educated, ethically responsible, inventive and enterprising personalities.

The University is offering studies in humanitarian, social, physical, biomedical and technological sciences (over 50 bachelor, about 50 master and 10 PhD study programmes). It also offers 8 international bachelor programmes, 7 master programmes, 1 PhD study programme and 4 international courses.

Continuing Studies Institute has programmes of continuing studies for people with secondary, college and academic university education or that equivalent to higher education. It also organises certification and in-service training related events.

Klaipėda University also houses a Third Age University, which focuses on health and healthy lifestyle. About 1,000 unclassified students attend the lectures of KU Third Age University. Klaipėda University also offers distance learning opportunities and possibilities.

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Every year about 1,500 of students graduate from the University
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The Faculty of Art that has been founded more than 40 years ago, attracts people of artistic nature. The Faculty trains highly qualified artists-performers and teachers of art subjects.
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The University develops its future students at Junior Researchers’ School, where schoolchildren gain modern knowledge in informatics and computing, robotics and mechatronics, digital graphics and photography, marine ecology and environmental research, biophysics, business and humanitarian sciences.

Public Dissemination of Knowledge and Values

Klaipėda University aims to become an internationally recognised research and study centre. A professional and devoted academic community, forming the academic culture and associating personal achievements with the University’s success guarantees the achievement of this goal.

Values of Klaipėda University are imparted to its students and community. They are: responsibility and openness, diversity and variety, humanism, continuous improvement of research, studies and administration, autonomy.

The biggest international achievement of the University in 2012 was its participation at the world exhibition EXPO 2012 (South Korea). The theme of the EXPO was The Living Ocean and Coast. KU researchers, artists and students introduced the University as a centre for preservation of heritage, related to marine science and technologies, art and culture.

Klaipėda University offers over 100 study programmes in all study areas. Each year studies at Klaipėda University are introduced in largest national study fairs, taking place in Kaunas and Vilnius. Potential students are offered events, such as Open Days, Career Day and Klaipėda Schoolchildren Brain Battles.

Klaipėda University annually organises about 30 different scientific events, where researchers and students introduce their latest achievements to society. Klaipėda University uses different channels for efficient promotion of its activities.

In March 1994 it started to publish the newspaper Klaipėda University. It is an illustrated monthly paper for students and academic community that



University trains comprehensively educated, ethically responsible, creative, and enterprising personality. In 2010 students of Klaipėda University participated in Lithuanian TV Project “Future Leaders – the League of Lithuanian Universities”.
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informs about University’s major events and achievements, student life and scientific highlights.

The University press published over 120 research studies and textbooks.

The University TV broadcasts a weekly programme Universitetai.lt about Lithuanian universities. It is broadcasted nationally and is targeted at students and entire academic community of Lithuania.

The students of journalism publish V. E. T. O! magazine for students. It represents students of Klaipėda University, providing them with relevant information and a platform for critical and free mind. It encourages students to take part in University life and gives them the opportunity to contribute to founding new ideas, to connect to other proactive students and alumni.

International Relations

Klaipėda University is a member of European University Association, the Baltic Sea University Association, Association of Baltic Universities, EU Small States’ University Association, International Summer Schools, EMUNI Universities, International Informatisation Academy, European Association for International Education, Lifelong Learning Programmes and other international networks and organisations. The University participates in activities of many international funds and programmes.

Klaipėda University has signed 32 cooperation agreements with universities all over the world and cooperates (on the basis of bilateral Erasmus agreements) with more than 190 European universities. Students of all study programmes and all study levels have the opportunity for studies and internships in partner universities.

Klaipėda University offers a wide range of international study programmes. Students and unclassified students from 32 countries are now studying at the University. There were 155 international students, students at KU last year. These were the participants of continuing Erasmus mobility programme, Eras-



Klaipėda University cooperates with many partners both in Lithuania and abroad. University has concluded Agreements of Bilateral Cooperation and Erasmus Cooperation with institutions from all over the world. University is a member of international organisations and networks.
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Klaipėda University participates in the Project of Internationality Development of Lithuanian higher education that creates the united image of Lithuanian higher education in the world, in order to attract as many international students to Lithuania as possible.

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mus Mundus master studies, international scholarships, students of summer schools of Lithuanian language and culture.

Each year lecturers and executive personnel take the opportunity of Erasmus programme for teaching and internships. Each year Klaipėda University welcomes over 50 lecturers from other countries, expanding the horizon of studied subjects and imparting international experience.

Klaipėda University takes part in the project, designed for development of internationality in Lithuanian higher education. It shapes united global image of Lithuanian higher education and its goal is to attract largest possible numbers of international students to choose studies in Lithuania. Klaipėda University had already introduced itself in Georgia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Russia and started cooperating with these countries.

Regional and National Impact

After restoration of independence Klaipėda University was established to perform research and studies in marine related topics, to stimulate development in Western Lithuania and to represent Lithuania in formation of entire Baltic Sea region.

Socio-economic circumstances formed demand for rapid development of Klaipėda University. It is situated in the territory with the population of 650,000, with perspective industrial and business potential and a rapidly growing marine sector. It is a culturally and geopolitically specific Lithuanian coastal area and the country's only seaport. Lithuania is expanding its relations with the Baltic Sea region and other countries. Klaipėda city is characterised in the general plan of Lithuania as a metropolitan centre of national significance, therefore a perfect city for a university. Special supporting measures, predetermining development of a competitive European seaport, economic and recreational agglomeration, institutional realisation of country's marine orientation, improvement of available research and study potential, are being allocated to KU. Klaipėda University develops rapidly its own identity, which major features are

are influenced by social, economic and cultural factors of this development, geographical position and its place in the higher education system of Lithuania and the Baltic Sea region.

Relations of Klaipėda University with companies of Western Lithuania are close; their improvement and international integration contributes to development of the technology sector, employment of innovations and progress in knowledge economy.

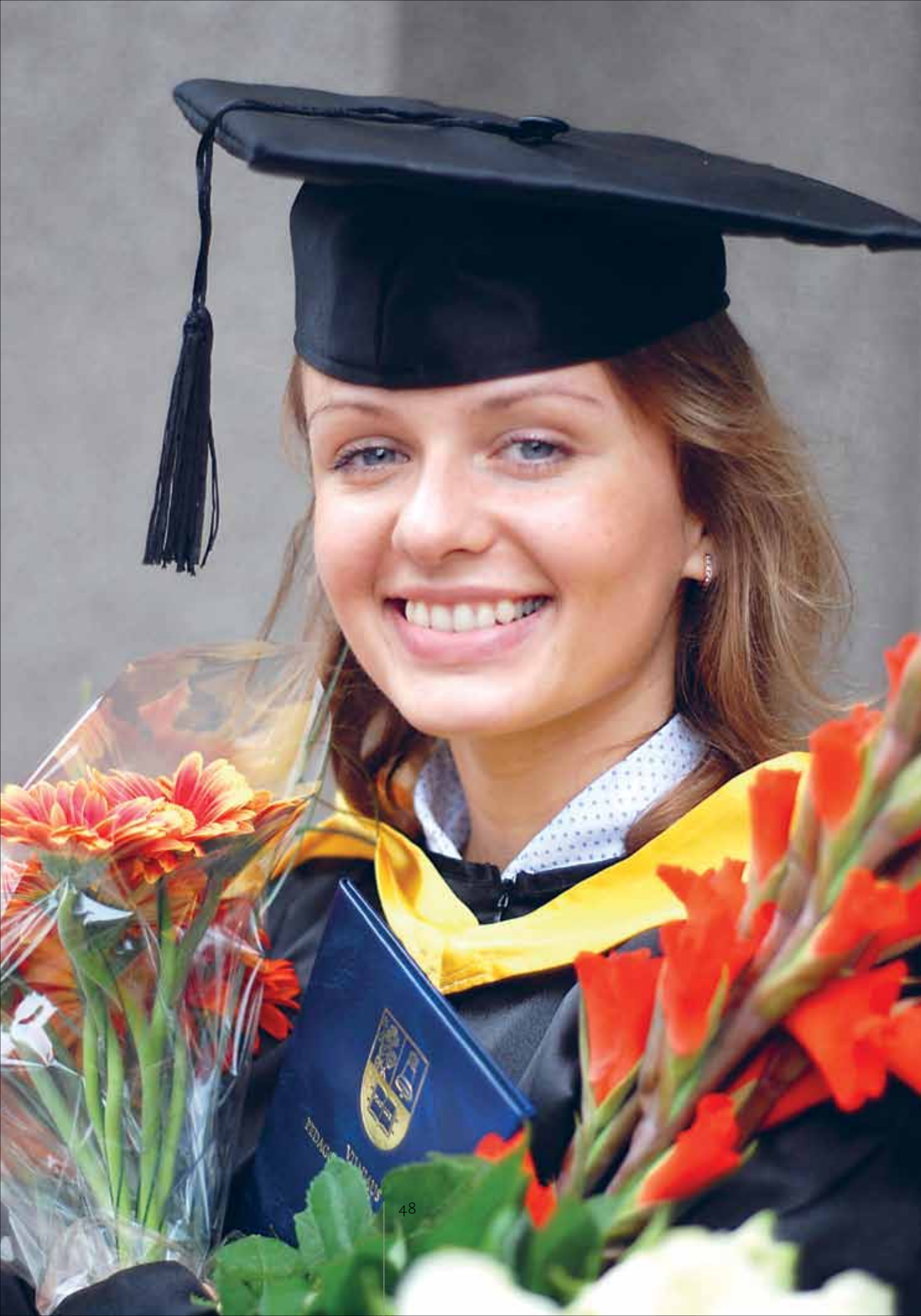
A large number of graduates remain to work in Western Lithuania, and the training of professionals as well as implemented applied and scientific research are closely related to regional industrial companies.

University contributes to the cultural development of the region by organising cultural events (concerts, performances and exhibitions), cooperating with regional culture and education institutions for realisation of strategies of development of general regional culture.



Scientific research and training sailing vessel Brabander by participating in various events performs the representative role of Lithuania as a marine state.

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Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (hereinafter – the University or LEU) is the major teacher training institution in Lithuania. The University was established in 1935 but it sustains teacher training traditions that can be traced back to the end of the 18th century. University's graduates comprise over 75 percent of teachers working in various educational institutions of Lithuania. The University's mission is to train the highest quality professionals in the field of education: teachers, researchers and education managers; to provide education to society at large that is based on modern education philosophy, most recent scientific knowledge and principles of sustainable development.

Facts and Figures

Students (undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate): 7,013

Academic and Administrative Staff: 1,060

Faculties and Institutes:

- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of History
- Faculty of Lithuanian Philology
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Science and Technology
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Sports and Health Education
- Institute of Social Communication
- Institute of Professional Competence Development

Other Departments:

- Library
- Publishing House
- Language Centre
- Culture Centre
- Sports Centre



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The University's priority is the development of fundamental and applied research in the field of education.
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Research

The priority of the University is the development of fundamental and applied research in the field of education. This includes subject didactics, education management, and lifelong learning promotion. The results of the research are of special importance to the development of education in Lithuania. In addition, the University undertakes research in the fields of social sciences, humanities, bio-medicine, science and technology.

The University offers PhD studies in education and other areas. It publishes six journals (four in social sciences and two in humanities): "Pedagogika" (Pedagogy), "Ugdymo psichologija" (Educational Psychology), "Socialinis ugdymas" (Social Education), "Sporto mokslas" (Sport Science), "Istorija" (History) and "Žmogus ir žodis" (Man and the Word). The University also publishes five volumes of research articles and two young researchers' papers: "Edukacinės studijos" (Educational Studies) and "Šiuolaikinė mokykla" (Modern School).

Researchers of the University participate in a significant number of international and national research programmes and projects. The University hosts thirty national and international conferences. Annually the academic staff publishes around twenty scientific monographs, one thousand research articles and reads three hundred papers at the conferences annually.

Studies

The University is proud to offer high-quality undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate study programmes. Thirty nine first cycle study programmes are offered in ten study fields such as pedagogy, psychology, philology, history, philosophy, economics and business management and technologies, etc. and the graduates are awarded an undergraduate degree and a teacher's professional qualification. Thirty two second cycle study programmes are offered in twenty-four study fields



Studies at the University are based on the most recent scientific knowledge and principles of sustainable development.
LEU photo

such as education, pedagogy, psychology, social work, sociology, linguistics, art studies, history, information technologies, mathematics, etc. and graduates are awarded a Master's degree. Four third cycle programmes are offered in four fields and graduates are awarded a PhD. In addition, the University offers non-degree study programmes for qualification development and retraining.

Studies at the University are based on the most recent scientific knowledge and principles of sustainable development; the quality of the study programmes is continuously improved and the accessibility of studies and internationalisation is constantly developed.

Transfer of Knowledge and Values

The University serves as the main centre for transfer of knowledge to the society in the areas of education, science, culture, environment protection and healthy life style. Annually members of the academic community of the University deliver around three hundred open lectures and organise over two hundred fifty expeditions for pupils and students. The artists of the University participate in over two hundred national and international "En plein air" events and exhibitions in Lithuania and other countries.

The University fosters the values of humanism, tolerance, public spirit, patriotism, and social solidarity. It develops the Green University ideas, promotes healthy life style and participates in social inclusion development projects. High involvement of the University in a wide spectrum of education activities, lifelong learning development, fundamental and applied research, transfer of knowledge and values is adequately reflected by its slogan, engraved in the University's logo: Fiat Lux – let there be light.



The University fosters the values of humanism, tolerance, public spirit, patriotism, and social solidarity.
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The University offers exchange opportunities based on academic relations and bilateral agreements.
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Internationalisation

The University is actively involved in international cooperation for the purpose of improving the quality and relevance of study programmes, research, development and modernisation projects. The University offers exchange opportunities based on academic relations and bilateral agreements. Bilateral agreements have been established with higher education institutions in Europe, Asia and North-America. The University has signed one hundred fourteen bilateral agreements for Erasmus exchange and thirty three bilateral cooperation agreements. The target groups of individual learning mobility consist of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students for studies and traineeship as well as academic and non-academic staff for teaching and for training. The geographical scope of mobility covers twenty six EU and nineteen non-EU countries. The University actively participates in Erasmus exchange programme as well as Comenius, Grundtvig, Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus academic networks, Tempus and Nordplus. The University is a member of a number of international associations such as European Association of Universities, Baltic Sea Region University Network and Association for Teacher Education in Europe.

Regional and National Impact

The University provides a significant input to sustainable development of Lithuania. The results of the projects undertaken and research carried out by the University help to succeed in its mission to the country and the region and are disseminated to governmental and non-governmental organisations, and business companies.

The students and alumni of the University bring Lithuania a worldwide fame in sport events: twelve graduates of the University became Olympic champions, twenty graduates won world championships and fifty-three won European championships. For their research and artistic activities the researchers and

alumni of the University won Lithuanian Science Award 25 times and National Culture and Arts Award 14 times. The University music ensembles enjoy high popularity in Lithuania and spread cultural enlightenment to the society.

The University is constantly developing the infrastructure to better suit the needs of the disabled, to diminish their social exclusion and improve their integration. The University provides and develops social services that are well visible in the society.

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences.
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Lithuanian Sports University

University Profile

Lithuanian Sports University (LSU), originated in 1934, is an important center of sports science and physical education as well as a promoter of sports values and traditions. Since its foundation, University has trained about 15,000 professionals: physical education teachers, highly qualified sports coaches in a variety of sports branches, physiotherapy professionals, tourism and sports managers, etc. Many well-known scientists, world famous coaches and public figures graduated from this University. A great number of LSU graduates have become champions and prize-winners of the Olympic Games, World and European championships. Among them are the twice European boxing champion Algirdas Šocikas, the winner of the Olympic Gold Medal and World Basketball Champion Modestas Paulauskas, and the winners of the Olympic Gold Medals Voldemaras Chomičius, Rimantas Kurtinaitis, and Virgilijus Alekna.

Vision – One of the leading universities of sports, physical education, rehabilitation, health promotion and recreation sciences in Europe.

Mission – we are an open European University, constantly creating and providing programmes grounded on the latest research and technologies for all cycles of studies, continuing education and the sustainable development of the country in the areas of sport, physical education, rehabilitation, health promotion and recreation.

Values:

1. Respect for the exclusive knowledge, ensuring the unity of science and education, development of ongoing progress.
2. Thorough promotion of new ideas, initiatives, innovations, professionalism and leadership.
3. Accessibility and quality assurance of academic services for Lithuanian and international schoolchildren and students, the community of employees and seniors as well as business and public sector institutions.
4. Promotion of active dialogue with national and international partners (clients).
5. Teamwork based on mutual respect, tolerance, competence and trust.
6. Promotion, development and testimony of respect for healthy lifestyle and Olympic ideas.
7. Promotion of citizenship and patriotism not related to any political ideology.



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LSU Library has the richest collection of sports science books and periodicals in Lithuania.
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Science

The University as a higher education institution seeks to develop scientific research that would serve for the Lithuanian and global welfare, and would foster health promotion through sport and physical activity. The strength of the University is the international quality of the research carried out in sports physiology and sports genetics.

The University has five strategic directions of scientific research:

1. Coaching science, sports physiology and genetics.
2. Muscles, movement control and rehabilitation.
3. Physiological and social aspects of empowerment of the disabled.
4. Health education, physical and social development in a constantly changing society.
5. Leisure management, economics and sociology.

The focus is placed on such priority fields of scientific research as coaching science, sports physiology and genetics as well as muscles, movement control and rehabilitation.

Research activities are carried out at:

- ✓ The Laboratory of Physical Activity and Epidemiology,
- ✓ The Laboratory of Research and Study in Adapted Physical Activity,
- ✓ The Laboratory of Kinesiology,
- ✓ The Center of Fundamental and Clinical Research of Movements.

Since 1993, the Lithuanian Sports University has been offering PhD studies in Education and Biology. The PhD studies in Biology are carried out in collaboration with Tartu University (Estonia) and the PhD studies in Education – in collaboration with the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, Kaunas University of Technology and Šiauliai University. 6 doctoral students on average are granted their PhD names every year. Eight LSU doctors and its former employees are successfully working in England, New Zealand and the USA, proving the high quality of PhD studies at the University.

The scientists of the University contribute to about 150 scientific publications every year. 25 publications out of this number are being published in the databases of the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI).

Recently the LSU scientists have received the Lithuanian and international funds' support for the projects on the societal issues. The supervisor of LSU research Arimantas Lionikas along with other researchers from the University have been granted funding from the Lithuanian Science Council for the research project The Genetic Model of Reduced Citrate Synthase Activity: the Evaluation of Pharmacological Target for Obesity Prevention Based on Physiological and Cognitive Aspects. The project has been funded with 1,066,468 litas.

Studies

Lithuanian Sports University (LSU) is the leader of national sports and sport-related studies.

Faculty of Sports Education offers the following study programmes: Physical Education (Bachelor of Pedagogy and Master of Pedagogy), Social Peda-



Swimming is one of 32 specialisations offered to Sports Coaching students
LSU photo

gogy (double Bachelor's degree in Pedagogy and Sport Recreation and Tourism); Tourism and Sports Management (Bachelor of Business and Management, Master of Business and Management); Sport Recreation and Tourism (Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure).

At the Faculty of Sports Biomedicine the following study programmes are offered: Sports Coaching (Bachelor of Sports, double Bachelor's degree in Sports and Pedagogy, Master of Sports); Sports Physiology (Master of Biology); Physiotherapy (Bachelor of Rehabilitation, Master of Rehabilitation); Adapted Physical Activity (Bachelor of Rehabilitation, Master of Adapted Physical Activity); Physical Activity and Public Health (double degree: Bachelor of Public Health and Bachelor of Sports; Master of Public Health); Sports Psychology (Master of Sports Psychology).

International Programmes: Tourism and Sports Management (Master of Business and Management); Sports Coaching (Bachelor of Sports); Physiotherapy (Master of Rehabilitation); Sports Physiology (Master of Biology); MSc European Basketball Coaching Science (with Worcester University, UK, leading to the degree of Master of Science); European Bachelor of Physical Activity and Lifestyle (starting from 2014).

International Relations

University is actively developing relations with educational institutions, enterprises and international networks as well as organisations encouraging its students and staff to participate in international projects and to organise international studies for students from other countries. LLP/Erasmus programme is the largest higher education programme offered by EU. This programme helps the University to expand cooperation with other European HE institutions and organisations. University is participating nearly in all activities offered by LLP/

LSU campus.
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University is located in a beautiful area near Kaunas Oak Park, where students like spending their free time.
LSU photo

Erasmus programme: student mobility for studies and internship, academic staff mobility and staff training, intensive programmes and joint curriculum development. University has signed bilateral agreements with 60 universities and higher education institutions from 24 European countries. This provides the opportunity for teachers and researchers to develop international mobility, to share their experience as well as to cooperate with the partners in joint projects and other joint activities. The researchers and teachers are actively participating in Nordic-Baltic countries NordPlus projects not only as partners but also as coordinators. The participation in different activities broadens the outlook of every participant, expands the network of partners, helps to integrate lecturers into the study programmes of partner institutions, and helps to improve their capacities by exchanging experience, information and knowledge working on joint scientific research projects. The University Student Union and International Relations Office are participating in a new initiative Erasmus for Lithuanian Schools with the aim to promote the University and the study programmes, and as well as to get acquainted with international students who are studying at the University and to spread knowledge about the possibilities to join the LLP/Erasmus programme. University is a member of 8 international networks and organisations.

Regional and National Impact

LSU is the only specialised higher education institution offering sports-related studies in three cycles: undergraduate, master and PhD studies. LSU closely cooperates with sport organisations such as National Olympic Committee of Lithuania, Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations, Lithuanian Olympic Sports Center and Physical Education and Sports Department. LSU has established National Institute for Health Development which brings together health-related organizations.

Coaching, health education and enhancement, recreation and rehabilitation technologies developed by the researchers of LSU contribute to sport and wellness service development in Lithuania and Europe, and to the integration of the disabled. LSU is actively involved in educational activities – various courses leading to license in Physical Education and Sport, offering general public upgrading qualifications and retraining.



Central building was built in 1934.
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LSU takes an active part in sports volunteering via students’ activities, providing a wide range of sports and wellness projects in close cooperation with the Lithuanian community centers, participating in various international sports development projects, organises a number of sports-related events, scientific and methodological conferences, thereby contributing to national and international cultural and social development



The Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre

The Unique Nature of the University

The Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre (LMTA) is the only specialised school of higher education for music, theatre, film and dance art in Lithuania, whose mission is ensuring sustainable development of art and art research; involvement in the shaping of the national policies on artistic education and culture; fostering spiritual coherence and the national identity of the public; also educating the most talented young people in the field of arts while promoting their creativity, their willingness to explore new possibilities, their resourcefulness and openness to Lithuania and the world. During the 80 years of its existence, the LMTA has been the leader among the educational establishments training music, theatre and film artists; 56 graduates of the Academy have been awarded the Lithuanian National Culture and Art Award. The LMTA currently has nearly 1,000 students. The strengths of the Academy include the most qualified teachers, motivated students, unique curricula, extensive international cooperation, significant artistic activities and art research. While bringing together the top Lithuanian music, theatre, film and dance art creators, the LMTA is pursuing its vision for 2020 of becoming an open and dynamic platform for studies, art and science and thus building the future for music, theatre, dance and film.



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Art

In terms of the extent and professionalism, the artistic activities conducted by the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre (LMTA) and its professors in the field of music, theatre, film and dance do not compare to anyone else in Lithuania. The Academy executes a number of national and international art projects, and by the number of art events (approx. 200 events per year), it could compare to the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society. This allows the Academy to closely link the academic studies with the practical experience, also to ensure the continuity of the traditions and the development of the artistic activities.

LMTA's professors who perform at some of the most renowned concert halls across the world, who direct their theatre plays and perform them in different European theatres, are great role models for their students. The artists



The world famous opera diva
Violeta Urmana during the ceremony of LMTA
Doctor Honoris Causa inauguration.
LMTA photo

who are teaching at the LMTA (Oskaras Koršunovas, Mūza Rubackytė, Gintaras Rinkevičius, Raminta Šerkšnytė, Justė Janulytė) have been successful at representing their country in the world, and the graduates of the Academy have effectively integrated in the European art scene (Violeta Urmana, Onutė Narbutaitė, Rimas Tuminas). The most distinguished artists of the world have accepted the honorary doctorate from the LMTA, which also proves the recognition of the creativity and professionalism of the Academy. This honorary title has been awarded to the violinist and conductor Lord Yehudi Menuhin, cellist David Gering, director Eimuntas Nekrošius, pianist and musicologist Vytautas Landsbergis and others.

International Relations

Academy recognises value of studying abroad in a variety of forms beyond the regular study programs and supports the mobility of students and academic staff. Every year more than 70 guest teachers, artists and professors give lectures, seminars, workshops and master classes for students.

Academy cooperates with more than 120 music, theatre and film academies and universities in 34 countries, and is active in international networks emphasizing regional Nordic/Baltic activities and exchanges supported by Nordplus programme: Sibelius (classical music), Nordpuls (jazz), NordOpera (opera studies and professional integration), folk music network Nordtrad, interdisciplinary network EMDCE (Explorations of Music and Dance in Collaborative Arts), Nor-teas (theatre schools).

Every year about 4 percent of Academy students study abroad through Erasmus, Nordplus and other mobility programmes, and about 25 percent of students participate in short-term mobility programmes. These activities refer to all short-term programmes and projects through direct enrollment in intensive projects, international orchestra sessions, theatre festivals and academies, residencies, film festivals and summer courses, seminars, workshops, research or cultural exchanges.



The contemporary dance students.
LMTA photo

Science

LMTA conducts research in social sciences and humanities, also performs scientific studies in the fields of musicology, ethnomusicology, teatrology and education science. The scholarly work of the Academy involves the most renowned Lithuanian researchers of music and theatre who have earned their recognition both in Lithuania and abroad. LMTA's scholars take part in the activities of the principal international organisations active in the field; they participate in global congresses and conferences, also in national and international scientific projects; the results of their research are publicised in the scientific publications of the prestigious Lithuanian and international publishing houses. As of 2000, the LMTA has been publishing "Lietuvos Muzikologija" (Lithuanian musicology), a periodical scientific journal for research in the field of humanities, which mainly focuses on the art criticism (musicology) and is referred to in the international research databases. "The Encyclopaedia of Music" (3 volumes, 2000–2007) and the "History of the Lithuanian Music" (2 books, 2002 and 2009) are among the most important scientific works initiated and compiled by the LMTA. Every year, the Academy hosts a number of national and international scientific events, including the traditional Research Conference of the LMTA and the Conference on the Music Theory; the material of the presentations made at these events is periodically published in the compilations of conference articles published by the LMTA. The scholars of the Academy regularly take part in the expertise and experimental research development activities.

Studies

The Academy offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate arts and science programmes for professional music performers, opera soloists, conductors, theoreticians, folklorists, composers and pedagogues, also theatre and film actors, directors, cameramen, playwrights, art reviewers, contemporary and clas-



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sic dance artists, choreographers and art managers. Following the completion of the programme, the students of the Academy are awarded the Bachelor's or the Master's degree, or the Doctorate in Arts or Science. The majority of the students gain their recognition of the world of art and earn prestigious awards at the international competitions and festivals of music, theatre and film while still studying at the Academy. The professors of the LMTA are the most prominent Lithuanian creators working in the field of music, theatre, film and dance art, including 26 winners of the Lithuanian National Culture and Art Award. Teachers and students of the Academy are actively taking part in international studies, art and research projects, also a number of mobility programmes. LMTA continuously improves the quality of the studies; it fosters the culture of quality, implements innovations, develops lifelong learning activities, encourages personal development of the students, and promotes the sense of professional and social responsibility of the community.

LMTA's Influence on the Regions

By carrying out intense artistic, research and educational activities in the regions, LMTA improves the accessibility of culture, art and education to all the citizens of the country and provides the Lithuanian regions with wider possibilities of making use of cultural and artistic values. The Academy provides high-level professional training for music, theatre, dance and film artists, also scholars, art reviewers and educators, as well as pedagogues and managers of cultural and art events for the major Lithuanian cities, and the periphery alike.

LMTA regularly hosts and participates in different art events organised both in Vilnius, and the regions (in 2012, a total of 58 events (including concerts, the viewings of theatre plays and films, evening events dedicated to the creative work of the LMTA's teachers were organised). The teachers and students of the Academy invite the audience not only to the concert halls, cinemas and theatres of the country, but also organise special programmes at the social care centres, foster care establishments and hospitals.



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By maintaining partnership with art schools, conservatories, professional theatres, concert halls and other educational, research and cultural organisations of the country, the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre influences the educational processes concerning the world of the Lithuanian professional art, ensures career opportunities for its students and plays a significant role in the cultural life of the country.



Lithuanian University of Health Sciences

Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU) is the largest specialised institution of biomedical education successfully integrating studies, research and clinical practice in Lithuania. LSMU is the first exceptional case of the educational system in the country. In 2010 the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania passed a resolution to merge Kaunas University of Medicine and Lithuanian Veterinary Academy. The present-day LSMU is a consolidation of the two institutions and its achievements and results are related to the history of both establishments dating back to 1922.

The vision of LSMU is to create an exceptional and competitive university, to train biomedical professionals, and to engage in top-level research. The main principles of activity in the University are education, science, and unity of human and animal health care, academic freedom and autonomy.

Today LSMU is proud to involve over 22,000 members and academic staff, including nearly 7,500 students. LSMU is a public university of the Republic of Lithuania with 7 faculties, 6 research institutes, LSMU Hospital Kauno klinikos and two animal clinics.

More than 10,000 health care professionals annually improve their practical and theoretical skills at the clinical establishments and theoretical departments of the university. LSMU is also one of the most international universities due to the increasing number of international students and international activities.



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Studies

Today LSMU offers 26 study programmes which integrate studies, research and clinical activities in 7 faculties, 6 institutes and the University Hospital. All study programmes of LSMU are recognised by the Ministry of Education and Science. They are evaluated by international experts and comply with the Bologna process.

Students are taught the highest standard of clinical theory using the problem-based learning (PBL) method, which prompts them to analyse and solve problems, conduct research, discuss and produce hypothetical theories and solutions. Students of medicine, odontology and nursing improve their practical skills at the LSMU Hospital, which is the largest medical institution across the Baltic States. Here the entire medical staff follows innovative and progressive methods of diagnostics and treatment that meet global standards. Pharmacy students gain practical skills at the University Pharmacy which aside from serv-



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ing the needs of general public is also the main training facility of the Faculty of Pharmacy, offering students a wide range of practical knowledge and skills, and providing them with firsthand working experience. Students seeking to become veterinary doctors obtain their practical skills in large and small animal clinics and operating theatres of the Veterinary Academy.

The Centre for Postgraduate Studies is dedicated to coordinate the residency programmes and to fulfill the role of Continued Skills and Qualification Development. It organises training and refresher courses for staff, as well as the conferences for all specialists in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Odontology, Pharmacy, Nursing and Public Health.

LSMU is proud of receiving the best applicants in the country: the results of admission during the recent years show that LSMU is one of the most popular choices among the best graduates from the secondary schools.

Research

The research at LSMU involves experts from various disciplines: clinicians, epidemiologists, pathologists, biologists, biochemists, biophysicists, engineers, mathematicians, etc. There are several distinctive features of research at LSMU: 1) the studies, research, and clinical practice are united; 2) research starts from undergraduate level; 3) research subjects range from molecular mechanisms via clinical practice to human population; 4) orientation towards personalised medicine. Research (PhD) studies in Biology, Biophysics, Medicine, Nursing, Odontology, Pharmacy, Public Health, Veterinary Medicine, and Animal Husbandry are carried out at the University. There are nearly 300 PhD students at LSMU. About 60 PhD students accomplish their studies and present their dissertations every year. LSMU researchers are active applicants in the projects of the Research Council of Lithuania (LMT) as well as in the international scientific activities and successfully winning competitive funding. 4 LSMU centers were nominated for Excellence in Research by experts from the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education: Basic and Clinical Cardiology, Neuroscience, Clinical and Molecular Research in Gastroenterology, Animal Husbandry and



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LSMU is the only institution in Lithuania that trains the specialists of Veterinary Medicine and Food Safety. Veterinary academy has a unique infrastructure and well situated campus, a new laboratory complex and two well known animal clinics.
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Veterinary Medicine. In addition, 6 outstanding LSMU researchers have been awarded the National Prize for Research. The further development of research at LSMU is closely related to the Santaka and Nemunas Valley projects funded by European Union structural funds.

Transferring Knowledge

Being the leader of the region, LSMU aims to promote the concept of health sciences and health. Health is of a great importance and it is the greatest treasure of the nation. That is why the heraldic symbols of LSMU contain a slogan ‘Salus pro Patria’, which means Health for the Homeland. LSMU is aspiring for the healthy society in all aspects. The main approach helping to reach the highest performance here is the constant, spirited and persistent integration of studies, research and clinical processes. LSMU collaborates and has numerous agreements with many organisations to transfer knowledge and to create better conditions for Qualification of Skills Improvement. Approximately 9,000 individuals attend courses annually under these agreements. More than 300 scientific conferences and seminars are organised each year with nearly 28,000 participants. Most of departments of LSMU have high scientific capability according to the number of articles published in various Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI) Web of Knowledge peer-reviewed scientific journals with IF.

LSMU publishes three scientific journals, two of which – “Medicina” and “Veterinarija ir Zootechnika” – have the highest impact in the field of biomedical sciences and are leading in the Baltic region.

The University Library and Information Centre is one of the most modern libraries in the EU, and is listed in the Book of the Most Modern European Libraries published by the LIBER architecture group. The library has both virtual and RFID technologies, it is very popular and recognised internationally for its unique architecture and information systems.

International Orientation

The university takes pride in having been the Alma Mater of many international students for 20 years and has the greatest number of international students in Lithuania. Nearly 520 students from 42 countries are enrolled at LSMU. International students are admitted to 7 programmes.

The number of international students is increasing every year. The geography of newcomers is also expanding continuously. Students choosing to study at LSMU are mostly from Spain, Israel, Sweden, Lebanon, India, Great Britain, Belgium, Poland and others. LSMU collaborates with more than 140 European, American and Asian universities for study and research purposes. The study programmes at LSMU meet university education standards applied in EU countries; therefore, graduates are eligible to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and PLAB examination of the General Medicine Council in the UK. LSMU is a WHO (World Health Organization) listed medical school. The University is a WHO collaborating centre. LSMU is listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) in American database FAIMER (Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research). Study programmes of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences are recognised by a



The graduate from Izrael is awarded a diploma during the graduation ceremony.
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The main teaching and practice basis of LSMU is the Hospital of LSMU Kauno klinikos: more than 1,200 medical doctors, 2,500 nursing specialists, 35 departments with different clinical profiles are situated in the campus of 15 buildings.
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number of countries, including all EU countries, USA, Lebanon, Israel, India, Turkey, Jordan, etc. The graduates are eligible to take local licensing exams and thus to qualify for the medical practice. LSMU is counting over 50 incoming and more than 150 outgoing students each year through the Erasmus programmes.

Regional Engagement

LSMU is the leader of the region in preparing and training health care specialists as well as in providing health services. The main teaching and practice basis of LSMU, the Hospital of LSMU Kauno klinikos, is the largest health care institution in Lithuania and it is also a well known leader in the region. The hospital provides care for more than 30 percent of patients in Lithuania (health care services are provided to more than one million patients per year). Health care is delivered by highly qualified medical staff: currently there are more than 1,200 medical doctors and 2,500 nursing specialists. 35 departments with different clinical profiles are situated in the campus of 15 buildings. Over 2,000 of inpatients can be treated at the hospital at a time, and there are 15 departments for outpatient care. The optimisation of patient treatment, as well as the performance of most complex surgeries including transplantation of organs is achieved by applying the latest medical technologies. Some of the services available at LSMU include inpatient and outpatient surgery, 24-hour Emergency Care, Intensive Coronary Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory Services, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Health Screening. All clinical departments are involved into practicing innovative medicine, while being a clinical facility for teaching and research at the same time. All levels of medical university studies are performed here. The Hospital is famous for internationally acknowledged personnel, professors, senior lecturers, assistants, who perform their medical practice here. LSMU is also the only institution in Lithuania that trains the specialists of Veterinary Medicine and Food Safety. Veterinary Academy has a unique infrastructure and a well situated campus, a new laboratory complex and two well known animal clinics. The Academy also has great international ambitions: in 2011 the first international students started their integrated studies here.

The University is a member of numerous international organisations, such as the European University Association (EUA), Association of Schools of Public Health in The European Region (ASPHER), Association of Medical Schools in Europe (AMSE), Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE), Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN), Organisation for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in the European System (ORPHEUS), European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), World Veterinary Association and more. As Lithuania is a WHO member, LSMU is an assignee of the organisation in the country where it serves as a collaboration centre for research and training in epidemiology, and for the prevention of cardiovascular and other chronic non-communicable diseases.





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Mykolas Romeris University

University Profile

Mykolas Romeris University (MRU), is one of the youngest universities in Lithuania established in 2004. It is the second largest University in the country located in the suburbs of Vilnius, surrounded by a forest and green park. MRU's Public Security Faculty is located in the centre of Kaunas.

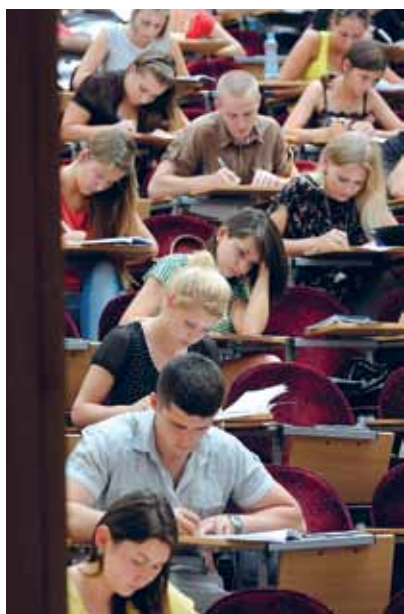
More than 1,000 lecturers teach in the University's six faculties and one institute and there are about 19,000 students. The University stands out amongst others in the country due to its flexible study system, dynamic management system and library packed with resources and research materials, which is open 24 hours a day. The modern, computerised auditoriums and developed infrastructure are also attractive university features providing motivation for students and facilitating discussions between students and professors. It allows every graduate to feel fully trained, and armed with knowledge, ready to meet with employers not only in Lithuania, but also abroad.

The University fosters well-rounded personalities, forming human values in students, civic responsibility and maturity. Creativity, initiative, autonomy and entrepreneurship are promoted. MRU's mission – creating and implementing social technologies to help society to adapt to changes, to educate, to amass and to develop intellectual potential, to develop leaders able to create and implement innovations which will influence overall advancement of science, culture and technology, and disseminate knowledge and innovations.



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MRU students taking final exams.
Vidūnas Gelumauskas photo

Studies

There are many indicators attesting to the quality of studies at MRU including the ECTS Label, awarded by the European Commission in 2012.

University study programmes are developed taking into account the needs of the country and are open to everyone. The academic schedule is flexible for those studying part-time or in cycles. The number of courses offered in distance learning is constantly growing. Study subjects are adapted for e-Studies which are actively used by full-time and part-time students.

MRU has the largest law, public policy, public security faculties in the country. The most popular studies among students are economics, politics, finance, social work, and psychology. Educology, business, communication, business and media studies are being intensively developed, along with liberal arts studies. About 20 study programmes are offered in English. International students have the possibility to begin studies in September and in February.

The University now has 4 joint study programmes. The Comparative Social Policy and Welfare joint Master’s study programme is implemented along with Tampere (Finland) and the Johannes Kepler Linz (Austria) universities. The European Union and Governance Master’s programme is implemented along with Bordeaux IV Montesquieu (France) University. The Electronic Business Management study programme is implemented with the Eurasia International University (Armenia), the Financial Markets programme is implemented with the National Bank of Ukraine’s University of Banking. During 2013-2015, additional 11 joint study programmes will be implemented that are now under preparation: European Economy and Markets, Climate Change Management Policy, Public Management, Human Resource Management, EU Policy and Project Management, Social Work with Children and Youth, Psychology of Work Organisation, Social Technologies Management, Business Informatics, Comparative Law, and European and International Business Law.



Graduation is always a time of great joy for MRU students.
Vidūnas Gelumauskas photo

Research

Mykolas Romeris University, seeking to foster a culture of innovation, to promote the evolution of society and competitiveness of the state, to improve the quality of life, develops fundamental and applied research, participates in national and international programmes and projects, and implements research results in practice. Traditionally, the University was engaged in research in the area of social sciences, but more recently has developed capabilities in biomedicine and technology.

Taking into account the experience of various universities throughout the world and fostering a culture of cooperation, the University has implemented an innovative scientific management model: there has been a transition from research carried out by individual departments in one discipline to interdisciplinary research carried out by an interdepartmental research group.

The University’s research is implemented according to the 2010-2014 priority research areas SOCIAL INNOVATIONS FOR GLOBAL GROWTH and 5 research programmes:

- ✓ Justice, Security and Human Rights;
- ✓ Social Technologies;
- ✓ Sustainable Socio-economic Growth in the Context of Globalisation;
- ✓ Improvement in the Quality of Life and Increase of Occupational Opportunities;
- ✓ Continuity and Change of Values in a Global Society.

Results of scientific research are published in monographs, studies in internationally recognised academic journals. Each year more than 1000 research articles are published. MRU eBooks database of electronic books is an open resource for students and general public presenting the results of research performed by the University researchers.

MRU has concentrated efforts on preparation of a young generation of researchers, oriented towards an international academic career. About 200 PhD students study at the University. In cooperation with universities in other countries, joint PhD programmes are being created and implemented.

Students present research and exchange ideas at the annual Academic Thought Conference held on MRU’s campus.
Vidūnas Gelumauskas photo

Mykolas Romeris University students have the opportunity to study around-the-clock at the modern Library, which is open 24 hours a day.
Vidūnas Gelumauskas photo





About 800 University students and teachers each year participate in international exchanges within different programmes, conferences, summer schools or other events. *Vidūnas Gelumbauskas photo*

Internationalisation

The main goal of Mykolas Romeris University is to become a competitive institution of higher education belonging to the international network of universities, offering joint and double degree study programmes, carrying out a high level of international research work, attracting international students, teachers and researchers and developing professionals of high qualification ready to meet the needs of the job market. The University also strives to be an institution seeking for the unity of studies and science, developing international study exchanges, increasing integration in the global academic community, creating conditions for continuous personal learning and applying modern management principles to the governance of the higher education institution. The implementation of these goals is being achieved through internationalisation as the strategic priority.

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Mykolas Romeris University is a member of the European Association of Universities (EAU), International Association of Universities (IAU), the European Association for International Education (EAIE), the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) and other professional organisations. The University continuously expands its network of academic and cultural collaboration and remains a leading institution of higher education in Lithuania, according to criteria of internationalisation.

Nowadays partnership perspectives are open within institutions of higher education in Great Britain, France, Austria, Finland, Italy, as well as in South Korea, Japan, China, Malaysia, Indonesia and India.



Professors and academics from abroad often gather at MRU for international conferences. In 2010, professors and academics from Asia, Africa and Europe attended the International Association of Universities (IAU) Conference held at MRU. In 2013, the Lithuanian EU Presidency's Conference, "Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities" was held at MRU. *Vidūnas Gelumbauskas photo*

Dissemination of Knowledge and Values

The University adheres to guidelines in meeting the needs of society not only in university studies, but also in developing research. Its research programmes are focused on regional and national social problems, civil and cultural identity development, good governance and development of democratic principles. Programmes are developed on the basis of new public management and social innovation categories. Results of scientific research are open to the academic community and general public. In 2012 there were more than 70 international scientific events organised on campus along with the international conference, Social Innovations: Theoretical and Practical Insights. (SOCIN).

MRU researchers are active commentators of social events in the media. Consultations by experts are requested in the areas of policy, public administration, rule of law, constitutionalism, economics, psychology and education.

Discussions and meetings with well-known Lithuanian and international public figures are continuously organised at the University. There are open lectures, concerts, exhibitions, performances. Pupils actively attend one of 9 MRU academies for youth. The events like Try Out a Profession and Become a MRU Student for One Day are very popular on campus. Lithuanian teachers actively take up the University Library's offer to use information resources, MRU Library-School.

There are various clubs, student organisations and centres that operate on MRU's campus including the Volunteers Club, Psychological Assistance Unit, the Legal Aid Centre, Lithuania's Support Association for Victims of Crime, the Asian Centre and the Francophone Studies Centre.

MRU academic identity is based on academic autonomy, openness to the public, institutional competitiveness and commitment to the social mission of the University.



Nigerian Rasaq Ajibola Sijuola became the first Nigerian to graduate from MRU in June 2012. He completed his Master's Degree in Social Work. During graduation ceremonies Sijuola was awarded his diploma by MRU Rector Prof. Alvydas Pumputis. *Vidūnas Gelumbauskas photo*

Regional and National Impact

Mykolas Romeris University was established and formed after Lithuania regained its independence. The main campus of the University is in Vilnius. It is the largest social sciences institution of higher education in the country and in some areas, such as public administration, has a dominating position. MRU was the first in Lithuania to register joint study programmes with partners from Finland, Austria and France; one of the first to undertake the European Universities Association audit and is now seeking to convert all second cycle studies into international ones. With exceptional study conditions, MRU has scored highest in rankings by students and is at the top of national university ratings.

During the two decades of its existence, MRU has left its mark: contributed to creation of a democratic public security system, contributed to reform of the legal system and provided the impetus for professionalising the public administration sector. MRU also contributed to creation of new penitentiary activities and social work practices. The University contributed to the country's international integration and combined the best of international practices in various public sector areas as well as supporting democratic voices in neighboring countries.

In the new strategic development stage, Mykolas Romeris University seeks to become a social technology studies and research center of Lithuania and the region.



Graduation day at MRU is anxiously awaited by students; then, they celebrate.
MRU photo



Šiauliai University

Šiauliai University (ŠU) is a centre of science, studies, culture and innovations in Northern Lithuania. It was established on the 1st of September 1997 after reorganisation of Šiauliai Pedagogical Institute (1948) and Šiauliai Polytechnic Faculty of Kaunas University of Technology (1959).

Some 5,500 students and 400 teaching staff constitute the academic community of the University. Šiauliai University has 6 faculties: Faculty of Education, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Welfare and Disability Studies as well as the Informatics, Mathematics and e-Studies Institute, the Continuing Studies Institute. Šiauliai University Gymnasium has also been established.

The Quality Management System integrating the CAF model and ISO 9001:2008 standards has been implemented to ensure the quality of education at ŠU.

The mission: *Together we create, share and make our ideas live.*

Values of the university:

Openness. *Open to every idea and person.*

Responsibility. *Responsible for positive changes in society.*

Creativity. *Intellectual, creative and constantly searching for new ideas.*

Drive. *Accepting challenges and improving.*

Public mindedness. *Creating a friendly environment.*

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Multidisciplinary scientific research is focused on regional and national progress.
ŠU photo

Research and Art

Research in the field of educational science that dominated until 1998 has been expanded in all other areas: physical sciences, technology, biomedicine, agriculture and humanities. Multidisciplinary scientific research meets the priorities of the national and European research areas, is focused on regional and national needs, and linked to assurance of social, economic, cultural rights and welfare. Today research in the field of Lithuanian educational, psychological and social aspects of human development in knowledge and creative society, special and inclusive education, creation of communication systems for the disabled, management of social processes in knowledge society is being performed at the University.

Research programmes and projects are being performed under individual agreements as well as contracts with business and industry partners. There are the following research centres at the University: Biological Research Centre, Biomedical Engineering Centre, Educational Research Scientific Centre, Energy and Environmentally Clean Technologies Centre, Modelling of Physical Processes Centre, Natural Science Education Research Centre, Centre for Gender Studies and Research, Art Research Centre, Social Research Centre, Special Education Research Centre, Northern Lithuania Research Centre, Public Health Scientific Centre. Research is also being fulfilled at the Botanical Garden and Technological Testing Centre.



Displays of Faculty of Arts works are held in national galleries and abroad, Šiauliai University community is an active participant of international art projects.
ŠU photo

Studies

The University delivers studies on Bachelor's, Master's and PhD levels. Full-time and part-time, degree and non-degree (pedagogue's) programmes are available along with lifelong learning possibilities. Study programmes are delivered in 6 study areas: biomedical, social, physical, technology sciences, the humanities and arts. There are 80 accredited study programmes, including 5 (1 undergraduate, 4 doctoral) joint programmes with other universities. Doctoral studies are offered in philology, management, economics, educational sciences. Students have an opportunity to obtain a double qualification, i.e. study programmes are open for minor studies. In 2013, the joint study programmes together with the University of Wroclaw (Poland) and Rezekne Higher Education Institution (Latvia) opened.

Šiauliai University stands out among others by diversity of study fields (programmes are delivered in 38 study fields), the focus on applied research, active interaction with the future professional environment through practical placements and internships, in-service learning. The following teaching and learning methods increase effectiveness of studies: problem-based learning, enquiry-based learning, simulation activities, learning through service to the community.

Incoming international students are offered 19 Bachelor's and Master's study programmes in Russian and English; more than 200 study subjects are delivered in English. PhD students have the opportunity to participate in international summer schools.

Exceptionality lies in diversity of study fields, teaching and learning methods to increase effectiveness of studies.
ŠU photo



Promoting Knowledge and Values to Society

The University publishes 14 periodical scientific journals referred in international databases: “Acta humanitarica universitatis Saulensis”, “Archivum Lithuanicum”, “Economics and Management: Current Issues and Perspectives”, “Philology”, “Inter-studia humanitatis”, “Journal of Young Scientists”, “Trends of Rural Development in the Knowledge Society”, “The Spaces of Creation”, “Gender Studies and Research”, “Teacher Education”, “Social Research”, “Social Welfare: An Interdisciplinary Approach”, “Special Education”, “Šiauliai Mathematical Seminar”.

Our studies focus on promotion of lifelong learning, and on organisation of continuous learning process. There is the Third Age University for senior people, and little universities, academies, schools for schoolchildren at Šiauliai University; olympiads, open lectures, seminars, conferences for professionals are offered in traditional and distance modes.

The University educates famous sportsmen making our city, region and country known in 14 sports branches.

Various subdivisions of the University are open to the city and regional community: modern academic library, natural museum, botanical garden, astronomic observatory, art gallery, training theatre etc. Šiauliai University has a television, a magazine for the youth “Discover”, and a monthly “Šiauliai University”.



Šiauliai University art societies actively participate at festivals and stage concerts in Lithuania, many European countries and all over the world.
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The University is involved into projects of international organisations and networks, bilateral exchanges and other mobility programmes.
ŠU photo

International summer schools for doctoral students take place at Šiauliai University.
ŠU photo

International Relations and Projects

ŠU has a wide network of international partners: over 140 collaboration agreements have been signed with institutions of higher education abroad. The University is involved into projects of international organisations and networks, bilateral exchanges and other mobility programmes.

The University is implementing national and international EU projects, joins project teams together with other institutions of higher education, researchers use the opportunities provided by the Research Council of Lithuania for project activities. Major purposes of EU projects being implemented by the University are development of infrastructure, enhancement of teaching staff and students’ competences, and regional development.

Development of the processes of internationalisation consolidating the international dimension of performance is one of the aims of Šiauliai University: teaching staff and student mobility promoting, developing international studies and participating in various EU programmes and projects. The University successfully participates in activities of LLP/Erasmus programme, projects of international organisations and networks, is a member of international associations and networks, including EUA – European University Association, EAIE – European Association for International Education, EDEN – European Distance and e-Learning Network, IOSTE – International Organisation for Science and Technology etc.



Positive Regional Impact

The main strategic aim of the University is to create, accumulate, disseminate and implement achievements in science and art for the economic and cultural progress of the state and, in particular, the region of Northern Lithuania. The University organises its performance on the ground of 11 signed memoranda, over 150 collaboration and consortia agreements with business and public enterprises. In 2009, the memorandum of the University, Šiauliai Association of Industrialists and Šiauliai Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts entitled “Trilateral Partnership for Creation of the Knowledge Economy Centre in Šiauliai Region” has been signed.

Majority of high quality employees working in Northern Lithuania region are graduates of the University.

Artists of the University contribute largely to culture and heritage, are organisers and participants of art festivals, exhibitions and contests. Scientists focus on investigation and preservation of historical and cultural heritage of the region. The botanical garden develops traditions of gardening specific to the region.

The priority of all University activities is enhancing the community sense and social partnership: scientists are working out plans for development of Šiauliai city and region; they are members of the city self-governance work groups and the University students are active organisers and participants of public events, promoting the community sense in the city and districts.



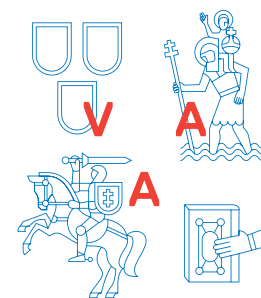


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Vilnius Academy of Arts

Vilnius Academy of Arts (VAA) is the largest and oldest art university in the Baltic States, established in 1793 as an Architecture department at the Chief school of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in Vilnius. At the end of the 19th century it was closed together with Vilnius University by the tsarist government, and then reopened in 1919. After the World War II Academy was merged with Kaunas Art Institute and since then was called The State Art Institute of the Soviet Socialist Republic of Lithuania. In 1990 the Academy regained its name of Vilnius Academy of Arts.

Since 1990, almost 100 alumni of the Academy were awarded National Art Awards. Today Academy has over 1,800 students in four cities – Vilnius, Kaunas, Telšiai and Klaipėda. Each faculty has its own unique study programmes, which offer Lithuanian students a possibility to find a specific art specialisation in different cities. Vilnius faculty has a wide collection of most popular art study programmes varying from Painting to Culture Management and Culture Politics. Kaunas faculty offers Glass Art study programme that is unique throughout the Baltic region. Telšiai faculty is based on a solid craft competences and the newly established Klaipėda faculty offers programmes related to the most current art tendencies.



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Project Individualised Social Codes, created by graphic design student Petras Navickas.
Lukas Keizikas photo

Research

Vilnius Academy of Arts carries out some fundamental research in humanities and social sciences that are important to Lithuania and the entire Baltic region. The research activities are organised and implemented by academic core units – Faculties and the Institute of the Art Studies, Research and Dissemination.

Fields of research include The Modern Visual Culture and its Theories, Theory and Criticism of Visual Arts, Art and Culture of New Times, Management and Sociology of Art and Culture Management, Monument Protection, Monument Management and Research in Heritage, The Visual Culture of the Old Lithuania and the Modern Reflection.

The highly qualified and sufficiently numerous research staff is being continuously renewed by PhD graduates of the Academy, by participation in international research networks and involvement in PhD project activities. Recently opened Art and Design PhD programme formed the platform for the artistic research.

Studies

Vilnius Academy of Arts provides all three university study cycles: Bachelor, Master, PhD of Arts and Humanities (Art history). The Academy offers 57 study programmes (30 first cycle, 23 second cycle, 3 third cycle, 1 non-degree), which all are accredited and registered in the State Study Programme Register.

The ideas of lifelong learning are implemented in a variety of forms and conditions: part-time studies, individual studies' schedule, admission of college graduates. The Open School for Art, Design and Architecture of the Academy accepts pupils, students and adults seeking to prepare for the entry exam, to acquire pedagogic qualification or to practice art with an experienced mentor. The Academy's Art and Design Lab, which consists of design, photography and media art, graphics, ceramics, monumental painting and scenography, restoration and preservation, metal, textile workshops and printing centre furnished with the most modern equipment is open to all students.



Titanikas exhibition hall.
Lukas Keizikas photo

Knowledge and Value for Society

The Academy operates a network of art galleries. In Vilnius, Artifex gallery presents new forms of textile art, ARgenTum showcases jewellery, Akademija is focused on visual arts and Titanikas is oriented towards modern art, design and book art shows, A. and A. Tamošaičiai gallery Židinys preserves the traditions of folk art and weaving. A gallery in Telšiai bears the load of representing the professional arts of this town and the region.

The publishing house of the Academy is of major importance when promoting knowledge to the public. It publishes the original textbooks on art, architecture, art studies and monument management for all higher art schools, colleges and art gymnasiums along with a number of monographs dedicated to the research of the regional cultural heritage, collections of research articles and encyclopaedias. A very important initiative for the publication of research papers is a peer-reviewed journal Acta Academiae Artium Vilnensis, founded in 1993.

International Relations

Academy is a member of international networks and associations of European higher education institutions of art and design. The diversity is brought in by international exchange programmes, such as LLP/Erasmus or Nordplus, produces a positive effect upon the entire range of activities.

Today the Academy has more than 100 Erasmus partners within the EU, with 70 outgoing and 40-50 incoming students each academic year. Around 40 visiting professors ensure the development of international expertise and exchange of new ideas of students and staff.

A prime example of international collaboration at the Academy is Nida Art Colony. Open all year round, it hosts workshops, intensive courses, seminars, artist talks and screenings as well as the artist-in-residence programme for experienced and emerging artists, designers, architects, curators, art critics and researchers from around the world.

Project Share and Give, created by design student Rūta Birgėlaitė.
Lukas Keizikas photo

Titanikas exhibition hall.
Lukas Keizikas photo



Regional and National Impact

Vilnius Academy of Arts is unique among Lithuanian universities by its location. It has faculties in four cities from the East to the West of the country, each with their own study programmes and character. The exhibitions and public presentations of the student works along with other events organised and hosted by the local faculties and students in various cities add to the cultural context of the Lithuanian regions.

The Vilnius faculty, situated in the heart of the Old Town, is the acknowledged centre of visual arts studies in the country that has strong painting, graphic, sculpture and textile art study programmes. For years, the design studies are gaining popularity, especially graphic and interior design. The students come to Vilnius from all over Lithuania and abroad, and the alumni community has members throughout the country.

The Kaunas Faculty is by its size second to Vilnius, relying on long tradition of art education and the cultural heritage of the former capital. Studying in Kaunas, the second largest city of Lithuania is a preferred choice of young people coming from Kaunas and central Lithuania. Study programmes such as Glass Art are unique not only to Lithuania, but also to the Baltic region.

Metal Art, Furniture Design and Restoration, Apparel and Knitting Design programmes of the Telšiai Faculty are based on solid craft competences and are particularly attractive to the more tradition-oriented residents of Western and Northern parts of Lithuania, who often choose to stay in smaller towns or on the countryside, becoming active ambassadors of the material culture.

On the contrary, the newly established Klaipėda faculty is focusing on the most current tendencies. Architecture and Urbanism, Graphic Design, Modern Art and Media and Interior Design studies complement the development of this dynamic seaport and all the region.

In addition to being an educational centre, Academy is an operator of several objects of cultural significance outside the largest cities, cooperating closely with local communities. Such projects include Mizarai Plein Air Camp or Panemunė Castle, which is one of the most beautiful and best preserved Renaissance castles in the country. Recently partly restored, it now hosts a museum and exhibition spaces, used both by the teachers and the students of the Academy.

Panemunė Castle.
Andrius Jonušas photo





Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

University Business Card

According to the international universities rating 2013-2014 QS World Universities rankings, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU) is among 4 percent of the world's best universities. According to the QS Stars external audit standards, performance of the University was awarded the highest five stars evaluation in three categories: studies, infrastructure and innovations. Being one of the largest institutions of higher education in Lithuania, VGTU strives to become the leader in the field of technical and engineering studies in the Baltic States.

One of the University's main objectives is to develop professional and innovative engineers who are able to compete in local and international labour markets. More than 69 thousands of students graduated VGTU throughout almost six decades of the University's existence. VGTU pays particular attention to the quality of studies, development of international relations and relations with social stakeholders.

With nearly 500 international partners among higher education institutions, VGTU provides a wide-ranging international study and practice opportunities – each willing student may acquire international study or internship experience.

VGTU has 10 faculties:

- ✓ Antanas Gustaitis' Aviation Institute
- ✓ Faculty of Environmental Engineering
- ✓ Faculty of Architecture
- ✓ Faculty of Electronics
- ✓ Faculty of Fundamental Sciences
- ✓ Faculty of Creative Industries
- ✓ Faculty of Mechanics
- ✓ Faculty of Civil Engineering
- ✓ Faculty of Transport Engineering
- ✓ Faculty of Business Management

Lithuanian and international students can choose from more than 100 Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD study programmes offered by the University. All VGTU students have basics in technical sciences.

The University invests into modern studies and research infrastructure. Scientific research and educational activities are carried out by 12 research institutes, 31 research laboratories, 5 research centers, and 5 training centers.



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VGTU is engaged in top research and experimental work at both national and international levels.
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Research

VGTU is engaged in top research and experimental work at both national and international levels. The priority areas of science development are: sustainable construction, environmental and energy technologies, sustainable transport, mechatronics, information and communication technology, technology management and economics, fundamental research of materials and processes. On regional level, VGTU is unique because of ongoing notified and accredited research in the fields of building materials and construction, insulation materials, acoustics, transport and logistics. The scientists and researchers of VGTU representing various fields of research have unique capabilities to focus on the specific problem. The University’s research and infrastructure potential in the field of Civil Engineering is concentrated in Civil Engineering Education Center. VGTU is also the outstanding university due to the rank and number of published research journals. 10 of 19 VGTU research journals are co-published with Taylor & Francis and use the recognised and the most popular electronic peer review system in the world Scholar One Manuscripts Central (Thomson Reuter).

Each year, 6 international, 7 national, and 15 young scientist conferences are organised by the University. University scientists are prize winners of National Research, Lithuanian Academy of Science and other awards.

Studies

VGTU is a prestigious Lithuanian technical university that focuses on high-quality studies, innovation and modernity. 75 percent of VGTU students study in technology and natural sciences programmes.

Currently, VGTU offers more than 100 bachelor’s, master’s and PhD study programmes. Also, the University offers bridge courses and university studies for college graduates, who wish to acquire a university bachelor’s degree or to enroll in a particular master’s degree programme. Many study programmes, such as aviation, flight control, industrial product design, fire-safety, bio-engi-



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VGTU photo



Entrepreneurship and creativity are promoted at the University.
VGTU photo

neering, geodesy, road and rail engineering, transport economics and management, and biomechanics, are unique in Lithuania and offered only by VGTU.

VGTU is the only university in Lithuania that offers undergraduate technical sciences distance studies from the first year up to submitting and defending final thesis. Moreover, VGTU has several joint master study programmes with universities of other counties. Graduates of these studies get a double diploma – from VGTU and a foreign university. Also, VGTU offers study programmes in English – each of VGTU faculties has at least one study programme in English.

For students, who would like to obtain more than one specialisation, VGTU offers to choose minor studies. During such studies, in addition to the main study programme, a student can choose minor studies and to obtain dual bachelor’s degree.

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, as a technical University, provides basic knowledge and skills in technological sciences to all its students. Even students of business management are trained to work in industry, because they get familiar with the technologies used in business. For those who find it hard to succeed in exact sciences, VGTU provides an opportunity to attend additional lectures free of charge. First-year students, according to their needs, are taught in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Professional training is one of the key priorities of VGTU. The University increasingly focuses on the installation of modern equipment in university laboratories. Currently, the University has 31 laboratories, 12 research institutes and 5 research centres. Their modern equipment helps the students to keep pace with prevailing trends of the world. Also in the course of studies students undergo professional training, which help them to get acquainted with specifics of their future profession. VGTU students have internship possibilities in VGTU business partners’ enterprises.

The study process at VGTU is being improved and developed according to recommendations and advice from representatives of Lithuanian and international companies. The university students have 8 weeks of traineeship in Lithuanian and international companies.





University scientists are prize winners of National Research, Lithuanian Academy of Science and other awards.
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The scope of the VGTU's activities ranges from social projects, economic consulting, technology solutions to the projects for improvement of the country's infrastructure.
VGTU photo



Dissemination of Knowledge to the Public

VGTU aims to convey knowledge not only to their students, but also encourages pupils to choose scientific studies. The University runs a Young Engineer's School, where pupils can get acquainted with an engineer's profession. During the thematic lectures they learn about the most important things necessary to make a good professional; they also visit the university laboratories and get acquainted with practitioners. Moreover, all who are interested in VGTU study programmes can visit university during the Open Days.

By initiating Researchers Night events VGTU invites pupils to participate in experiments, simulations, interactive working groups, lectures, exhibitions and tours. This is done in order to let everyone, old and young, make their own discoveries in the world of science.

Not only laboratories, but also students make their activities public. VGTU Student Union organises Faculty Days, when doors of the faculties open to everyone willing to learn more about the University, study programmes and future prospects. In such a way closer relations between VGTU and society are being built.

VGTU Publishing House Technika is one of the largest and most modern Lithuanian academic publishing houses, with old academic publishing traditions. All studies and scientific publications are being reviewed, edited and published in hard copy and in electronic form. Annually, about 100 study publications (coursebooks and educational books) are being published.

VGTU especially values its links with business partners, as this creates knowledge, complying with the basic business needs. Forms of cooperation:

- ✓ Business companies participate in the study process (delivering lectures, participating in final paper presentation, student internships, etc.)
- ✓ Business companies participate in students' career formation (participating in career exhibitions, reading reports, organizing presentations/trainings and etc.)
- ✓ Business companies participate in scientific activities (contract research, studies, experiments and etc.)

Entrepreneurship and creativity are promoted at the University by participating in entrepreneurship projects (VGTU is involved in 7 projects), in order to increase the number of newly established innovative companies and support swiftly developing companies ("gazelles").

VGTU is also promoted all over the world by its art societies participating in international festivals, such as student theater studio Palėpė, folk dance ensemble Vingis, academic choir Gabija. The University basketball, football players and other sportsmen win many Lithuanian and international tournaments and competitions.

Internationality

International studies are one of the top priorities of the University. Since 1994, VGTU has been implementing study programmes in English.

The spectrum of international programmes covers all fields of university studies, also, joint study programmes with universities all over the world are being implemented. Study programmes in English make 15 percent of all degree programmes offered by the University. Local students study in these programmes together with international students.

Part-time studies and internship abroad is an integrated part of the University studies. MVG/Erasmus statistics demonstrates that, according to the number of students drafted in for studies abroad, VGTU is in the top 100 European universities list. Every sixth Lithuanian student participating in the students' mobility programmes is a VGTU student. The international traineeship is one of the top priorities and the most developed activities. Approximately 14 percent of university graduates have long-term mobility experience.

VGTU expands the geography of its activities and strives to create a lot of opportunities for studies and scientific research not only in Europe, but also in the USA and Asian countries: South Korea, Taiwan, China, Malaysia, Japan. In addition to new directions, VGTU continues scientific research cooperation with its long-term strategic partners - European technical universities in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, and Poland.



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VGTU photo

Regional and National Impact

The University is one of the two technical universities in Lithuania, therefore its most prominent contribution to the welfare of the state is the activities and research outsourced by the state, business and other social stakeholders.

The scope of the University activities ranges from social projects, economic consulting, technology solutions to the projects for improvement of the infrastructure of the State, and national integrated programmes. VGTU is a pioneer in Lithuanian transport engineering, road communications, logistics, construction and structural engineering, building energy, environment protection, architecture and urban design, and land planning. The most important relationships of the University are with the companies of the public sector, which are VGTU's social stakeholders and customers in the development of the sustainable welfare society.

Companies set up by the University researchers and students help build the economic competitiveness of the state. In order to promote student ideas and technology commercialisation, VGTU, together with other stakeholders has established one of the largest science and technology parks and business incubators – Saulėtekis Valley. Also, VGTU closely cooperates with Santaka and Šiaurės miestelis science, studies and business valleys.

With their final theses, VGTU students are encouraged to contribute to the society and environmental improvement. In cooperation with local governments, or various associations they may implement their projects practically.

Participation in regional networks: Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN) and the Baltech Consortium of Universities is an important platform for the University to contribute to the regional needs through education and research. The University integrates important issues for the Region, such as environmental protection, clean production, renewable energy, sustainable construction environment, eco-cities, cyber-security, etc., into the study and training programmes.

University research is closely related to regional issues. VGTU participates in regional programmes integrating science and applied research. The University

is an active participant in the projects of the Baltic Sea region – an exclusive experience has been gained in the fields of security, transport networks (East West Transport Corridor, Rail Baltica, etc.), logistics, road infrastructure improvements (INTERREG programme) and development. The University is expanding joint research with the technical universities in the Baltic region in order to increase contribution to the growth of the potential of the region.



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Vilnius University

Basic Facts

Established in 1579, for a long time Vilnius University (VU) was the only institution of higher education in Lithuania and had a significant influence on the cultural life not only in Lithuania but also in neighbouring states.

Today it is the largest educational institution of its type in the country priding itself on its continuous tradition of multi-disciplinary academic activity. The University retains its leading role in a broad spectrum of fundamental and applied research, education, training and retraining, consultancy, and social services.

Freedom of thought and diversity of opinions are the main values of the University community. The unity of research and studies is the core principle of all activities of the University.

Vilnius University has nearly 22,000 students and boasts over 2,300 teaching and research staff, over 70 percent of whom hold research degrees and/or academic titles.

The University has 14 faculties, five institutes, three university hospitals and four study and research centres. It has one of the richest libraries in Europe, an astronomical observatory, a botanical garden, and the cherished Church of St. Johns.

The University is made up of six academic campuses. The main location of the University is the unique Old Campus, whose enormous contribution to the international image of the city and indeed of the country cannot be overestimated. It is fitting that the Old Campus of Vilnius University was chosen to represent Lithuania in the Brussels park, Mini Europe as a most valuable architectural, cultural and historical object.

Sustaining the traditions of the oldest university in Lithuania, Vilnius University remains young, dynamic, progressive and open to innovations and partnership.

“Vilnius University has the ambition, goal, and resources to become the best university in Central and Eastern Europe”, says the Rector, Professor of Physics, Jūras Banys.



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A globe from the old observatory established in 1753.
VU photo

Research

The University consistently maintains the necessary prerequisites for the interaction of fundamental and applied research.

The main directions of research are as follows: humanities; Lithuanian studies; the structure and development of society; biological and socio-psychological cognition and the evolution of man; healthy lifestyle, the prevention, diagnostics and treatment of diseases; genomics, biomolecules and biotechnologies; changes in ecosystems, protection, natural resources; new functional materials and derivatives; theoretical and condensed matter physics; laser physics and light technologies; fundamental and applied mathematics; informatics and information technologies.

Vilnius University is a major contributor to Lithuanian research activities, and various indicators show its prominent position in the country. The scientific articles written by researchers from Vilnius University and published in journals in the Web of Science database, account for a third of all listed Lithuanian research articles.

The researchers are increasingly engaged in various national and international scientific programmes such as EU FP7, EU Public Health, National Global Grant programme, etc. Laser technology professionals of the University participate in the European Laser Network. The Institute of Biotechnology participates in FP7 project MoBiLi with the main objective of transforming itself into an excellence centre in molecular biotechnology. The Regional Bioethics Information Centre is functioning at the University level. Researchers also contribute to the development of grid technologies. The international network Baltnexus of researchers in Lithuanian and Baltic studies has been created. There are also other research schools at the University which have proved their international acclaim by taking part in the implementation of international projects.

A laboratory at the Faculty of Chemistry.
VU photo



Studies

Owing to the centuries-old academic traditions, Vilnius University has gained considerable experience in organising studies creating the foundations for a wide range of study areas and fields based on the knowledge reflected by fundamental and recent scientific achievements. The University offers an academic environment that is focused on excellence in research and teaching. Vilnius University holds the leading position in league tables and popular perception: it takes the first position in Lithuania according to the National ranking, and is the most popular and most acknowledged institution of higher education among Lithuanian secondary school graduates.

The University offers high quality undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies in humanities, social sciences, physical and biomedical sciences and technologies. Applicants may choose from nearly 70 different undergraduate (Bachelor's) study programmes and over 110 graduate (Master's) programmes. Postgraduate students and resident physicians may choose PhD study programmes in 30 different research fields.

In order to respond to the demands of rapidly evolving lifelong learning society, Vilnius University offers a variety of courses and study programmes aimed at increasing the qualifications or re-qualifications of specialists, as well as expanding general or professional knowledge of citizens.

The University is strategically oriented towards the continuous improvement of the quality of study culture, and considers it a positive agent of change. The quality of studies at the University is based on generally recognised European quality assurance values, social responsibility, and partnership.

In addition to academic performance, the University students have ample opportunities to participate in international programmes, as well as to fulfil their potential in the multifarious life of the University. Vilnius University fosters a conscious, critical, motivated and vibrant personality.



A student of Vilnius University wearing the traditional cap.
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Vilnius University Library retains the first printed Lithuanian book, Martinus Mosvidius “Catechismus” (1547), which is on public display on April 1, the day commemorating the founding of the University.
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The National Open Access Science Communication and Information centre.
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University and Society

With the dynamic changes in society and the increasing role of higher education, the mission of the University to serve the needs of society is continually growing in importance.

The University has taken upon itself the goal to promote science and culture among young people. Amongst others these include the Children’s University activities; a joint project with the company Thermo Fisher Scientific called Mobile Bio-classroom that introduces recent achievements of the biosciences to school-children; the University has established long-term collaboration with secondary schools and gymnasiums all over Lithuania; and there are also events open to the general public at the University Library on various occasions. Furthermore, the activities of The School of the Young Physicists, The School of the Young Chemists and The School of the Young Mathematicians, public lectures run by prominent researchers, participation in the Researchers Night and the science festival Spaceship Earth – these are but a few examples of various projects offered for the public and for young people in particular. Vilnius University Library, the newly opened National Open Access Science Communication and Information Centre, lecture rooms, halls and courtyards are excellent meeting venues facilitating interaction between the University, businesses, and community. Every year, the University hosts a number of international conferences, exhibitions and other events, concerts in the University Church of St. Johns, and festivals in the picturesque courtyards of the Old Campus. 10 University art ensembles perform not only for the University community, but for the general public, as well as internationally. Vilnius University Museum, which encompasses 10 faculty and department museums, has accumulated valuable artefacts and is open to the public upon request. The Old Campus, included in the Lithuanian Register of Cultural Heritage, is one of the main attractions for visitors in Vilnius.

International Relations

International cooperation in general, and mobility in particular, are seen as basic values for the development of the institution and for fulfilling its mission to society, the region, and the world.

Vilnius University collaborates with educational institutions, networks and associations, and businesses around the world. International cooperation has an impact on all spheres of University life embracing studies, research and cooperation of administrators. The University actively participates in projects with international organisations such as UNESCO, NATO and the EUA and engages in EU education and scientific programmes, such as Lifelong Learning, Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window, COST, FRAMEWORK, and others. The University offers 14 programmes in English and 550 courses in other languages.

Since 1991, the University of Vilnius has been a Signatory to the Magna Charta of European Universities. The University is a member of the European University Association (EUA) and of the Conference of Baltic University Rectors. The University’s membership of the Utrecht Network, UNICA, ISEP and EUPRIO networks provides the opportunity for all faculties and administrative offices to maintain close cooperational ties with partner universities and to keep in touch with the latest developments in the sphere of European Higher Education.

The University has 780 Erasmus agreements and 125 bilateral agreements. The most intensive cooperation, about 48 percent, takes place in the European Union with other universities and science and research centres. The links of the University with Asian, Australian, and Middle Eastern universities are expanding. Mobility and cross-border collaboration is the hallmark of the University strategy as a means to ensure its publicity and provide an incentive for development.

The opening ceremony of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at the University on July 6, 2013.
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Interaction with the Region and the State

One of the main aims of the University is to position and distinguish itself in European research and education area with research and studies carried out at the highest levels of excellence.

The University has its own vision of consolidating the status of being the national university which should respond to the needs of the state, including regional demand, and actively influencing the development of the country.

The University is in the midst of the development of new structures to stimulate research development, ensuring that research, education, and innovation will interact and flourish. The new strategies will ensure high position of the University in European and global research and education area, and will link universities, research institutes, top-level high-tech companies and fast-developing startups.

The Saulėtekis Valley and the Santara Valley programmes, initiated by Vilnius University, stimulate a breakthrough in research development and the commercialisation of research. The Sunrise Valley project will mobilise the scientists of Lithuania, working in the field of life sciences and high-tech; whereas the Santara Valley will develop information technology and innovative medical technology.

These developments provide high quality sites and premises suitable for technology-driven businesses and promote networking between universities and businesses, among the businesses themselves, and with partners elsewhere in Lithuania and worldwide.

University graduates, as well as University researchers and teachers, are actively involved in the activities of the public institutions of the country, and influence political, cultural, economic, and business activities.

In the last five years, 62 researchers of Vilnius University have been awarded the highest scientific awards and those for achievements in culture: The Lithuanian National Award and The Lithuanian Science Award.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II meeting students in the Grand Courtyard.
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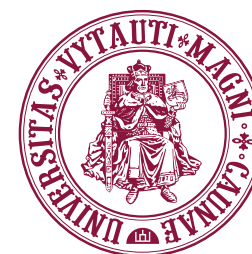
Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) is one of the most liberal higher education institutions in Lithuania and follows in the footsteps of the University of Lithuania, founded in Kaunas in 1922. Ever since its re-establishment in 1989, the university has promoted intellectual free-thinking spirit of liberal arts and has enjoyed international popularity. High national and international ratings serve as approval of well-defined goals of the University. This is also confirmed by the results of the QS World University Rankings 2012/2013, where VMU was ranked among the top 700 universities in the world.

The University stands out for its willingness to organise studies, scientific research, and community life according to Western traditions. Intellectuals from Lithuania and abroad have participated in the reestablishment of VMU and defined its goals, which are pursued to this day. Among the values of the University the emphasis lies on honesty, tolerance, and dialogue, while the grounding principles are liberal and democratic. Creativity, progress, and the development of national culture.

The 10 faculties of the University offer studies in humanities, social sciences, biomedicine, physics, technology, and arts. Prospective students may apply to one (or more) of almost 100 BA and MA degree programmes, 30 percent of which are taught in English. Additionally, integrated legal studies and PhD programmes in 18 science fields are available.

VMU is the second leading European university in the number of languages taught. Students of every faculty may choose to study any number of over 30 available modern and classical languages.

The University has offices in Vilnius and Washington which are dedicated to spreading information about VMU around the world and also encouraging Lithuanians living abroad to communicate with their native country, to take interest in its achievements in research and studies, and to contribute to improving them.



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What sets this university apart is its willingness to organise studies, scientific research and life of the community in a different way.
VMU photo

Research

In more than two decades, the scientists of Vytautas Magnus University have accumulated solid experience in international scientific research and project management. They hold memberships of national and international professional associations of diverse scientific areas and fields. University researchers publish their work nationally and internationally.

Many of the researchers at VMU are world-renowned investigators who work on global rather than local issues. For participation in scientific research and experimental development, as well as achievements and merits, several dozens of VMU scientists have been honoured with important prizes and awards, including the National Science Award and the Lithuanian National Culture and Arts Award. The recipients of the former include, among many others, Professors Zigmantas Kiaupa, Bronislovas Genzelis, Adolfas Toleikis, Vilmantė Borutaitė, Vida Mildažienė, and Leonas Gudaitis. The latter was awarded to Nijolė Lukšionytė- Tolvaišienė, Professor Antanas Rubšys, and others. In 2013, Prof. Vladas Stauskas was awarded the State Culture and Arts Award.

Since the re-establishment of the university, the number of Lithuanian and international scientists has significantly risen with the influx of over 500 young up-and-coming Doctors of Philosophy. In a quest to integrate research from a variety of fields, 36 groups of active scientists have been formed at VMU since 2008. They conduct research in diverse scientific areas according to distinct research priorities.

After VMU was granted the permission to provide PhD studies in 18 scientific fields in 2011, the education at this level went through a complete overhaul, leading to the establishment of joint and inter-institutional PhD studies. The best scientists of the country (and, in some cases, the world) were brought to work together in every field and networks of PhD studies in various fields were created.



The VMU community consists of more than 10,000 bachelor and master degree students, about 700 lecturers and researchers, and over 26,000 graduates (since 1989).
VMU photo

Students can undertake research not only in the modern labs at VMU, but also in the research centres of other Lithuanian scientific and educational institutions.
VMU photo

The University is proud of its creative and enthusiastic community – these are students and academics who feel free to communicate as equals, cooperate and not only share what they know but also generate new knowledge.
VMU photo



Studies

VMU was the first higher education institution in Lithuania to provide bachelor, master, and PhD studies. VMU stands out from other Lithuanian universities for its wide-spanning general university studies and for providing graduates not only with the qualification of a bachelor or a master but also with the ability to think independently and creatively.

Studies at the university are organised by 10 faculties: Arts, Catholic Theology, Economics and Management, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Natural Sciences, Political Science and Diplomacy, Social Sciences, and the Music Academy.

VMU library provides access to traditional and electronic resources of information: it holds over 270,000 printed and other kinds of documents, and the university community has access to 46 licensed databases with over 60,000 electronic full-text documents.

VMU is a disabled-friendly university. As early as 1992, the University was the first in Lithuania to promote social integration of the disabled through higher education. VMU has the largest number of disabled students out of all universities in Lithuania.

The University received acclaim for its achievements in various fields when it was audited by QS Stars. In the QS Stars higher education quality audit in 2012, VMU received the highest evaluation for its support of the students, i.e. scholarships and social support, payments for the disabled, etc. The highest evaluation was also given for the job potential of the alumni, access to IT technologies and library resources, notable local and regional community activities and national contributions.

Each member of the VMU community can join a group of like-minded people who are united by the activity they are interested in: this is a great opportunity to develop one's personality and to expand horizons. There are no less than 62 such groups at the university: scientific associations and clubs of sports, arts, culture and the alumni.





Vytautas Magnus University is not just all about the studies. Here, individual creative ambitions and internal motivations are never left behind, while contrasting cultures and ideas enjoy co-existence in a tolerant and diverse community. Pictured: Member of the European Parliament, philosopher, VMU Professor Leonidas Donskis. *VMU photo*

International Activities

Vytautas Magnus University was never just a national university: it has always gone the extra mile for international activities. Members of the Lithuanian Diaspora have been guest-lecturing at VMU ever since its reestablishment in 1989. Today VMU is collaborating with many universities and scientists around the world, carrying out projects, student and staff exchange, and constantly improving the system of studying and research. Every year the community of the University is joined by over 300 students from abroad and almost as many visiting lecturers, while VMU students themselves spend a semester or more at universities in Europe, USA, South Korea, Japan, and elsewhere.

The university has joined the networks of the best European higher education schools: it is an individual full member of the European University Association (EUA), as well as member of the European Association for International Education (EAIE), Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN) and Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS). In addition, VMU has signed collaboration agreement with the world-famous Juilliard School (USA). In 2003, the university was the first in Lithuania to join the Campus Europae inter-university exchange programme, which unites 19 European universities and seeks to encourage students to learn languages of European countries. VMU has 240 LLP / Erasmus partners in 32 countries and 120 signed bilateral collaboration agreements with institutions in 37 countries of Europe, Asia and the Americas, including USA and Japan

VMU is constantly implementing and developing studies according to European and global experiences, as well as building and expanding study programmes oriented towards various activities which benefit society. It also encourages student mobility and promotes studies of professional subjects in other than Lithuanian languages by attending lectures and seminars of visiting foreign professors. World-renowned scientists come to read public lectures at VMU: they include Zygmunt Bauman, Birutė Galdikas, Eric Freedman, Peter Gross, Timothy Snyder, and others.



One of the most influential social theorists in the world and VMU Honorary Doctor Zygmunt Bauman paid a first-ever visit to Lithuania and Vytautas Magnus University, where he read a public lecture on the natural history of evil. *VMU photo*

National and Regional Impact

As a university of liberal arts and sciences, VMU provides conditions to not only study all seven of the liberal arts and choose from an exceptional variety of study programmes, but also to take minor studies. This liberal model of studies serves as a superior way to educate intellectuals and professionals who are open to collaboration and capable of functioning as interpreters who help government officials and business people to create quality projects. Vytautas Magnus University seeks to become the academic and cultural centre of all Lithuanians around the world: the Lithuanian Diaspora University (LDU). LDU brings together various initiatives: VMU Summer Academy events, studies and internships for students and researchers, Lithuanian education projects, etc. At the same time, LDU functions as a conceptual, virtual entity, which is open to initiatives of various clubs, associations, communities, etc. It also contributes to the multicultural enrichment of Lithuania and the global spread of Lithuanian academic thought. Several of LDU activities are combined in the traditional VMU Summer Academy, which includes the following projects: Refresh in Lithuania, Lithuanian International Student Services (LISS), and the Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Course. Additionally, VMU also organises the annual Summer School of International Law. Every year a large crowd of VMU graduates integrate into Lithuanian labour market. Since 2010, the employment rate of VMU graduates has been 80 percent, and only 10 percent of graduates take on non professional occupation. The University conducts interdisciplinary, scientific and creative projects which open up even more job opportunities. Students themselves create job positions that aren't necessarily related to their studies.

The goal of the Lithuanian Diaspora University (LDU) is to foster collaboration and creative exchange between scientists and students from Lithuania and other countries of the world, to unite the Lithuanian Diaspora and to attract everyone interested in modern Lithuania, its daily life, traditions and culture. *VMU photo*





Imparting Knowledge and Values to the Public

In the free, intellectual, and liberal environment of VMU, future professionals are not only raised but also nurtured. The graduates may differ among themselves in their knowledge and attitudes as much after graduation as they did before applying for studies. This is one of the aspects of a university as an institution. Its second function is no less significant: to create opportunities for young people to develop their creative ideas and to have liberating experiences as opposed to just recording them.

Vytautas Magnus University is proud of its numerous prominent personalities, professors and public intellectuals whose mission is to support cultural environment in Lithuania and abroad. Since the university's establishment in 1922, almost 80 people were awarded the titles of VMU Honorary Doctor or Honorary Professor for their contributions to Lithuania or the university. The recipients have included promoters of the public spirit and democratic ideas, or arts and research in general. Among them are Birutė Galdikas, Zygmunt Bauman, Valdas Adamkus, Jonas Mekas, Bernardas Brazdžionis, Czesław Miłosz, Pierre Semal, Tomas Venclova, and other prominent society and culture personalities, Independence Act signatories, historians, archaeologists, political scientists, poets, VMU community members, and Lithuanian and global intellectuals.

The university publishes 27 scientific journals: 21 scientific journals included in international databases, and 6 peer-reviewed scientific journals and collections of scientific works. 2011 marked the launch of a new book series bearing the insignia of Libri Universitatis Vytauti Magni. Two of these series, Acta Natura and Acta Humana, introduce the insights and works of the most prominent scientists, authors and honorary doctors and professors.

In 2012 alone, 18 monographs by the researchers of the University were published: three of them by international, and 15 by Lithuanian publishing compa-

nies. In the same year, VMU lecturers and researchers published 695 scientific articles: 78 articles in publications included in the Thomson Reuters database and 436 articles in publications included in other international databases.

Kaunas stands out among the Lithuanian cities as a lively city building modern Lithuanian culture and integrating it into European and global experience. Therefore, as part of its dialogue with the city, the country and the world, Vytautas Magnus University has chosen to speak the universal language of culture, which provides a spontaneous feeling of meaning and the desire to be here and now.

VMU organises various cultural events and festivals not only for the academic community but also for Kaunas residents and the guests of the city. The university has an art gallery, a professional theatre, a bookstore of contemporary art, a chamber orchestra, a choir, and numerous dance societies whose activities develop the dialogue with the city, the country and the world.



Vytautas Magnus University is one of the most liberal and modern academic institutions in Lithuania, boasting an exciting history, nurturing and continuing deep-rooted traditions, a major player in Lithuanian as well as Baltic, and European intellectual and cultural scene.
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