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## The University of Latvia – a science-based higher education!

The last days of the school bring the moment when one has to make a choice – whether to continue studies, what to study, and, of course, where to study? This is the first independent choice each adult makes after finishing school. This choice is probably the most important in life, as it shapes the future course of our lives and the mistakes are not forgiven.

In the contemporary society, education forms the foundation of a wealthy and, most significantly, exciting life. Choose a profession you love and your job will not be a burden to you! It is a plain truth that a good job and a happy family is the fulfilment of life. Select a field of interest, the one you succeed in, and you will become acknowledged professionals, besides the material comfort you will also achieve satisfaction and enjoyment.

Choose the University of Latvia – the only classical university in Latvia – as a place to study your chosen specialty, and you will enter an intellectually fulfilled environment, where the students discover exciting realms of knowledge, where the lecturers are enthusiasts of their field, internationally renowned Latvian scientists.

The University of Latvia (UL) is the only Latvian higher education institution included in the QS University Rankings: Emerging Europe and Central Asia 2014/15 Top 50, ranking position 41.

A new campus will be built for UL students in the coming years. It will be one of the most modern student towns in the Baltics, offering a state-of-the-art environment for learning, science, cultural and sports activities, a great place for professors, students and business people to get together and create new ideas and innovations.

You will be among soulmates and gain friends for life, ones who can not only labour seriously in lectures, seminars and labs but also enjoy creative pastime activities. Make the right choice!



Rector of the University of Latvia  
Professor **Mārcis Auziņš**



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## Student Society

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## Latvia in Brief

<b>Founded</b>	November 18, 1918
<b>Population</b>	1 997 500
<b>Area</b>	64 589 sq.km
<b>Time zone</b>	GMT+2 (as Helsinki, Vilnius, Athens)
<b>Member of EU</b>	Since 2004
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	Latvians, Russians, Belarussians, Ukrainians, Poles, Lithuanians etc.
<b>Currency</b>	EUR

Latvia is situated in the centre of the Baltics (between Estonia and Lithuania), in North-eastern Europe on the east coast of the Baltic Sea. It consists of fertile lowland plains and moderate hills, with most of its territory lying less than 100 metres above sea level. It has an extensive network of rivers, thousands of lakes and hundreds of kilometres of seashore lined with pine forests, dunes, and continuous white sand beaches. The territory is characterized by a moderate climate with four distinctive seasons. More information: [www.meteo.lv](http://www.meteo.lv)

Rīga is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. With 695 539 inhabitants, Rīga is also the biggest city of the Baltic States and a home to more than one third of Latvia's population. The city was founded in 1201 and was a member of the Hanseatic League (13th to 17th centuries). Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and the 19th century wooden architecture. The city is an important seaport and a major industrial, commercial, cultural and financial centre of the Baltic Sea region. Riga was the European Capital of Culture in 2014. More information: [www.latvia.eu](http://www.latvia.eu)

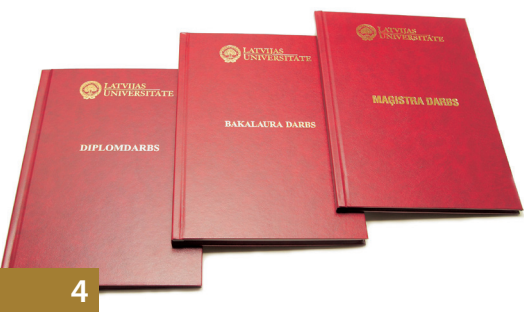


## Higher Education System in Latvia

Higher education system in Latvia is part of the Bologna Process, and, correspondingly, follows the so-called 3-cycle system, where the first cycle includes an academic or professional bachelor's degree, the second cycle includes an academic or professional master's degree and the third cycle includes the doctoral degree. Academic credits in academic and professional programmes may be transferred in order to adjust one's education path to one's specific needs.

Universities and other institutions of higher education mostly run both academic and professional programmes. The following groups of programmes are distinguished:

1. Bachelor's degree (comprising 180-240 ECTS credits). Professional bachelor's programmes are designed to ensure professional competence. Both types of bachelors are eligible for studies in master's programmes.
2. Master's degree (comprising 120 ECTS credits). Professional master's degree comprises 60-180 ECTS credits. Degrees in medicine and dentistry are eligible for studies in doctorate programmes.
3. First-level professional (college) programmes (comprising 120-180 ECTS credits). Graduates can continue their studies in bachelor's or second-level professional programmes, or enter the labour market.
4. Second-level professional programmes provide professional qualifications (comprising at least 60 ECTS for holders of bachelor's degrees or at least 240 ECTS for secondary school leavers). In both cases the programmes include practical placement and graduation examinations. The graduates of the programmes are eligible for further academic studies, and, eventually, a doctoral degree, or a professional qualification providing access to the labour market.
5. Doctoral degree can be achieved by public defence of a thesis, produced in three to four years of full-time doctorate studies or by conducting an equivalent amount of independent research.





The academic year for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes begins in September and lasts until the end of June or the first half of July (40 weeks of lectures, seminars and practical work mainly divided into 2 semesters). Each study period ends with an exam session held in January and June/July.

The academic year for doctorate studies begins in October, is divided into 2 semesters and lasts for 12 months of studies, including a study break of one month between the semesters.

## University of Latvia

The University of Latvia was founded in 1919 and currently, with its more than 14 000 students, 13 faculties and more than 20 research institutes and independent study centres, it is one of the largest comprehensive and leading research universities in the Baltics. The University offers more than 130 state accredited academic and professional study programmes.

## International Cooperation

The University of Latvia pays great attention to the development of international collaboration in order to promote its identity internationally and to strengthen the reputation of the University worldwide.



To date, the University of Latvia has signed 136 bilateral agreements worldwide and more than 700 agreements with 368 institutions in 32 European countries within the ERASMUS+ Programme. Both incoming and outgoing exchange students use one of the available student mobility agreements: ERASMUS+, ERASMUS MUNDUS (Aurora, AESOP, LEADER), CAMPUS EUROPAE, ISEP, bilateral agreements, and agreements between countries.

More information at [www.university.lv/cooperation](http://www.university.lv/cooperation)

ERASMUS MUNDUS is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. Partnerships between European and third-country higher education institutions include scholarships and fellowships for mobility at all academic levels (undergraduate, master's, doctorate, postdoctorate and staff). The University of Latvia is currently a partner in 9 ERASMUS MUNDUS projects.

## Summer Schools

The University of Latvia organizes several summer schools in such disciplines as business, cognitive sciences, communication, law etc. The organizational teams as well as participating students are both local and international. For more information, please, visit the following link: [www.university.lv/summerschools](http://www.university.lv/summerschools)





## Science and Innovation

The objective of the University of Latvia is to develop a world-class research centre, at the same time providing research-based and innovative studies in a wide spectrum of sciences. The knowledge and technologies created at the UL are highly acknowledged internationally.

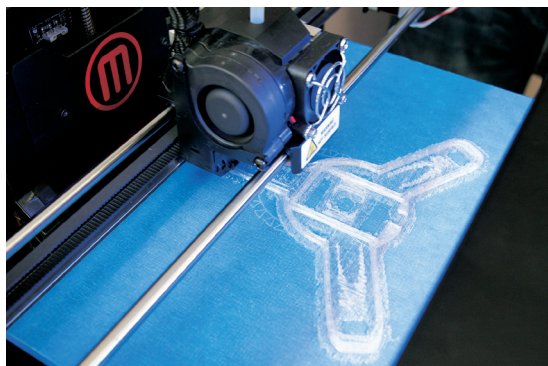
One of the most popular inventions in Latvia is the internationally known James Bond spy photo camera *Minox*, which was created in Riga by Walter Zapp in 1936, a hi-tech thread created from amber, the cancer drug *Ftorafur* and the versatile drug *Mildronate*.

Currently one of the UL research priorities is to support young scientists and promote establishment of new research groups; however the University also focusses on such matters and challenges as knowledge spillovers and commercialization of scientific findings, science communication, internationally significant research results, development of research infrastructure, and support for research projects in the Latvian language and culture.

Research at the University of Latvia has resulted in significant achievements in biology, chemistry, medicine, history, computer sciences, physics, social sciences and other fields (for example, use of moss in perfumery, new genetic variations of somatostatin receptors, artificial olfaction sensor for lung cancer diagnostics and others).

The Innovation Centre of the University of Latvia, founded in 2006, plays a great role in promoting UL scientists and their involvement in the national economy by informing the public about the UL innovations and scientific solutions, coordinating the cooperation of scientists and industry, and facilitating development of high-tech enterprises, as well as gathering information about the demand for the research services and advising the scientists about the potential cooperation possibilities.

Researchers at the University of Latvia regularly receive prestigious awards. In 2013 for the first time among the laureates of the prestigious Advanced Grant by the European Research Council (ERC) was a Latvian researcher – Professor Andris Ambainis from the Faculty of Computing (advantages and limits of quantum devices), while the quantum physicist Vjačeslavs Kaščejevs was one of the few selected young scientists to win the prestigious Award of the World Economic Forum. In 2012, as in the previous year, all three L’Oreal Latvia Fellowships for Women in Science were awarded to the UL representatives.





## UL Libraries

The Academic Library of the University of Latvia is one of the oldest libraries in Europe. It is the largest accredited higher education library of state significance and the main information resource centre for studies and research at the University of Latvia. The library stock consists of 3.4 million information resources in various languages. The library collections contain printed paper, unpublished documents, audio-visual materials, electronic resources and more.

The collection of the Library of University of Latvia comprises more than 1.5 million units and is continuously expanding. The Library offers books, periodicals, audiovisual materials, and published documents and more than 145 000 electronic resources in various fields of science in Latvian and foreign languages. The libraries of the University of Latvia provide the opportunity to order, reserve and prolong books electronically in the Central Catalog.

The student's ID also functions as a reader's card ensuring access to the Library of the University of Latvia and the Academic Library of the University of Latvia as well as to other libraries – the National Library of Latvia, the Patent and Technology Library, the Library of the Stradiņš University of Rīga and the Science Library of Riga Technical University.

## Campus of the University of Latvia

The first campus building of the University of Latvia will open its doors by the end of 2015.

Called the House of Nature, it will include such faculties as Geography and Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Biology, as well as part of Faculty of Medicine and Optometry and Vision Sciences Division of Faculty of Physics and Mathematics.

In future, the University of Latvia's new modern infrastructure located at 1 Jelgavas str. in Riga in its three buildings will unite all faculties and a part of scientific institutions in order to bring together academics, scientists and students from a various fields.

Comfortable dormitories and a sports centre will be set up in Torņakalns district of Rīga for an enjoyable recreation in the free time close at hand.



## Dentistry

Degree to be achieved

Type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Doctor of Dental Medicine

5 years (full time)

300 ECTS

English

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The dental curriculum leads to the dentist degree and forms the basis for specialist education or scientific (PhD) studies. The aim of the study programme is to prepare qualified specialists with theoretical and practical skills appropriate to independently commence practicing general dentistry. Programme has been developed according to EU Directive 2005/36/EC of mutual recognition of qualifications of health care professionals, directly related to the guidelines of Association of Dental Education in Europe. Programme comprises several components like biomedical subjects, common to medicine and dentistry. Appreciation of human development, structure, function, pathology, diagnosis and treatment of human diseases will be taught in modular form based on the systems of human body. Knowledge of oral and dental aspects of biological science will ensure understanding of the diagnosis, causes, prevention and treatment of diseases and disorders, and the effects of systemic disease on oral and dental tissues. In order to obtain instruction and experience of the dentistry practice, development of the clinical/manual skills of the students, clinical part of the study plan has a significant role. Pre-clinical training will take place in phantom laboratories and clinics. Clinical training includes the treatment of patients under the supervision of clinical instructor.

### Career opportunities

Successful graduates of the study program have employment opportunities based on professional qualification. The possibilities of joining the oral health care centers or private dental clinics, as well as creating own practices are available as soon as the professional certificate is obtained.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Natural Sciences must be no less than 6 (almost good) in a 10 point system.

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



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## Medicine

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Medical Doctor  
6 years (full time)  
360 ECTS  
English

Director of the Programme

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During the studies, students learn the science and methods of medicine based on human morphology (structure), functions (physiology), psychology, basic clinical practice (anamnesis, overall objective examination and interpretation of results, manipulation competence), obtain knowledge on health promotion and disease prevention in the context of family and society. After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may enter residency and PhD studies.

The programme corresponds to EU standards and professional requirements set for MDs. The obtained degree is in line with European labor market requirements (part of the European comparative degree system) and allows free movement within Europe.

### Career opportunities

After successful completion of the programme, the graduates work in the field of health care, medical firms, government institutions. The graduates may also work at hospitals or health centres under the supervision of a certified doctor.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Natural Sciences must be no less than 6 (almost good) in a 10 point system.

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## Asian Studies

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Humanities in Asian Studies  
3 years (full time)  
240 ECTS  
English

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The programme combines language studies with the corresponding culture and regional studies. The curriculum is divided into four sub-programmes depending on the language chosen by the student: (1) Japanese Culture and Language; (2) Sinology with Mandarin and Classical Chinese – currently the studies of Korean language and culture are technically integrated into the sub-programme of Sinology (3) Indian and Indonesian Culture with Hindi and Sanskrit or with the Indonesian Language, (4) Culture of the Middle East with Arabic or Turkish Languages.

The language courses are delivered by native speakers with professional education of teaching their native language to non-native speakers. The bachelor's programme is designed to create basic knowledge and proficiencies especially in the culture and language of the chosen sub-programme. It provides qualification for further specialization in professional or academic master's programmes of Asian studies.

### Career opportunities

The graduates enter the following professional fields: education, cultural management, business, journalism, research.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## Business Administration with Specialization in International Business

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Social Sciences in Management  
4 years (full time)  
240 ECTS  
English

Director and Coordinator  
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The aim of the programme “Business Administration” with specialization in International Business is to prepare the students to develop their own business in international environment or to work as a highly qualified specialist in state, private and international institutions. The graduates will have a full range of competences to work in the field of entrepreneurship in the context of laws and regulations. Students will be trained to work both – individually and in groups; they will also develop their presentation skills, analytical skills and critical thinking skills, which are necessary both for the labour market to remain effective and for business organizations to develop in a changing economic environment.

The planned results will cover the following competences: orienting in the processes of the contemporary international economy and business and the ability to analyze them by using statistical, econometric and other methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis; understanding the basics of every legal aspect of the entrepreneurship (international private law, international public law etc.) in order to participate efficiently in the activities of international trade, finance and other fields; ability to orientate in global economic environment and to take decisions in the circumstances of global competition.

### Career opportunities

Graduates will be able to develop their own business on international level, to work in international companies, multinational corporations, in the institutions of foreign affairs and economics, in international, state, non-governmental and private organizations, in embassies and banks.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grades in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## Chemistry

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry  
3 years (full time)  
180 ECTS  
English

Director of the Programme  
Coordinator of the Programme

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The study programme is aimed at academic studies in chemistry and preparation of chemistry specialists. In 2012 the programme was awarded the label of “Chemistry Eurobachelor” by the Labelling Committee of the European Chemistry Thematic Network Association (ECTNA, Certificate Nr. EB1104, 18.04.2012). The courses cover the main aspects of the chemistry science: inorganic, organic, analytical, physical, and biological chemistry, and through elective courses and research some specialization is available in organic synthesis, in food chemistry, or in practical analytical chemistry. The students also acquire the necessary knowledge in mathematics, biology and physics as well as the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the work in chemistry labs, and the ability to carry out research in one of the branches of chemistry demonstrating their results in the bachelor thesis. After graduation, the students can continue studies for the master’s degree.

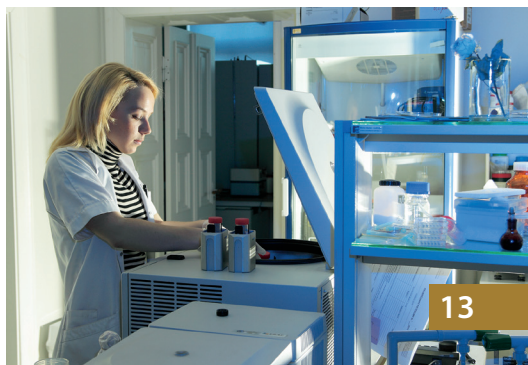
### Career opportunities

Graduates can integrate in the labour market as entry-level chemists.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grades in Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry), Chemistry and Physics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

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## Computer Science

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Computer Science  
4 years (full time)  
240 ECTS  
English, Latvian

Director and Coordinator  
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The programme is designed according to the recommendations of the ACM/IEEE Computing Curricula. It is awarded the Euro-Inf Quality Label by European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education. This programme offers five-module courses of the curriculum: Theoretical Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Systems, Information Technology, and Computer Engineering. After graduation students can continue studies for the master's degree.

Please note! The language of instruction in the first study year is English or Latvian (by choice). From the second year it is mainly Latvian. The ability to follow courses in the Latvian language must be attained by the end of the first study year (a Latvian language course will be provided).

### Career opportunities

The graduates can fully integrate in the international market of IT specialists.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grade in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level). In this case language of instruction is Latvian.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## Cultural and Social Anthropology

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Humanities in Anthropology  
3 years (full time)  
240 ECTS  
English

Director and Coordinator  
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The study programme provides students with a solid base of anthropological knowledge and research skills, upon which to build in their later academic or professional career. It covers both the main themes in anthropological theory, economic and political anthropology, as well as anthropology of gender and religion, and thus helps students to develop critical thinking and interdisciplinary analysis skills. The programme is mostly orientated towards public anthropology and the Baltic region, but students are encouraged to define and explore their own research topics with the support of experienced supervisors within the department.

The senior teaching staff holds doctoral degrees from the world's best ranking universities and are active in the public sphere, encouraging their students to express their opinions and publish research results in the mass media.

The programme uses its Erasmus+ exchange agreements to send students to other European universities and welcomes students from abroad.

### Career opportunities

The graduates can pursue further academic studies or a professional career in the public/NGO/ private sector in Latvia and abroad.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
[www.antropologija.lu.lv](http://www.antropologija.lu.lv) and [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## English Philology

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology  
4 years (full time) or 5 years (part time)  
240 ECTS  
English

Director of the Programme

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The programme comprises the English-English module and the English-Scandinavian module: English-Norwegian (in 2015-2016), English-Danish, or English-Swedish (for full-time studies) and encompasses the courses integral to Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture, among them Basics of Translation Theory, English Normative Phonetics and Phonology, Integrated Text Analysis, English Literature of Classicism and Enlightenment, Modernism and Postmodernism. The English-English module students also acquire British, USA or Canadian Cultural Studies, English Language Learning and Teaching Methodologies and courses of a second foreign language – French, Spanish, German, or Italian (Russian can be chosen in the sixth semester). The English-Scandinavian module students gain an in-depth knowledge of a Scandinavian language, culture and literature. In the third year, the students specialize either in Linguistics, where the emphasis is on the practical application of the acquired knowledge (e.g. EU Institutional and Project Management Discourse, Creative Writing, Internship in Applied Linguistics) or in Literature and Culture (e.g. Introduction to Visual and Film Studies, Realism in American Literature).

### Career opportunities

The graduates are highly qualified to pursue a career in the public and private sector, including publishing, editing, management of cultural and political organizations, public relations, research, teaching and translation.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:

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[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## French Philology

Degree to be achieved

Duration and type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Director of the Programme

Coordinator of the Programme

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology

4 years (full time)

240 ECTS

French and Spanish or Italian, or German

Doc. **Dina Šavlovskā** (*Dina.Savlovskā@lu.lv*)

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The French Philology programme offers simultaneous studies of two Romance and German languages. The goal of the programme is to prepare multi-competence specialists, who have not only a good command of two Romance languages, but know also the history, geography, culture, economics and politics of the respective language speaking countries. The study programme offers language studies (French-Spanish, French-Italian, French-German), the studies of the specific area, the courses for professional purposes (translation, business language, language teaching methodology), the basics of economics and law, diplomacy, politics, academic studies and research. The programme envisages students' mobility within the framework of Erasmus+ in the institutions of higher learning of France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Germany. Some courses are delivered by guest lecturers. After successful completion of the programme the graduates may pursue further studies in the Romance Language and Culture Studies master's programme or any other relevant programme.

### Career opportunities

The graduates can work as translators, assistant managers etc. in government or private institutions in Latvia and abroad where the proficiency in Romance languages and the knowledge of Romance language speaking countries' history, geography, culture, economics, politics and diplomacy are required.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42), French or German language knowledge will be considered as advantage.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:

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## German Philology

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology  
3 years (full time)  
180 ECTS  
German

Director of the Programme  
Coordinator of the Programme

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This programme is designed for the students who are interested in the language and literature of the German-speaking countries, associate their future with advanced German studies and seek in-depth knowledge of the language and literature along with the studies of Latvia's cultural heritage, considering the relevance of the German language in the Baltic history and culture. The students will appreciate the quality of Germanic studies, the comprehensive view of the German literature and history, as well as translation skills, which will contribute to career advancement. The programme offers two-module directions of the curriculum, majoring in either linguistics and translation or culture and literature. After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may pursue further studies in the German Philology master's programme or any other relevant programme.

### Career opportunities

After successful completion of the programme the graduates can work in any field that requires a degree in humanities.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. German language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## International Economics and Commercial Diplomacy

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Social Sciences in International Economics  
4 years (full time)  
240 ECTS  
English

Director and Coordinator  
of the Programme

Prof. **Ērika Šumilo** ([Erika.Sumilo@lu.lv](mailto:Erika.Sumilo@lu.lv), [evfinfo@lu.lv](mailto:evfinfo@lu.lv))

The aim of the programme is to educate highly qualified specialists for the state, private and international institutions, knowledgeable in the matters of international economy and commercial diplomacy, capable of taking independent decisions, handling everyday tasks and liaising with Latvian and foreign organizations, institutions and businesses.

The programme focuses on providing such general and specific competences as understanding the processes of the contemporary international economy and the ability to analyze them by using statistical, econometric and other methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis; the basic knowledge of commercial diplomacy in order to participate efficiently in the activities of international trade, finance and more, including negotiations, signing of agreements, representing national or corporate interests; navigate in the global economic environment and decision making in the circumstances of global competition.

### Career opportunities

The graduates work in the institutions of foreign affairs and economics in Latvia, as well as in the institutions of the European Union and in international, public, non-governmental and private organizations, in multinational corporations, embassies, and banks.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grades in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



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## Modern Language and Business Studies

Degree to be achieved	Bachelor of Humanities
Duration and type of studies	4 years (full time) or 5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	240 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Assoc. prof. <b>Indra Karapetjana</b> ( <a href="mailto:Indra.Karapetjana@lu.lv">Indra.Karapetjana@lu.lv</a> )
Coordinator of the Programme	<b>Valentīna Goldmane</b> ( <a href="mailto:Valentina.Goldmane@lu.lv">Valentina.Goldmane@lu.lv</a> )

The programme combines language studies with business studies and aims at preparing students for international careers in enterprises and institutions operating in the modern economic and political environment. The language studies in the programme offer a choice among three language modules: English–French, English–Spanish and English–German. All three modules comprise studying Business English, Financial English, English for Law, as well as the general and business aspects of another modern language – e.g. Swedish, Norwegian, Italian and others. The programme provides cultural studies through courses like Intercultural Communication, Intercultural Business Relations, and business studies through the basic management studies as well as the EU and international market specific study courses. Upon graduation, the students are able to continue education in master's programmes and second-level professional study programmes.

### Career opportunities

Advanced competence in foreign languages along with a thorough grounding in business is attractive to domestic and international employers. Graduates of the programme work in private enterprises and public institutions both in Latvia and abroad as manager's assistants, marketing and PR specialists, project managers and their assistants, translators, language instructors and in many other professions where a combination of foreign language and business knowledge is required. The programme also provides sufficient background for starting one's own business.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grade in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:

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## Optometry

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Optometry  
4 years (part time)  
180 ECTS  
English

Director and Coordinator  
of the Programme

Prof. **Ivars Lācis** ([Ivars.Lacis@lu.lv](mailto:Ivars.Lacis@lu.lv))

This programme is based on the studies of natural sciences, biology, medicine and the basic principles of primary eye care service. The bachelor's programme is the first step in the professional optometrist education scheme in Latvia. The programme offers extensive profile courses of natural sciences including organic chemistry, biology, calculus, physics for natural sciences, optics, basics of human anatomy, general physiology, ophthalmic optics, microbiology, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology of the eye, physiology of vision, optometric instruments, refractive defects, binocular vision and others.

The topic of the bachelor thesis should be carefully chosen; a supervisor's assistance is provided for further research. Students will be able to continue education in the master's programme.

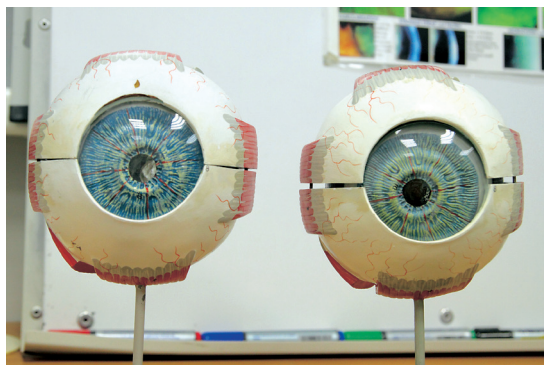
### Career opportunities

This programme prepares competitive graduates for Latvian and European labour markets.

### Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Grade in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](mailto:apply.lu.lv)



## Baltic Sea Region Studies

Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Baltic Sea Region Studies
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Assoc. Prof. <b>Valdis Muktupāvels</b> ( <a href="mailto:Valdis.Muktupavels@lu.lv">Valdis.Muktupavels@lu.lv</a> )
Coordinator of the Programme	<b>Sintija Zankovska</b> ( <a href="mailto:Sintija.Zankovska@lu.lv">Sintija.Zankovska@lu.lv</a> )

This is a two-year programme providing an excellent opportunity to obtain an interdisciplinary master's degree in Baltic Sea region issues. The programme offers education in humanities and several social and environmental disciplines, focusing on the Baltic Sea region countries. The programme is set up in cooperation with four partner universities: the University of Turku in Finland, the University of Tartu in Estonia, the University of Latvia and Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania. The programmes are compatible, and this partnership enables student mobility within the programme.

The following modules are offered: the General Module, Baltic States and Europe, Policy and Human Rights, Society and Environment, Art and Literature Studies, Cultural History and Education. Besides, students are entitled to choose one of the following languages: Latvian, Swedish, Finnish, Estonian, or Lithuanian.

The graduates of the master's programme obtain qualifications to continue their academic research in doctorate studies.

### Career opportunities

The graduates of the Baltic Sea Region Studies programme work at various state, non-governmental and private institutions, such as government institutions, diplomatic structures, representative offices of international organizations, e. g. the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, European Council, etc., international organizations which have interests in the Baltic region, such as institutions of higher education and scientific research.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## Cultural and Social Anthropology

Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Anthropology
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Doc. <b>Ieva Raubiško</b> ( <a href="mailto:Ieva.Raubisko@lu.lv">Ieva.Raubisko@lu.lv</a> )

The programme offers an outstanding opportunity to acquire analytical tools to approach contemporary global and local social processes and trends. These include issues such as migration with its corollaries of increasing cross-cultural contact and new diaspora politics, financial crises and advancement of neo-liberal (and other) policies, both internationally and locally, as well as transformation of political subjectivities in the context of shifting ideas about development, state-building and nation.

The programme provides students with a solid theoretical and methodological basis for critical exploration of a variety of pressing issues in the (post)modern society. Through lectures, seminars and independent reading students gain knowledge in social and, specifically, anthropological theory. A variety of compulsory and optional courses help students to develop a thoroughly anthropological approach to the themes of self and agency, gender, state and power, borders/migration, consumerism, art/performance. Work with texts is combined with ethnographic fieldwork.

The MHum programme builds upon the 3-year BHum programme in Cultural and Social Anthropology, but it is open to graduates from other fields. The programme staff holds doctoral degrees from world's best ranking universities. They maintain high standards both in teaching and public discussions, thus encouraging critical analysis beyond the academic realm. The programme is mostly orientated towards public anthropology and the Baltic region, but students are encouraged to define and explore their own research topics also in different regions.

The programme uses its Erasmus+ exchange agreements to send students to other European universities and welcomes students from abroad.

### Career opportunities

The programme graduates can pursue academic careers in Latvia and abroad (several graduates teach at the University of Latvia) or continue professional career in public, business or NGO sectors.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Pass of entrance examination by submitting a written 1 page essay/motivation letter and CV, as well as participating in an entrance interview in person or via Skype.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [www.antropologija.lu.lv](http://www.antropologija.lu.lv) and [apply.lu.lv](mailto:apply.lu.lv)



## Educational Sciences

Degree to be achieved	Master of Education Sciences
Duration and type of studies	2.5 or 1.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Prof. <b>Ilze Ivanova</b> ( <a href="mailto:Ilze.Ivanova@lu.lv">Ilze.Ivanova@lu.lv</a> )

The programme offers students possibilities to widen and deepen the knowledge in philosophy of education, sociology, psychology, research methodology, comparative research, adult education, multicultural education in human behaviour and education. According to the student's choice (chosen module) it is possible to carry out research in educational leadership, changes in education, development of educational environment, socialization processes, social inclusion, aspects of multicultural education, adult education. It gives students the possibility to develop individual skills to carry out research, to summarize, analyze, evaluate research results as well as to present them during defense of their master thesis. The graduates are prepared to do research in different fields related to education and for doctorate studies in education sciences.

Part time students travel twice a study year to the University of Latvia to have introduction in the courses, to get tasks for completion of the courses, to discuss the completed tasks. The communication with teaching staff is organized via e-mailing and Skype.

### Career opportunities

The MA degree in Education Sciences enables the graduates to have a number of job opportunities at institutions of secondary and higher education, public administration agencies, non-governmental organizations, the EU structures and other related fields.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education. If the previous education was obtained in 3 years, the applicant may be admitted for the 2.5 year master's programme; the applicant with a 4 year bachelor's degree may be accepted for the 1.5 year programme;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
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## Educational Treatment of Diversity

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy  
2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)  
120 ECTS  
English or Spanish

Director of the Programme  
Coordinator of the Programme

Prof. **Irina Maslo** ([Irina.Maslo@lu.lv](mailto:Irina.Maslo@lu.lv))  
**Manuel Fernandez Gonzales**  
([Manuel.Fernandez@lu.lv](mailto:Manuel.Fernandez@lu.lv))

The master's programme was created in 2007 by four universities. Coordinating university – National Distance University of Spain. Participating universities: Charles University in Prague, University of Latvia, Ludwigsburg University of Education. The programme is students' workplace orientated. The target audience is applicants from Latvia, the European Union, and worldwide with Bachelor degree in Social, Human and Natural sciences.

The studies provide the opportunity to manage the pace and place of one's studies, to combine studies with family or work responsibilities, to improve the daily work practice and expand one's competencies; to study in the international learning environment, independently communicating with others via common study forums, Skype and chat rooms (collaborative learning), and to learn from worldwide experience.

### Career opportunities

Master Degree in Educational Sciences ensures that students are trained to work in education with people who have diverse needs, and to be prepared to research in different workplaces related to inclusion of people with diverse needs. The graduates have the knowledge, skills, and competence necessary for carrying out their ideas, programs, and plans in practice.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English or Spanish language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Applicants will be called to an interview face to face or through Skype to discuss the submitted CV and motivation for applying for the programme.

More information:

[www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes),  
[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



## English Philology

Degree to be achieved  
Duration and type of studies  
Amount of credits  
Language of instruction

Master of Humanities in Philology  
2 years (full time)  
120 ECTS  
English

Director of the Programme  
Coordinator of the Programme

Doc. **Zigrida Vinčela** ([Zigrida.Vincela@lu.lv](mailto:Zigrida.Vincela@lu.lv))  
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The programme comprises three study modules: literature, linguistics and methodology. Students can select and acquire the comprehensive knowledge in one of the sub-branches of philology: literary studies, linguistics and applied linguistics.

The objectives of the programme are to broaden the acquired knowledge, advance the skills for systematising, implementing summative analysis and evaluating the main developmental tendencies of language and culture within the framework of the above-mentioned sub-branches of philology, foster the awareness of how theories are implemented in practice and advance the skills of stating research problems and proposing approaches to solving problems in research and professional practice.

Students can study at different universities of European Union countries in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

The acquired knowledge and skills will enable graduates to take up their own research in literary studies, general and applied linguistics and continue knowledge and research skills' advancement by joining doctoral studies programme.

### Career opportunities

The MA degree in English Philology enables the graduates to have a number of job opportunities at institutions of secondary and higher education, public administration agencies, non-governmental organizations, the EU structures, the publishing industry, mass media, translation and terminology centres.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree, or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:

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## European Studies

Degree to be achieved	Master of Social Sciences in European Studies
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. <b>Tatjana Muravska</b> ( <i>Tatjana.Muravska@lu.lv</i> )
Coordinator of the Programme	<b>Romāns Putāns</b> ( <i>Romans.Putans@lu.lv</i> )

This inter-disciplinary academic programme offers students the possibility to study European economic, political and legal matters, to acquire a deeper knowledge of European integration process and to analyse EU functional principles, procedures and major policies beyond disciplinary boundaries. It allows specialisation in EU law, trade, energy issues, migration, regional and social dimensions and external relations. The programme provides studies in international environment of wide linguistic and cultural diversity. High level national and international academics and EU practitioners with extensive experience in the relevant areas from Latvia, the EU institutions, partner universities in Europe and overseas comprise the teaching staff of the programme. The programme offers intensive study tours to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and Luxembourg, a Double Degree Diploma with Manipal University in India, internships and exchange programmes at partner universities and research centres, French and Russian language courses, as well as an opportunity to participate in the EU-supported research projects. Programme modules: EU – Government and Institutions, European Economic Integration, EU Regional Policy and Social Dimension, EU Funds and Project Management, Economies of the Baltic States, EU External Policy, Research Methodology Seminar, Diplomatic and Legal French, Master Thesis. As of 2014 the specialization in European Union external relations in two sub-programmes is also available: 1) EU External Relations – Eastern Europe and Russia; 2) EU External Relations – Triple A countries (Latin and Northern America, Africa, Asia).

### Career opportunities

More than 500 graduates work at international, European and national public and private institutions, diplomatic services, in the spheres of communication, international journalism and lobbying at EU level, serve as political, economic and legal advisors, are employed by universities and research centres, continue studies in doctoral degree programmes with the option of an academic career.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. CV and motivation letter, which should include the applicant's intended subject of the master thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](mailto:apply.lu.lv)

## German Philology

Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Philology
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	German
Director of the Programme	Prof. <b>Ineta Balode</b> ( <i>Ineta.Balode@lu.lv</i> )
Coordinator of the Programme	<b>Inna Budoviča</b> ( <i>Inna.Budovica@lu.lv</i> )

German Philology is a modern master's programme developed according to the actual trends in German Linguistics and conducted in cooperation with the Ventspils University College. The programme comprises general philology study courses as elective field courses with one of the following specializations: Linguistics, Literary Theory, German Literature, Language and Literary Contacts in the Baltic Area. It is designed for students with German language proficiency and interest in German speaking countries as the prospective professional or research field. Students gain an in-depth knowledge of German language, literature and culture to be prepared for the professional career. Main course modules: Intercultural Linguistics, Intercultural Studies of Literature and Culture, Intercultural Communication Studies, Contacts and Contrasts of Languages and Cultures, Scientific Research Practice, Interdisciplinary Aspects. The programme lays great emphasis on cross-cultural discourse, which is consistent with the requirements set by the labor market. Highly-qualified professors, including guest lecturers and professors from Germany (e.g. University of Freiburg) and Sweden, ensure an interesting and qualitative study process. The programme also envisages students' mobility within the framework of Erasmus+ in the institutions of higher education of the European Union. The graduates may continue further studies in a doctoral degree programme in Latvia or abroad.

### Career opportunities

After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may work at secondary and higher education institutions, research centres, publishing houses and translation offices, public institutions or private business in Latvia, Germany, Austria or Switzerland.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in Humanities;
2. German language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:

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## International Business with Specialization in Export Management

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master's Degree in Business Administration, qualification "Head of Organization/Enterprise"
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. <b>Baiba Šavriņa</b> ( <a href="mailto:Baiba.Savrina@lu.lv">Baiba.Savrina@lu.lv</a> )
Coordinator of the Programme	<b>Astra Zalkalne</b> ( <a href="mailto:Astra.Zalkalne@lu.lv">Astra.Zalkalne@lu.lv</a> )

The study programme is designed to meet the versatile learning needs of business people and to address managerial issues relevant to doing business, also incorporating the necessary basics of business. The programme concentrates on more detailed aspects of international economics, marketing, management and finance. Degree requirements have been designed to provide practical knowledge and training for future business executives. This master's programme is an international study programme executed by University of Latvia in cooperation with foreign teaching staff. After the graduation it is possible to take doctorate studies.

### Career opportunities

The programme is oriented towards the preparation of higher-level managers for any sphere of activity, and all the necessary preconditions for a successful career in international business are created for anyone who has successfully completed the programme.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in economics, business administration, mathematics, computer sciences, physics, engineering or other related fields of social sciences;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. At least two years of professional experience in business or economics (detailed description of applicant's professional background must be included in the CV);
4. Pass of entrance examination.

More information:  
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[apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv)



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## Optometry

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master Degree in Clinical Optometry, qualification "Optometrist"
Duration and type of studies	2,5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Prof. <b>Ivars Lācis</b> ( <a href="mailto:Ivars.Lacis@lu.lv">Ivars.Lacis@lu.lv</a> )

The professional Master's programme Optometry offers multidisciplinary studies based on visual science and contemporary primary vision care. The professional qualification of the graduates meets the professional standard Optometrist.

Students of the programme acquire both professional skills in primary vision care (optometry) and academic knowledge in vision science.

The syllabus consists of professional (clinical) and scientific (experimental) subjects related to the evaluation, research and understanding of the human visual system. The programme includes the following: practical training (33%), medicine and physiology of vision (35%) and courses in the natural sciences and psychology.

The study programme (80 credit points) contains compulsory (part A), optional (part B), and practical courses. The practical training (internship) accounts for 26 credit points. Part A (66 credit points) includes specialization courses: General Medicine in Optometry, Eye Diseases and Pharmacotherapy, Contact Correction, Visual Perception Models, as well as a state examination and Master's thesis. Part B (14 credit points) contains clinical and experimental courses in optometry. The state examination accounts for two credit points and consists of a theoretical knowledge test in optometry and a practical examination in the evaluation of the patient's visual function and vision correction. The elaboration and defense of the Master's thesis is worth 20 credit points.

### Career opportunities

This programme prepares competitive graduates for Latvian and European labour markets.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor degree of Natural sciences in Optometry, or Bachelor degree in any related fields, where studies comprised mandatory courses in optometry. Applicants which do not hold a Bachelor degree in Optometry are obligated to take preparatory courses in amount of 22 credit points (33 ECTS);
2. English language proficiency (see page 42).

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## Orientalistics

Degree to be achieved

Type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Master of Humanities

2 years (full time)

120 ECTS

English

Director of the Programme

Doc. **Agita Baltgalve** ([Agita.Baltgalve@lu.lv](mailto:Agita.Baltgalve@lu.lv))

Coordinator of the Programme

Prof. **Frank Kraushaar** ([Frank.Kraushaar@lu.lv](mailto:Frank.Kraushaar@lu.lv))

This master's programme combines language and culture studies, which are closely related to the student's chosen language and region. Language practice and theoretical lessons are conducted by qualified specialists from Latvia, visiting professors and native-speaking language instructors (Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and Turkish).

The programme includes two specializations: Literature and Culture, History and Society; and three study modules: Japanese Language module, Sinology module, and Middle East module.

### Career opportunities

The graduates have knowledge and experience to work in cultural, educational, business and foreign affairs institutions and at universities in Latvia and abroad.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in humanities;
2. Japanese, Chinese, Arabic or Turkish language proficiency, which must be proved by a certificate on the achieved level of knowledge (intermediate, duration of 2 to 3 years or 700 hours, see page 42);
3. English language proficiency (see page 42).

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## Pedagogy with Specialization in Tertiary and Adult Education

Degree to be achieved	Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy
Type of studies	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Irēna Žogla ( <a href="mailto:Irena.Zogla@lu.lv">Irena.Zogla@lu.lv</a> )
Coordinator of the Programme	Dita Prēdele ( <a href="mailto:Dita.Predele@lu.lv">Dita.Predele@lu.lv</a> )

The target audience of the sub-programme Tertiary and Adult Education are students who currently are working or aim at preparing themselves for work in tertiary or/and adult further education. The programme follows the overarching target of pedagogy to investigate and suggest practical solutions of shifting teachers' and educators' profession from skill of facilitating, evaluating and recognizing the learners' knowledge to the competent ability of involving the learners into creating their knowledge, teaching to learn, understanding and developing critical thinking as a precondition for a successful educator of the 21st century. Therefore the mission of a programme designed for future educators is to provide the students opportunities for learning towards successful holding of the target competences and personal qualities.

Successful acquisition of the programme leads graduates to the award of an academic master's degree in pedagogy. After successful completion of the programme students can continue their studies and research in a doctoral degree programme of educational sciences.

### Career opportunities

This programme assures that students have been trained as specialized professionals to work in tertiary education and/or adult further education in all spheres of sciences and practice, and that students are also prepared to conduct classes and research in the above mentioned field of education.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent education from an institution of tertiary education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Motivation letter, which should include the applicant's intended subject of the master thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

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## Romance Languages and Culture Studies

Degree to be achieved

Type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Master of Humanities in Romance Studies

2 years (full time)

120 ECTS

French or Italian, or Spanish

Director of the Programme

Coordinator of the Programme

Prof. **Jeļena Vladimirska** ([Jelena.Vladimirska@lu.lv](mailto:Jelena.Vladimirska@lu.lv))

**Maija Krušņikova** ([Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv](mailto:Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv))

The programme of Romance Languages and Culture Studies provides an academic education in Romance field (French, Spanish, Italian languages) including a professional specialisation in culturology, language teaching and translation. Main study modules: French–Spanish–Italian languages; Romance area studies (French–Spanish–Italian literature, history of art, geography); courses for professional qualification (translation: French–Spanish–Italian); Applied Linguistics; Basics of Economics and Legal Science; Diplomacy and Politics in France, Spain and Italy. Graduates have the possibility to continue academic education in Latvia or abroad.

### Career opportunities

Graduates have the basis for a professional career in business, in government and international institutions and in non-governmental organizations. They may work in education and in different social areas (e.g. French, Spanish or Italian language, literature and culture researcher, lecturer, translator, interpreter, tour guide, expert of the language policy and terminology, adviser in Romance area countries matters e.g. geography, history, art, culture, politics and economics).

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. French, Italian, or Spanish language proficiency (see page 42).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information: [www.university.lv/studyprogrammes](http://www.university.lv/studyprogrammes), [apply.lu.lv](mailto:apply.lu.lv)



## Teacher

### Sub-programme: Teacher – Master's Degree in Education

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master's Degree in Education
Duration and type of studies	1 year (full time) or 1.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	60 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Assoc. prof. <b>Indra Odiņa</b> ( <a href="mailto:Indra.Odina@lu.lv">Indra.Odina@lu.lv</a> )

Sub-programme: Teacher – Master's Degree in Education gives the opportunity for teachers who already have higher professional education to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education by acquiring the module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Wellbeing and Coherent Development of Society". Based on research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Professional master's studies are oriented towards cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching activities and relate to personality development and professional career. Students deepen interdisciplinary understanding of the effective didactic approaches and improve skills of implementing them into educational practice to raise and solve problems connected with wellbeing and harmonised development in formal, non-formal and informal learning practice in the context of the local community and global education, and developing a Master's thesis connected with topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society. Sub-programme envisages learning assignments for the development of convergent and divergent thinking skills, as well as master's practice in research which students can do either in formal, non-formal or informal education institutions and communities of Latvia or abroad.

Students can participate in Erasmus+ exchange programmes in EU partner higher education institutions.

### Career opportunities

The graduates of the program can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in Doctoral programmes.

### Admission requirements

1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or comparable higher education) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Pass of the entrance examination, where applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview an applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

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## Teacher

### Sub-programme: Basic Education English Teacher

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master's Degree in Education, qualification "Basic Education English Teacher"
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Assoc. prof. <b>Indra Odiņa</b> ( <a href="mailto:Indra.Odina@lu.lv">Indra.Odina@lu.lv</a> )

Sub-programme – Basic Education English Teacher gives the opportunity to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education and the qualification of Basic Education English Teacher.

Students acquire the module of corresponding science courses (Content of the subject), subject teaching methodology and practice module and master module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Wellbeing and Coherent Development of Society".

During the studies students acquire phonetics of English, written English, spoken English, lexical grammatical analysis of English texts, English grammar for teachers, British studies, as well as theory and practice of the methods of teaching/learning foreign languages, modelling of English lessons and the use of Internet and modern technologies in English teacher's work. Based on research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Students have a possibility to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in formal, non-formal and informal teaching and master's research practice in the context of the local community and global education and developing a Master's thesis connected with topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society.

### Career opportunities

The graduates of the programme can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in Doctoral programmes.

### Admission requirements

1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or higher education that is comparable to this) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Pass of entrance examination, where applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview an applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

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## Teacher

### Sub-programme: Secondary Education English Teacher

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master's Degree in Education, qualification "Secondary Education English Teacher"
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director and Coordinator of the Programme	Assoc. prof. <b>Indra Odiņa</b> ( <a href="mailto:Indra.Odina@lu.lv">Indra.Odina@lu.lv</a> )

Sub-programme – Secondary Education English Teacher provides the opportunity to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education and the qualification of Secondary Education English Teacher. Students acquire the module of corresponding science courses (Content of the subject), subject teaching methodology and practice module and master module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Wellbeing and Coherent Development of Society".

During the studies a particular attention is paid to the qualitative acquisition and improvement of English, theory and practice of methods of teaching/learning foreign languages, modelling of English lessons. Students master language skills and strategies, foreign language in modern discourse, the use of information technologies in the work of the language teacher. Based on research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Students have a possibility to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in formal, non-formal and informal teaching and master's research practice in the context of the local community and global education and developing a Master's thesis connected with topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society.

#### Career opportunities

The graduates of the programme can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in Doctoral programmes.

#### Admission requirements

1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or higher education that is comparable to this) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 42);
3. Pass of entrance examination, where applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview an applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

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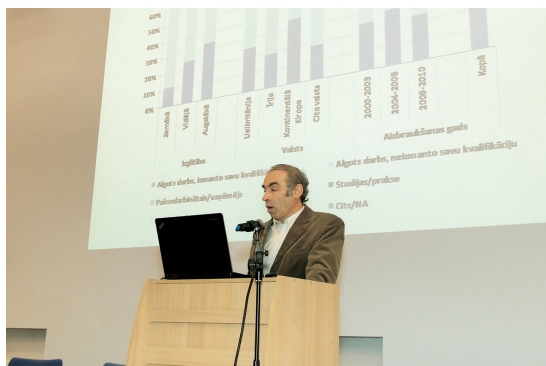
## DOCTORATE STUDIES

24 postgraduate doctorate study programmes conducted at University of Latvia aim at promoting scientific research career of the students who have attained a master's degree or a corresponding academic level. The doctoral degree programmes represent the scientific fields of biology, chemistry, computer science, communication science, demography, economics, educational management, environmental science, geography, geology, history, legal science, linguistics, management science, mathematics, medicine and pharmacy, pedagogy, political science, philology, philosophy, physics, astronomy and mechanics, psychology, sociology, theology and science of religions. The Management Science programme has 2 sub-fields: Public Administration and Business Management (with a particular module Global Management and Leadership taught in English).

The goal of doctorate programmes is to enhance the students' personal, professional and career development and to provide a broad set of skills in individual research and academic work. Postgraduate students from both Latvia and abroad may enroll for doctorate studies. Candidates should have a bachelor's and master's degree or other equivalent higher education comprising at least 5 years of studies at an accredited higher education institution. Full time doctorate studies comprising 3 years of study and 4 years of part time studies are available. EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

In addition, 18 doctoral schools have been established with the objective to train young researchers in various scientific fields, for example European integration and the Baltic Sea region studies, human capacity and lifelong learning in the context of diversity, international competitiveness of national economy, sustainable use of earth resources, research, modeling and improvement of mathematical methodology.

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## INTERNATIONAL VOICES

"First I had applied to Erasmus Mundus programme and after competitive selection I was chosen for University of Latvia. After my exchange studies I've decided to apply for full time studies in the Master degree study programme "European Studies". I'm focused on international relations, that's why the European studies master programme presented a great interest for me. The studies in University of Latvia is quite intensive, where you can take courses not only from your faculty. The programme gives you opportunities to travel in study trips a lot, which is unforgettable experience. During my studies I enjoyed multiculturalism, the possibility to travel around Europe, and of course met new friends. Staying in Latvia was a new step up in my life and inspired me for new beginnings."

**Asset Abuov**, Kazakhstan

Master degree programme "European Studies" graduate

"After finishing my school I decided to study Medicine and University of Latvia offered full degree Medicine studies in English. The most positive thing from my study and living experience in Latvia was the friends I got for my life. Six years in Riga was an experience itself. The Medicine studies went really fast and I enjoyed my time in Riga. Right now I am working as medical doctor in Finland and my plans for the future are to continue my professional work and soon I'll start my residency in internal diseases."

**Maija Hynninen**, Finland

Higher professional study programme "Medicine" graduate

"The first reason to choose UL was it is one of the oldest and largest universities in the Baltic States. Secondly, I could only find the suitable field of studies that I am interested at UL. Studies in UL are very well organized. The number of students in classrooms is not more than 15 students for graduate studies which makes the studies more comprehensive and valuable. Living in Riga is a wonderful experience. It is neither a small nor a very big city. Everything is easy to reach in Riga. I strongly recommend to choose Riga as your spot for either full time or exchange studies."

**Sedat Yildirim**, Turkey

Master degree programme "English Philology" graduate

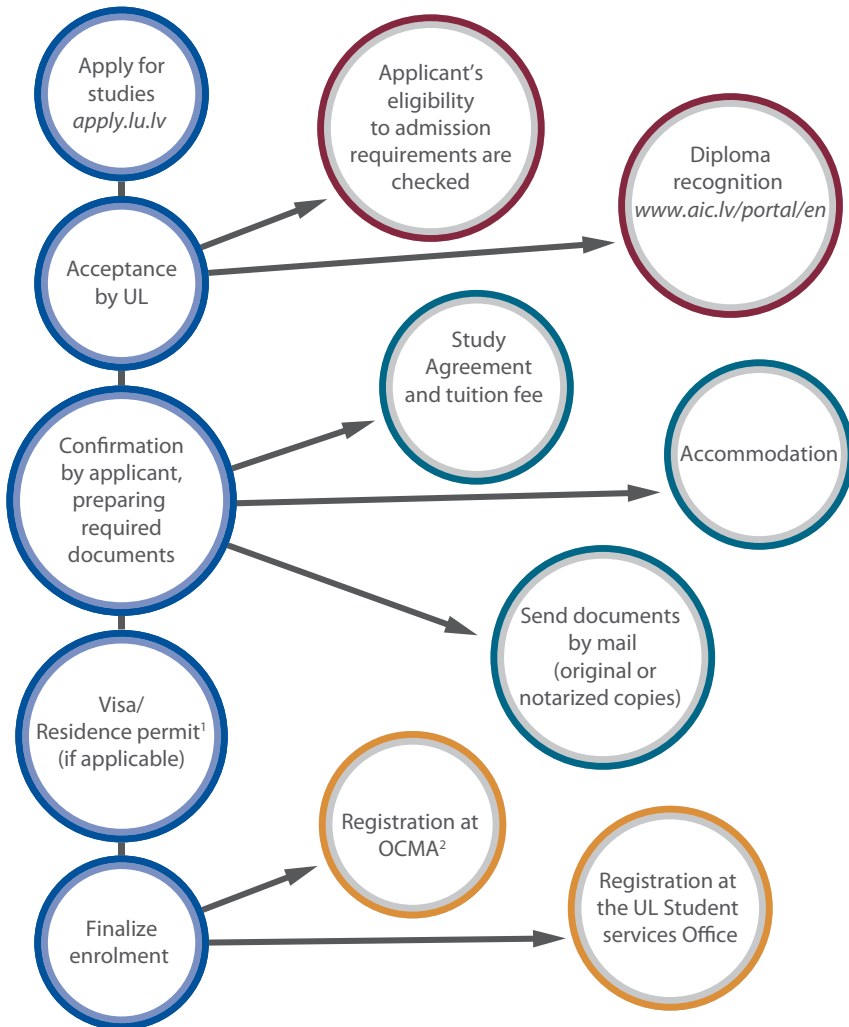
"I got a scholarship for making a Master in European Studies from my local government and I decided to do it Latvia. Price/quality balance is determinant since the UL offers good education at affordable prices. Professionally it helped me to develop and to achieve my passion of teaching. Personally, I met friends that will remain in my life and not only in my facebook account. My plans for the future after graduating is to make PHD here in Latvia and work as a tutor at the University of Latvia. My advice for the prospective international students is to overcome stereotypes and give a chance to Latvia to host you and help to develop (and bring a nice jacket for winter)."

**Javier Mendoza**, Spain

Master degree programme "European Studies" graduate



## Admission Procedure



<sup>1</sup> see page 45

<sup>2</sup> The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs

More information: [www.university.lu/degreestudies](http://www.university.lu/degreestudies)

## How to Apply

International undergraduate applicants for degree studies are required to have completed secondary high school education and must possess university entrance eligibility in their own country.

International postgraduate applicants for degree studies are required to have completed the bachelor's level education.

International doctoral degree applicants are required to have completed bachelor's and master's level education, comprising at least 5 years of full time studies.

International students should submit online application form at [apply.lu.lv](http://apply.lu.lv) with the following application documents:

1. Notarized copy of secondary high school diploma and grade transcript in original language (for undergraduate studies) or notarized copy of bachelor diploma and diploma supplement in original language (for postgraduate studies). Education documents (except documents issued in EU/EEA countries or Switzerland) must be legalized.
2. A certified translation of education documents in English or Latvian.
3. Document confirming that the applicant is proficient in the language of instruction (if necessary).
4. Copy of passport.
5. Application form.
6. One photo.
7. Copy of application fee payment receipt. Application fee is non-refundable and must be transferred to the UL bank account. For more information please visit [www.university.lv](http://www.university.lv)
8. Motivation letter (for the master's programme European Studies, Culture and Social Anthropology, Teacher and Pedagogy).
9. Curriculum Vitae (for master's programmes International Business with specialization in Export Management, Educational Treatment of Diversity, European Studies, Culture and Social Anthropology and Teacher).
10. Medical report and copy of entire vaccination document about Hepatitis B and TD Tetanus/ Diphtheria vaccinations (for Higher Professional Study programme Medicine).



## Application Deadline

The application should be submitted on system until:

- August 1 (EU/EEA citizens)
- July 1 (EU/EEA citizens who can compete for a state-financed study place)
- June 15 (citizens of other countries not requiring Visa)
- May 15 (other countries)

## Finance

More information on tuition fees of the programme of your interest is available here:  
[www.university.lv/degreestudies](http://www.university.lv/degreestudies)

In accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation in education and science, the State Education Development Agency (SEDA) offers scholarships to students, researchers and teaching staff of several countries for studies in Latvian higher education institutions (HEIs). More information: [www.viaa.gov.lv](http://www.viaa.gov.lv)

ERASMUS MUNDUS Partnerships between European and third country higher education institutions include scholarships and fellowships for mobility at all academic levels (undergraduate, master, doctorate, postdoctorate and staff).

More information: International Relations Department, [ad@lu.lv](mailto:ad@lu.lv)



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## Language Proficiency

If English or other foreign language required by the specific programme is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in it, you must present the results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see below) or a minimum grade 6 (almost good) in 10 – point scale indicated in the secondary/high school/bachelor diploma transcript to prove the language proficiency. For master's degree programmes "English Philology" and "Romance Languages and Culture Studies" a minimum grade is 7 (good).

The University of Latvia accepts the following internationally recognized language tests:

### English language tests

TOEFL IBT: score of at least 53 for bachelor's level programmes in humanities; at least 80 for other bachelor's level programmes, programme Medicine and master's level programmes

TOEFL PBT: score of at least 480 for bachelor's level programmes in humanities; at least 550 for other bachelor's level programmes, programme Medicine and master's level programmes

IELTS: score of at least 4.5 for bachelor's level programmes in humanities; at least 6 for other bachelor's level programmes, programme Medicine and master's level programmes

CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English): satisfactory pass for all bachelor's and master's level programmes

FCE (First Certificate in English): satisfactory pass for all bachelor's level programmes in humanities; at least grade A for other bachelor's level programmes, programme Medicine and master's level programmes

CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English): satisfactory pass for all bachelor's and master's level programmes

PTE General (Pearson Test of English): at least B2 level for all bachelor's and master's level programmes; at least level C1 for master's degree programme English Philology

### French language tests

DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française): at least B2 level

DALF (Diplôme approfondi de langue française): at least C1 level

TCF (Test de connaissance du français): at least 400 points

TEF (Test d'Évaluation du Français): at least 541 points

### German language tests

DSD (Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kulturministerkonferenz): at least level 2

DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang): at least level 2

TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache): at least level 4 in all test sections

KDS (Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom): satisfactory pass

GDS (Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom): satisfactory pass

ZOP (Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung): satisfactory pass

Goethe – Zertifikat: at least level B2 for bachelor's degree programme German Philology



**Spanish language tests**

DELE (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language): at least B2 level

**Italian language tests**

CILS (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera dell'Università per Stranieri di Siena): at least B2 level

CELI (Certificato di Conoscenza della Lingua Italiana (Perugia)): at least B2 level

PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri): satisfactory pass

**Chinese language test**

HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi): at least Level 4

**Japanese language test**

JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test): at least level N3

**Arabic and Turkish language test**

TELC (European Language Certificates): at least level B1

**Latvian language certificates**

Certificate of the National Language issued by the State Education Centre of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia: at least level A2

Certificate issued by the Language Centre of the University of Latvia minimum grade: 4 (almost satisfactory)



## International Student Advisor

Student Services ensures centralized service and support to both local and international UL students, informs on study possibilities, process and regulations, scholarships and study loans, social matters, assists in residence permit and visa procedures. It is responsible for the enrolment of prospective students at UL and for their accommodation.

### Contacts

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## Visa and Residence Permit

Students are advised to read carefully the information on how to apply for the residence permit on the UL website: [www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas](http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas).

Decisions about visa and residence permits issuance are made by the Office of Citizenship and Migration affairs (OCMA) [www.pmlp.gov.lv/en](http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en).

It is students' own responsibility to prepare all the necessary application documents.

### A) Citizens of EU, EEA and Switzerland

Degree students, who are Union citizens and reside in the Republic of Latvia for longer than 90 days, counting from the first day of entry, shall register at the OCMA and receive a registration certificate: [www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas](http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas).

### B) Citizens from Visa-Free countries

There are several countries (besides EU, EEA and Switzerland) whose citizens do not need visa to enter Latvia and can reside in the Schengen area not longer than 90 days within a half year. Please, see the list of Visa-free countries here: [www.am.gov.lv/en/service/4714](http://www.am.gov.lv/en/service/4714). In case a student stays longer than 90 days starting from the first day of arrival within a half year, he or she has to apply for the residence permit at the OCMA.

### Checklist:

- 1) Receive the invitation number for residence permit from your University coordinator on the arrival in Latvia;
- 2) Arrange the meeting at the OCMA (phone: +371 67829750);
- 3) Present a passport (valid at least 3 months after departing from Latvia) and submit application documents at OCMA. Please, see the list of documents here: [www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas](http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas);
- 4) Receive the decision on the residence permit issuance after 45 days (it's possible to speed up the process for extra fee, see page 46);
- 5) Arrange a meeting at the OCMA (phone: +371 67829750) and withdraw the residence permit by presenting the passport, a life and health insurance policy which is valid in Latvia and a copy of statement on fluorography or x-ray results (original must be presented) issued by a competent institution in Latvia. State fees for issuance of residence permit card in 10 working days – EUR 14.23 or in 2 working days – EUR 28.46 (State fee may be paid only with payment card).

## C) Other nationals

After the invitation (prepared from UL coordinator) is approved at the OCMA:

- Bachelor degree students are obligated to apply for the residence permit at the Embassy of Latvia in their country of residence;
- Master and Doctoral degree seeking students may enter Latvia with a visa and submit the documents for residence permit on the arrival in Riga.

List of all Embassies of Latvia around the world: [www.mfa.gov.lv/en/mission](http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/mission)

The following students are advised to contact the coordinator at UL:

- 1) If there is no Embassy of Latvia in your country of residence;
- 2) If you are a citizen of a country that requires visa to enter Latvia, however, you have a valid residence permit in one of the Schengen countries.

There is an option that UL coordinator submits the documents for the residence permit in person at the OCMA, but it isn't possible for all countries. Please, consult the coordinator on the eligible countries. Then student needs to send all required documents (originals or notarized copies) for residence permit to coordinator of the University of Latvia via regular or express mail. More information: [www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas](http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas)

## Extension of Residence Permit

A residence permit is normally granted for one year at a time. Extension of a residence permit must be done before the existing residence permit expires. Please, be aware that the extension procedure of a residence permit takes up to 3 months. It is advisable to inform UL coordinator at least 3 months before residence permit expires to get a new invitation for extension. Residence permit is free of charge if student applies at least 45 days before it expires, otherwise state fee applies (see prices below). You are entitled to stay in Latvia while the residence permit is being processed.

Prices for examination of the documents for requesting a temporary residence permit:

- Within 30 days EUR 71.14
- Within 10 working days EUR 213.43
- Within 5 working days EUR 355.72





## Students' Council

The UL Students' Council is the representative body for UL students. It protects their rights and interests. The Council holds several events, among which the biggest is the annual freshman celebration "Aristotle" at the end of August/beginning of September. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Students' Council implemented the Culture Exchange Programme to bring international students together with local students.

## Culture Exchange Programme

The main objective of the Culture Exchange Programme (CEP) is to promote stronger amity between Latvian and foreign students by introducing them to unique aspects of foreign cultures.

CEP offers an unforgettable cultural cocktail. Throughout the programme you will meet students from all over the world, who will educate you about their cuisine, national art and music. The Culture Exchange Programme lasts for three months in each semester and is completely free of charge. Meetings are usually held twice a month.

You will have a wonderful time together with interesting people and also a chance to acquire important contacts for future adventures beyond the programme borders. In addition, CEP is a great opportunity to improve your knowledge of foreign languages.

## Accommodation

The University of Latvia provides accommodation in two dormitories, which are located outside the city centre (approx. 15 min by trolleybus). *Prima Hostel* offers single, double and triple rooms (100-270 EUR per month). *Reznas Student Hotel* offers double rooms for 100 EUR per month. If you do not want to stay at the University's dormitory, you should look for private housing on your own and it is advisable to do so beforehand.

More information: [www.university.lv/accommodation](http://www.university.lv/accommodation)

## Culture

Social life at the University of Latvia is in full swing. You can obtain both knowledge and education and also grow as a personality. The main organizer of arts and cultural life is *Juventus*, the cultural, artistic and educational creative society of the UL. The foundation was established in 1993 and is successfully engaged in cultural processes within the country and abroad. Students are welcome to take part in more than 19 different amateur groups, including choirs, dance groups, wind ensemble, early music ensemble, the chamber orchestra, the student's theatre group, the ceramics studio and others. The amateur groups take part in various festivals, charity events and competitions, and they have won both locally and internationally recognized awards.

## Sports

The sports life at the UL is organized by the UL Sports Centre, which offers more than 10 different indoor or outdoor sport disciplines. Students may train both professionally or just for general fitness. Each year students are welcome to compete for the University's Cup and enjoy the Athletics Day, aerobics festival, streetball tournament etc. If you like football (soccer), you are welcome to join the International students' football team «ET».

## Radio of UL

Radio Naba [www.naba.lv](http://www.naba.lv) is non-commercial University's radio station (NABA 95.8FM), established in 2002. This is reflected not only in the alternative music it plays, but also in the wide variety of original shows it broadcasts. These shows provide their listeners with a view of a wide range of musical genres, art and culture. NABAKLAB is the music club which was founded in 2009 and, similarly to Radio Naba, also represents non-commercial music. The authors of various Radio Naba programmes and the club's guest artists participate in the events of NABAKLAB offering musical, poetry, literature, theatre and cinema nights, exhibitions and fashion shows, creative lectures and workshops.



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