

ABOUT THE FACULTY

Academic staff, visiting lecturers

The Faculty employs an academic staff of 195, including 3 full members of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, 8 corresponding members, 5 emeritus scientists of Latvian Academy of Science, 19 professors, 26 associate professors, 20 docents, 4 guest professors.

The required study courses are taught at various faculties and institutes of the University of Latvia as well as the Faculty of Medicine's departments and hospital clinics:

- Riga East University Hospital
- Pauls Stradins Clinical University Hospital
- Children's Clinical University Hospital
- The 1st Hospital of Riga
- Latvian Maritime Medicine Centre
- Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics
- Riga Maternity Hospital
- Riga Psychiatry and Narcology Centre
- General practitioners

Programmes for foreign students are generally conducted in English. However, students must learn Latvian before commencing clinical subjects in the 3rd year of studies in order to have a successful contact with patients. Upon completion of the programmes, students are awarded a Medical Doctor degree.

The Medical Doctor degree allows entering a medical residency and/or proceeding with PhD studies.

The students' workload is measured in credits. 60 ECTS credits represent one year of full-time studies. The grading scale is from 1 (very poor) to 10 (with a distinction).

Programmes are re-accredited every 6 years. Accreditation in compliance with legal acts of the Republic of Latvia is performed by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.

International Collaboration

EU citizens can participate in the ERASMUS+ programme. Faculty of Medicine has cooperation agreements with following universities:

Karolinska Institute (Sweden), The University of Helsinki (Finland), The University of Florence (Italy), The University of Tartu (Estonia), The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), The University of Coimbra (Portugal), Utrecht University (the Netherlands), The University of Göttingen (Germany), The Medical University of Plovdiv (Bulgaria), The University of Bari (Italy), Università degli Studi del Molise (Italy), Universidad de Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (Italy), Università degli Studi di Cagliari (Italy), Palacky University Olomouc (Czech), Sofia Medical University (Bulgaria), Medical University of Lublin (Slovenia), Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy), Università degli Studi di Foggia (Italy), Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy), Vilnius University (Lithuania).

STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Wireless Internet access is available to the students and staff members in all facilities of the University of Latvia via portable workstations (usernames and passwords are issued by the University).

Each student receives a University e-mail address and access to the computers in computer labs and libraries of every faculty. Depending on availability, international students can apply for a place at the dormitories. For more information regarding dormitories, please visit the link: www.university.lv.

The University portal www.university.lv provides the latest information about current events, news, opportunities, research and new developments related to higher education in Latvia. Authorised users can customise the appearance of the portal and gain access to all of the University's e-resources at a single location.

The University radio station NABA boasts 70 DJs, broadcasting the best music and over 40 exciting original programmes twenty-four hours a day.

Students can join any of the various amateur performance groups – mixed choirs *Juventus*, *Minjona*, *Latve*, *Dziedonis*, *Dziesmuvara*, the Fraternity Choir "PKVK", the early music ensemble *Canto*, the male vocal ensemble *Dancis*, dance groups *Dancis*, *Dancitis*, *Senā Daile*, the Students' Theatre, the Chamber Orchestra, the folk dance group *Dandari* and the applied folk art workshop *Vāpe*.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, CONTACTS

Admission is based on the applicant's:

- General secondary education diploma
- English language proficiency
- Positive grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Natural Sciences

For more information please visit
www.university.lv
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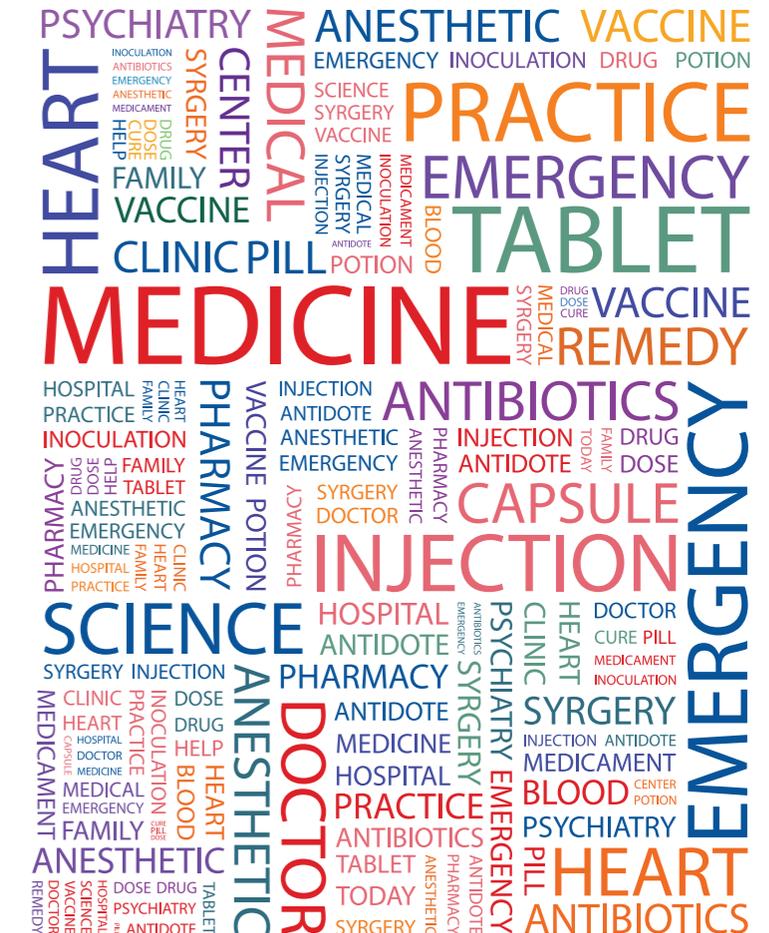
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THE UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA – IT IS SCIENCE-BASED HIGHER EDUCATION

The last days of school are the time when one has to make a choice of whether to study, what to study, and, of course, where to study. This is the first independent choice each adult makes after graduating from high school. It is probably the most important choice in life, as it affects the future course of our lives, and a mistake here is hardly to be forgiven.



In today's 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 is the fulfilment of life. Choose a field of interest, one you succeed in, and you will become acknowledged professionals; besides, you will achieve not only material comfort but also satisfaction and enjoyment.

Choose the University of Latvia – the only classical university in Latvia – as a place to study your selected profession, and you will enter an intellectually rich environment where students discover the exciting realms of knowledge and where the lecturers, internationally renowned Latvian scientists, are true enthusiasts of their field. You will be among soulmates and gain friends for life, ones who can not only work hard in lectures, seminars and labs but also enjoy creative pastime activities. Make the right choice!

Professor Mārcis Auziņš
Rector of the University of Latvia

FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

Faculty of Medicine of the University of Latvia was established on September 28, 1919 and renovated on December 29, 1997. The Faculty of Medicine admits 450 to 800 new students each year, and currently there are over 1700 students enrolled. Along with some of the most distinguished Latvian experts in the field of medicine, there are also many young and talented lecturers employed by the Faculty. In addition, the Faculty's academic staff is frequently joined by guest lecturers from Sweden, Germany and the United States of America.



The Faculty's programmes in the areas of medicine, dentistry, nursing and pharmacy are very up-to-date, and their development is based on the latest scientific achievements combined with the Scandinavian experience. All the study programmes of the Faculty of Medicine are accredited and consistent with the standards of the European Union. The teaching languages are Latvian and English. Each one of these programmes has received the highest rating during the national study programme evaluation process carried out by the Council of Higher Education and was deemed to be highly sustainable.

Practical classes and field practice are crucial components of the studying process, thus they commence as early as the 3rd semester of studies and are carried out in the leading clinics and medical facilities of Riga. In the field of research, a wide collaboration with scientific institutions in Latvia provides an opportunity for the students to cement their academic knowledge and motivates them to take an in-depth approach to applied science.

Each year the European Union citizens studying at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Latvia can participate in the EU educational exchange programme ERASMUS+ and spend from 3 months up to a full academic year at a college or university in any other EU member state.

Professor Ingrida Rumba-Rozenfelde
Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
Corresponding Member, Latvian Academy of Sciences

MEDICINE

A 6-year professional higher education programme in Medicine (360 ECTS credit points) for obtaining a Medical Doctor Degree. It is consistent with the EU standards that regulate medical education and allows to work in medical institutions throughout Europe. The graduates are eligible to continue their studies in medical residency, work under the supervision of a certified physician and apply for PhD studies.



During their medical studies, students master the science and methods of medicine based on human morphology (structure), physiology (function), psychology, basic clinical practice (history taking, overall objective examination, interpretation of results and competence of manual skills) and also gain knowledge about promotion of health and prevention of disease in the context of a family and society.

While studying in this programme, students complete the following pre-clinical and clinical courses: Anatomy, Histology, Embryology, Cell Biology, Introduction to Medical Studies, Physics, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Genetics, Physiology, Microbiology, Parasitology, Immunology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Basics of Clinical Care, Internal Diseases, Surgery, Environmental Health, Emergency Medicine and Basic Life Support, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dermatology/Venereal Diseases, Epidemiology and Public Health, Social Medicine, Paediatrics, Infection Diseases, Neurology, Medical History and Ethics, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Psychiatry, Psychology, Clinical Practices in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Surgery and practice in all clinical fields.

In the final year, each student conducts a research project and writes a thesis that must be defended publicly.

DENTISTRY

A 5-year tertiary level professional study programme in the area of dentistry permits to acquire the Degree *Doctor in Dental Medicine*

The aim of the study programme is to equip the would-be dentists with theoretical knowledge and to develop their practical skills to enable them to launch an independent practice in the field of general dentistry.

The programme has been tailored according to the EU *Directive 2005/36/EC* that foresees a mutual recognition of qualifications held by health care professionals. It is directly related to the guidelines accepted by European *Association of Dental Education*.

The programme has several parts. It includes study courses in biomedicine that is an important area for general medicine, general dentistry, and for clinical dentistry. Knowledge and understanding of a human body, its developmental processes, structure, functions, pathologies, diagnosis and treatment of human diseases is envisaged to be acquired in a modular form. Competence of oral and dental aspects will ensure the would-be dentists' skills to set diagnosis, to determine the causes of the illness, to prevent and treat the diseases and disorders, to determine the affects of the systemic diseases on the dental tissues. The curriculum envisages a clinical part that plays a significant role in acquisition of a dentist profession. A pre-clinical part is planned to take place in a phantom operator/clinic, while a clinical training foresees treatment of patients and is supervised by a clinical instructor.

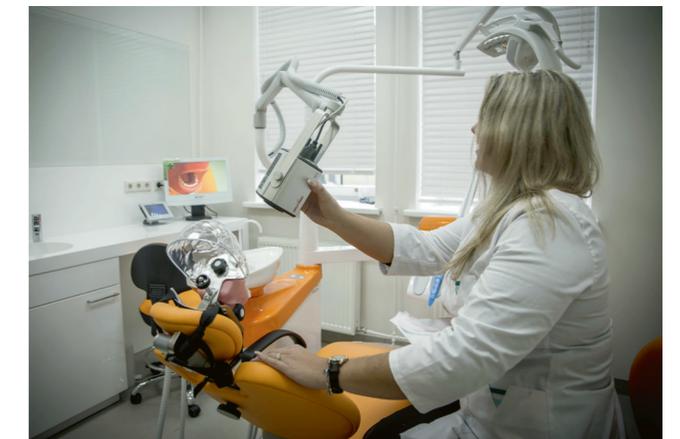


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