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The University of Latvia – it is Science-Based Higher Education

In contemporary society, education is 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 plain truth that a good job and a happy family are the fulfillment of life. Find a field of interest to succeed in, and you will become acknowledged professionals, besides, you will achieve not only financial comfort but also satisfaction and enjoyment.

Today, universities are more than just higher education establishments. All over the world they are the centres where science, high technologies and every nation's intellectual potential – the brightest minds – are concentrated.

For the University of Latvia, these last twenty years have been very dynamic, marked by integration into the international higher education and science system and returning to the global academic community. The UL has focused on developing its education and research processes. Academic excellence and work effectiveness are now and in the future will be one of our top priorities. In order to achieve this, the UL is committed to become one of the leading research universities in Eastern Europe and a centre of excellence in specific scientific fields in Europe and the world. We can be proud that already now more than half of Latvia's science is manifested at the University of Latvia, but in the years to come research must become an integral part of all studies.

Choose the University of Latvia – the only classical university in Latvia – as a place to study, and you will enter an intellectually challenging environment, where the students discover exciting journey of knowledge, where the lecturers are internationally renowned Latvian scientists, enthusiasts of their field. You will be among soul-mates and gain friends for life, work hard in lectures, seminars and labs, and enjoy creative pastime activities. Make the right decision!



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Latvia in Brief

Founded	November 18, 1918
Population	2 041 763
Area	64 589 sq.km
Time zone	GMT+2 (as Helsinki, Vilnius, Athens)
Member of EU	Since 2004
Ethnic groups	Latvians, Russians, Belarussians, Ukrainians, Poles, Lithuanians etc.
Currency	EUR (Member of the Eurozone from January 2014)

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

Riga is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. With 658 640 inhabitants, Riga 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 will be the European Capital of Culture in 2014. More information: 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 15 000 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 134 bilateral agreements worldwide and more than 600 agreements with 363 institutions in 31 European countries within the ERASMUS Programme. Both incoming and outgoing exchange students use one of the available student mobility agreements: ERASMUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS (Join EU-SEE, TRIPLE I, Mover, Aurora), CAMPUS EUROPAE, ISEP, bilateral agreements, and agreements between countries.

More information at 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



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 Vjaceslavs Kascejevs 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 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 as well as to other libraries – the Latvian Academic Library, the Latvian National Library, the Latvian Medical Library, the Patent and Technology Library, the Library of the Stradins University of Riga and the Science Library of Riga Technical University.



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 38);
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



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

Director of the Programme
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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 Chinese and Classical Chinese, (3) Indian and Indonesian Culture with Hindi and Sanskrit or with the Indonesian Language, (4) Middle East Culture with Arabic or Turkish Languages. There is also a possibility to study the Korean language instead of the aforementioned language sub-programmes.

The language courses are delivered by native speakers. The bachelor's programme is targeted on maintaining the continuity of the research work in Asian studies and hence, aims at ensuring the quality of knowledge and skills needed to pursue further professional or academic studies at MA level.

Career opportunities

Graduates can apply for work at schools and universities, business and culture fields.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 38).

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



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
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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 specialisation 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 38);
3. Grades in Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry), Chemistry and Physics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information: www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



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
of the Programme

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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 38);
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



Culture 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
of the Programme

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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 hold 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 38).

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 and
www.antropologija.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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Coordinator of the Programme

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The programme offers the courses of English (English-English module) and of Scandinavian studies (for full time students: English-Danish, English-Swedish or English-Norwegian). All students master the courses focusing on the core areas of English Philology: Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture, e.g., Basics of Translation Theory, English Normative Phonetics and Phonology, Integrated Text Analysis, English Literature of Classicism and Enlightenment, Modernism and Postmodernism. The students of the English-English module also have the courses in, e.g., British, USA or Canadian Cultural Studies, English Language Learning and Teaching Methodologies, and study another foreign language (French, Spanish, German, or Italian). As of semester 6, the Russian language can be chosen. The students of the Scandinavian module gain an in-depth knowledge of a Scandinavian language, culture and literature. In the third year, the students specialize either in Linguistics, acquiring knowledge of, e.g., EU Institutional and Project Management Discourse, Creative Writing, or in Literature and Culture (e.g., Introduction to Visual and Film Studies, Realism in American Literature). The graduates may pursue further studies in the master's programme English Philology or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

The graduates are qualified to make 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 38).

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



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

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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 38), 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:

www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



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 38).

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



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

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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 analyse 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 38);
3. Grades in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information: www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



Modern Languages and Business Studies

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 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. The programme provides cultural studies through such courses as Intercultural Communication, Intercultural Business Relations, business studies through the basic management studies as well as EU and international market specific study courses. The students will be 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.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 38);
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: www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



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 Lacis** (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 labor markets.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 38);
3. Grade in Mathematics must be no less than 4 in a 10 point grading system.

More information: www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



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. Valdis Muktupavels (Valdis.Muktupavels@lu.lv)
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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 providing equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 38).

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



Culture 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 of the Programme	Doc. Aivita Putnina (Aivita.Putnina@lu.lv)

The programme offers an outstanding opportunity to acquire analytical tools with which 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, 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 hold 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.

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 38);
3. Pass of entrance examination by submitting a written 1 page essay/motivation letter and CV, as well as participating in an entrance interview 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 and www.antropologija.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. Ilze Ivanova (Ilze.Ivanova@lu.lv)

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 38).

More information:

www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



Educational Treatment of Diversity

Degree to be achieved	Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English or Spanish
Director of the Programme	Prof. Irina Maslo (Irina.Maslo@lu.lv)
Coordinator of the Programme	Manuel Fernandez Gonzales (Manuel.Fernandez@lu.lv)

The Joint Master's Programme was created in 2007 by four universities - National University of Distance Education, Charles University, University of Latvia and Ludwigsburg University of Education. The target audience is applicants who work or will work in education or other areas involving people with diverse needs. The studies enable the students to manage their own time, to study in a new interactive way; to learn about other countries currently facing issues in pedagogy and education; to combine studies with work; to use ICT in the learning process; taking advantage of online study materials, for example, to study real-world applications; to improve their daily practice and expand their knowledge and skills; to study in the international learning environment – the e-environment, which will make it possible to study independently while also communicating with others via common forums and chat rooms (collaborative learning), and to share the experience of diverse pedagogic approaches.

Career opportunities

Graduates are able to work on pedagogical solutions focusing on the people with disabilities, to adapt their own workplace to diverse needs, to promote various projects and actively apply the knowledge, skills, and competence in carrying out their ideas, programmes, and plans in practice.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of professional or academic education from an institution of higher education comprising studies of at least 180 ECTS;
2. English and/or Spanish language proficiency (see page 38);
3. Pass of the entrance examination, where applicants will be called to an interview to discuss their submitted CV and motivation for applying for the programme. The interview covers academic as well as professional experience, and the current situation in their chosen field of research work.

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

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

Assoc. prof. **Solveiga Ozolina** (Solveiga.Ozolina@lu.lv)
Maija Krusnikova (Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv)

The main goal of the study programme is to develop the competences of conducting independent research in the selected sub-branch of philology on the basis of acquired knowledge and skills. The objectives of the programme are to ensure that students broaden and systematize the acquired knowledge about the content, methodology, major theories and current research in literature, general and applied linguistics, develop awareness of implementing theories in practice, acquire research work skills, foster generic and subject-specific competences and apply them in research work and professional practice. Students develop the ability to formulate, do a summative analysis of the developmental tendencies in linguistics, literary studies and language acquisition, and the ability to state research problems and propose approaches to solving problems. Upon successful completion of the programme, MA degree holders will be able to conduct independent research in issues related to general linguistics, applied linguistics and literature both in Latvia as well as on the international level and to continue to advance their knowledge and research skills in the doctorate studies.

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 38).

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



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. Tatjana Muravska (<i>Tatjana.Muravska@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Ilona Ozolina (<i>Ilona.Ozolina@lu.lv</i>)

This inter-disciplinary academic programme offers students the possibility to study European economic, political and legal matters, to acquire 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. 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. The programme offers intensive study tours to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and Luxembourg, specialisation modules on the EU external relations with Eastern Europe and Russia -or- EU-Asia, Americas and Africa, a Double Degree Diploma with Manipal University in India, internships and exchange programmes at partner universities and research centres, French and Russian language courses, Ph.D. studies.

Career opportunities

More than 500 graduates work at international, European and national public and private institutions, diplomatic services, in the area of communication, international journalism and lobbying at EU level, serve as political, economic and legal advisors, 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 38);
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

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. Ineta Balode (<i>Ineta.Balode@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Inna Budovica (<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 38).

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



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. Baiba Savrina (Baiba.Savrina@lu.lv)
Coordinator of the Programme	Astra Zalkalne (Astra.Zalkalne@lu.lv)

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 38);
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:

www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



International Migration and Social Cohesion

Degree to be achieved	Joint Master's Degree in International Migration and Social Cohesion
Duration and type of studies	2 years (full time)
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Coordinator of the Programme	Assoc. prof. Baiba Bela (Baiba.Bela@lu.lv)

This Joint European Master's Programme offers unique opportunity to study international migration in three European countries. The programme seeks to explore the critical elements of international migration and the incorporation of immigrants in the society of destination. Its aim is to educate students in advanced theories, techniques, and methodologies in the field of migration studies. Students will be able to translate perceived societal problems into relevant social scientific research questions and contribute to the solution of such problems by combining insights from fundamental social theory joined with substantive theories.

The Erasmus Mundus Joint European Master in International Migration and Social Cohesion is offered by the University of Amsterdam's Graduate School of Social Sciences, in collaboration with European partners in Spain, Ireland, Latvia, Germany and third-country partners from Moldova, Canada or Peru.

The programme also offers Erasmus Mundus Student and Scholar Scholarships. Graduates have the possibility to continue academic education in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

Graduates can apply for work at international research companies, scientific institutes, NGOs, and government institutions with an emphasis on migration issues.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in Social Sciences (closely related to sociology, social/cultural anthropology, political science, and (human) geography).
2. Students with degrees in other Social Sciences, International Relations and International Development and/or students who have at least 60 ECTS in Social Sciences Methodology and Theory may also apply.

More information about application procedure and requirements can be found here: www.misoco.org



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)

Coordinator of the Programme

Prof. **Franks Kraushars** (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 38);
3. English language proficiency (see page 38).

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



Pedagogy

Degree to be achieved

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

Director of the Programme

Prof. **Irena Zogla** (Irena.Zogla@lu.lv)

Coordinator of the Programme

Dita Predele (Dita.Predele@lu.lv)

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 38);
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.

More information:

www.university.lv/studyprogrammes



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

Prof. **Jelena Vladimirska** (*Jelena.Vladimirska@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Maija Krusnikova (*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 38).

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



Teacher

Degree to be achieved

Type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Director and Coordinator
of the Programme

Professional Master's Degree in Education

1 year (full time) or 1.5 years (part time)

60 ECTS

English

Assoc. prof. **Indra Odina** (indra.odina@lu.lv)

The aim of the Teacher professional master's study programme is to ensure critically reflective understanding of education and pedagogical activity to facilitate welfare and consistent development of society as well as competence of implementing it in professional practice. Students develop professional skills in connection to labour market and global social needs, and apply it in critically reflective professional practice. Programme educates the fifth-level teacher professional qualification specialists thus facilitating their competitiveness in the changing local and global socioeconomic conditions. The programme promotes integrated studies of the foreign language and course content, interdisciplinary approach; facilitating link of the anticipated results with the professional specialisation of the students; integration of didactics and improving the research skills and managing learners' research process and works. It is based on students' previous education and experience, practice at educational institutions and characteristics and needs of the changing target audience. The programme gives the chance to the teachers who already have higher professional education to obtain a professional master's degree in education.

Career opportunities:

After successful completion of the programme the graduates may work at secondary and higher education institutions, research centres, non-governmental organisations, government and private institutions, the EU structures and will have an opportunity to continue their studies in the PhD programmes – Education Management and Pedagogy – both in Latvia and abroad.

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 38);
3. Pass of entrance examination, where applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview a motivation letter explaining their choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years must be presented.

More information: www.university.lv/studyprogrammes

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 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.

More information: www.university.lv/doctoralstudies



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 is 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

1. Choose the degree you wish to apply for and consult the entrance requirements for the specific programme.
2. Prepare your application by filling out the application form available online on UL Web page and attach the necessary enclosures according to the application and entrance requirements. The application should reach the University of Latvia before May 15/November 15 (for EU/EEA/Swiss citizens – please see the exact deadlines on our Web page).
3. You will receive a standard confirmation mail of your application having been successfully submitted. If the application is complete, it is sent for degree verification as soon as possible. If the application is incomplete, the international student advisor will send an email to the applicant asking for the required documentation with a deadline for submitting the missing documents.
4. You will receive a letter of acceptance or rejection sent to the email address indicated in the application form.
5. The successful applicant must confirm the offered study place and make a reservation at UL student dormitory by sending an electronically filled-out booking form.
6. Before arrival you will receive an admission package with important information. Non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens will also receive relevant documents regarding application for a residence permit.
7. During the registration week students register at the University, participate in orientation meetings and apply for the student ID and other services.

More information: www.university.lv/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 and/or send by regular mail to UL Student Services 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. Two passport-size photos.
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
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 reach the University of Latvia before:

Autumn intake – May 15

Spring intake – November 15

Deadlines for EU/EEA/Swiss citizens - please see the exact deadlines on our Web page www.university.lv/degreestudies

Finance

More information on tuition fees of the programme of your interest is available here: 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

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). The applications will be open in the following projects:

AURORA – Towards Modern and Innovative Higher Education II Project for students from Russian Federation;

AESOP – A European and South African Partnership on Heritage and Past for students from South Africa.

More information: International Relations Department, ad@lu.lv



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 satisfactory grade indicated in the secondary high school/bachelor diploma transcript to prove the language proficiency.

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

DELFL (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

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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Registration Certificate (EU/EEA/Swiss Citizens)

Citizens of European Union, European Economic Area States and the Swiss Confederation, who wish to reside in the Republic of Latvia for longer than 90 days within 6 months shall register at the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs and receive a residence permit (national ID).

Residence Permit (Non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens)

Citizens who may enter the Republic of Latvia without a visa

Upon a positive admission decision, the University arranges an invitation for a residence permit at the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA). When the OCMA has accepted the invitation, the student has to submit the documents to apply for a residence permit either at the Embassy of Latvia in the respective country or, within 90 days as of the first entry, at the OCMA in Riga. The residence permit procedure takes over 40 days.

Citizens who may not enter the Republic of Latvia without a visa

After a positive admission decision, the University arranges an invitation for a residence permit at the OCMA. When the OCMA has accepted the invitation, the student has to submit the documents to apply for a residence permit at the Embassy of Latvia in the respective country.

Exceptions

If the student has a residence permit valid in any of the Schengen countries, she/he is entitled to submit the documents at the Embassy of Latvia located in a Schengen country or at the OCMA in Riga.

Master, doctorate and residency students may arrive with a Schengen visa and, while the visa is valid, submit the documents for the residence permit at the OCMA in Riga within 90 days as of the first day of entry. In this case the University of Latvia submits the invitation for the issuance of a Schengen visa. The residence permit procedure takes over 40 days.



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 Couple learning programme to bring international students together with local students.

Couple Learning Programme

Join the informal learning programme organized by the Students' Council of the University of Latvia, in which a Latvian student will teach you the local language and culture of Latvia, while you will teach him/her your native language. The program's aim is to foster mutual relationships among international and local students. The duration of the programme: 3 months. And the best part is – it's free of charge.

More information: www.clp.lv

Buddy Programme

The University of Latvia together with Erasmus Student Network (ESN) provides international students with Latvian buddies (mentors), who can give assistance to international students with adaptation to the new study environment and some practical advice about everyday life in Latvia. ESN buddies are regular students of the University of Latvia, who are willing to help newcomers on a voluntary basis.



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 (90-260 EUR per month). *Reznas Student Hotel* offers double rooms for 85 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

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 is non-commercial University's radio station (NABA 93.1 FM), 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. The rector of the University of Latvia Marcis Auzins has been selected as the patron of NABAKLAB.



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