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PROGRAMMES
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA



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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. 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.



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 – concentrate.

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. UL has focused on developing its education and research processes. Academic excellence and work effectiveness are now and in the future one of our main priorities. In order to realize 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 more than half of Latvia's science is manifested at the University of Latvia, but in the next years 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 fulfilled environment, where the students discover exciting realms of knowledge, where the lecturers are enthusiasts of their field, internationally renowned Latvian scientists. You will be among soul-mates and gain friends for life, ones who cannot only labour seriously in lectures, seminars and labs but also enjoy creative pastime activities. Make the right choice!

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WELCOME TO LATVIA!

Latvia is the central country of the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and is located 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 less than 100 metres above sea level. It has an extensive network of rivers, thousands of lakes and hundreds of kilometres of undeveloped seashore lined by pine forests, dunes, and continuous white sand beaches.

ABOUT LATVIA

Proclamation of independence: November 18, 1918

Joined the European Union: 2004

Area: 64,589 sq. km

Population: 2,041,763

Religion: Lutheran, Orthodox and Catholic churches dominate. English-language services at the Anglican Church in the Old City. Riga has a Jewish synagogue, as well.

Currency: Lats (Code: LVL, Symbol: Ls, 1 Ls = 100 santimi); 1 Euro = 0.702804 LVL

Climate: Moderate climate with four distinctive seasons. Summers are usually dry, sunny and warm with temperatures sometimes exceeding +30 °C. Spring and autumn have often unstable weather with sun and rain on the same day. Winter is from December to March and usually with snow and sometimes the temperature may decline even down to -25 °C (It gets usually so cold in January, February). Weather forecast: www.meteo.lv

More about Latvia: www.latvia.eu



HIGHER EDUCATION IN LATVIA

The Latvian higher education system is part of the Bologna process, and, correspondingly, follows the so-called 3-cycle system, where the 1st cycle includes an academic or professional Bachelor degree, the 2nd cycle includes an academic or professional Master degree and the 3rd 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 may be distinguished:

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



The **academic year** begins in September and is over towards the end of June or in the first half of July (40 weeks of lectures, seminars and practical work and is mainly divided into 2 semesters). After a study period follows the exam session held in January and June/July.

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

The University of Latvia was founded in 1919 and currently with its 17,000 students, 13 faculties and more than 20 research institutes and independent study centres is one of the largest comprehensive and leading research universities in the Baltic States. The University offers more than 150 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 international identification and to strengthen the reputation of the University.

At present the University of Latvia has signed 120 bilateral agreements worldwide and more than 600 agreements with 336 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 EUROPÆE, ISEP, bilateral agreements, and agreements between countries.

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SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- One of the most popular inventions in Latvia is the worldwide known James Bond spy photo camera *Minox*, which was founded in the capital of Latvia by Walter Zapp in 1936.
- The famous cancer drug *Ftorafur* and versatile drug *Mildronate* were invented in Latvia and are known worldwide .
- Creating hi tech thread from ancient amber.

The UL objective 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.

Currently one of the UL research direction priorities is to support young scientists and establishment of new research groups; however the emphasis is put also on the following directions: knowledge transfer and commercialization, the popularization (communication) of research, internationally significant research results, development of research infrastructure, and support for research in the Latvian language and culture.

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

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

Researchers at the University of Latvia regularly receive prestigious awards. In 2011 all three L'Oreal Fellowships for Women in Science were awarded to UL representatives.



LIBRARY

The Academic Library of the University of Latvia is one of the oldest libraries in Europe.

The Library of the University of Latvia 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 3.5 million information resources in different world languages. The library collections contain printed paper, unpublished documents, audio-visual materials, electronic resources and others. Any student of the University of Latvia can become a library user by registering at the main building of the library or any of the department libraries.

The student's card is also a reader's card. It ensures access to the Library of the University of Latvia as well as other libraries in conformity with their regulations – the Latvian Academic Library, the Latvian National Library, the Latvian Medical Library, the Patent and Technology Library, the Library of the Stradiņš University of Riga and the Science Library of the Riga Technical University.

The libraries of the University of Latvia offer to order, reserve and prolong books electronically in the Central Catalog.



Degree to be achieved	Medical Doctor (Higher professional study programme)
Type of studies	Full time 6 years
Amount of credits	360 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Ingrīda Rumba-Rozenfelde (<i>Ingrida.Rumba-Rozenfelde@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Inese Vēvere (<i>Inese.Vevere@lu.lv</i>)

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), obtains knowledge on health promotion and disease prevention in the context of family and society. After successful completion of the programme 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 graduates work in the field of health care, medical firms, governmental institutions. Graduates may also work in hospitals or health centres under the supervision of a certified Doctor.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required in order to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or minimum a grade 6 (almost good) in a 10 point grading system in English in the general secondary education diploma to prove the language proficiency.
3. Grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Natural Sciences, which should be no less than 6 (almost good) in a 10 point grading system.



Degree to be achieved

Bachelor of Humanities in Asian studies

Type of studies

Full-time | 3 years

Amount of credits

240 ECTS

Language of instruction

English, Latvian

Director of the Programme

Assoc. prof. **Jānis Priede** (*Janis.Priede@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Prof. **Franks Kraushārs** (*Frank.Kraushaar@lu.lv*)

This programme combines language studies with culture and regional studies in relation to the language module chosen by the student. The programme is divided into four language modules: Japanese language module; Sinology module: Chinese, Classical Chinese (*Wenyan*); India and Indonesia module: Hindi or Tibetan or Indonesian language; and Middle East module: Arabic or Turkish language. The language courses are taught by native speakers. The Bachelor programme is targeted towards maintaining continuity of the research work in Asian studies; it aims at ensuring quality of knowledge and skills needed to pursue further professional or academic studies at MA level.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. English language knowledge, which must be proved with a grade recorded in the secondary education graduation transcript (the grade can be replaced with one of the international language tests (see page 32)).

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Degree to be achieved

Type of studies

Amount of credits

Language of instruction

Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Computer Science

Full-time | 4 years

240 ECTS

Latvian, English

**Director and Coordinator
of the Programme**

Prof. **Guntis Arnicāns** (*Guntis.Arnicans@lu.lv*)

The programme is designed according to recommendations of the ACM/IEEE Computing Curricula. It is awarded Euro-Inf Quality Label by European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education. This programme offers five-module directions of the curriculum: theoretical computer science, software engineering, information systems, information technology, and computer engineering. After graduation students can continue studies on Master level.

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

Career opportunities

Graduates can fully integrate in the international scope of IT specialists.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. English language knowledge, which must be proved with a grade recorded in the secondary education graduation transcript (the grade can be replaced with one of the international language tests (see page 32)).
3. Satisfactory grades in Mathematics.

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Degree to be achieved
Type of studies

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
Full-time | 4 years
Part-time | 5 years

Amount of credits

240 ECTS

Language of instruction

English, Latvian

Director of the Programme

Assoc. prof. **Indra Karapetjana** (*Indra.Karapetjana@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Maija Krušņikova (*Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv*)

The programme consists of the courses focusing on the core areas of English Philology: Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture. Besides, it provides another elective foreign language module (French, Spanish, German, or Italian) and a Scandinavian module in which students acquire an in-depth knowledge of the Norwegian language, culture and literature. The programme envisages students' mobility within the framework of Erasmus in the institutions of higher education in Norway, Germany, Poland and Estonia. After successful completion of the programme graduates may pursue further studies in the Master's degree programme «English Philology» or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. English language knowledge, which must be proved with a grade in English recorded in the secondary education transcript (the grade can be replaced with the results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32)).

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Degree to be achieved	Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
Type of studies	Full time 4 years
Amount of credits	240 ECTS
Language of instruction	French, Latvian and Spanish or Italian
Director of the Programme	Assoc. prof. Olga Ozoliņa (<i>Olga.Ozolina@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Maija Krušņikova (<i>Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv</i>)

The programme «French Philology» 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 areal, courses for professional purposes (translation, business language, language teaching methodology), 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 have been delivered by guest lecturers. After successful completion of the programme graduates may pursue further studies in the Master's degree programme «Romance Languages and Culture» or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required in order to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. French, English or German language proficiency, which must be proved with a grade recorded in the secondary education transcript (the grade can be replaced with results of one of the international language tests (see page 32)).

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Degree to be achieved

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology

Type of studies

Full time | 3 years

Amount of credits

180 ECTS

Language of instruction

German, Latvian

Director of the Programme

Assoc. prof. **Ineta Balode** (*Ineta.Balode@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Inna Budoviča (*Inna.Budovica@lu.lv*)

This programme is designed for students who are interested in the studies of 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 studies of Latvia's cultural heritage, considering the relevance of the German language in Baltic history and culture. Students will appreciate the quality of Germanic studies, translation skills, and a comprehensive view of the German literature and history, 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 graduates may pursue further studies in the Master's degree programme «German Philology» or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. German language knowledge, which must be proved with the grade in German in the secondary education graduation transcript (the grade can be replaced with the results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32)).

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Degree to be achieved
Type of studies

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
Full-time | 4 years
Part-time | 5 years

Amount of credits

240 ECTS

Language of instruction

English

Director of the Programme

Assoc. prof. **Indra Karapetjana** (*Indra.Karapetjana@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Valentina Goldmane (*Valentina.Goldmane@lu.lv*)

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 between 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 studying general and business aspects of the other 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. Students will be able to continue education in Master degree programmes and second level professional study programmes.

Career opportunities

Advanced competence in foreign languages along with a thorough grounding in business proves attractive to domestic and international employers.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required.
2. English, German or French language knowledge, which must be proved with a grade recorded in the secondary education graduation transcript (the grade can be replaced with one of the international language tests (see page 32)).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place. More information at www.university.lv



Degree to be achieved

Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Optometry

Type of studies

Part-time | 4 years

Amount of credits

180 ECTS

Language of instruction

English

**Director and Coordinator
of the Programme**

Prof. **Ivars Lācis** (Ivars.Lacis@lu.lv)

This programme is based on studies of natural sciences, biology, medicine and basic principles of primary eye care service. The Bachelor programme is the first step in the professional optometrist education scheme in Latvia. The program offers extensive profile studies 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.

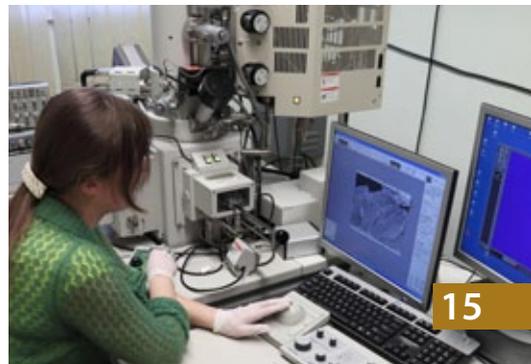
The topic of the Bachelor thesis should be carefully chosen; supervisor's assistance for further research. Students will be able to continue education in Master degree programme.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary education diploma is required to be admitted for studies at the University of Latvia.
2. English language knowledge, which must be proved with a grade recorded in the secondary education graduation transcript (the grade can be replaced with one of the international language tests (see page 32)).
3. Satisfactory grades in Mathematics.



Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Baltic Sea Region Studies
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Valdis Muktupāvels (Valdis.Muktupavels@lu.lv)
Coordinator of the Programme	Zanda Misina (Zanda.Misina@lu.lv)

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. This is a joint-degree programme 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: 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 languages (Latvian, Swedish, Finnish, Estonian, or Lithuanian).

As a result of passing the programme, the master students obtain qualifications to continue their academic research in doctoral studies.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the programme of the Baltic Region Studies will have a possibility to work in various states, non-governmental and private institutions such as government institutions, diplomatic structures, representative offices at the international organizations, e. g. the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, European Council, etc., economy units, international organizations which have interests in the Baltic region e. g. institutions of higher education and scientific research.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests or a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement to prove the language proficiency.

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Degree to be achieved	Master of Education Sciences
Type of studies	Part-time 2.5 or 1.5 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Ilze Ivanova (<i>Ilze.Ivanova@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Anita Briežkalne (<i>Anita.Briezkalne@lu.lv</i>)

Master degree programme in «Education Sciences» offers students possibilities to widen and deepen knowledge in philosophy of education, sociology, psychology, comparative research, research methodology, 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, to analyze, to evaluate research results as well as to present them during defense of Master Thesis. Graduates are prepared to do research in different fields related to education and for doctoral studies on 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. Applicants with a Bachelor Degree or the second level of higher professional education or the comparable education to that. If the previous education was obtained in 3 years, applicant may be admitted for the 2.5 year Master's degree programme; applicant with a 4 year Bachelor Degree may be accepted for the 1.5 year programme.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a satisfactory grade in English recorded in the diploma supplement for previous education.



Degree to be achieved	Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy
Type of studies	Full-time 2 years Part-time 2.5 years
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	Assoc. prof. Dita Nīmante (Dita.Nimante@lu.lv)

The target audiences of this programme are students who currently are working in education (preschool, primary, secondary school, high school, adult education) or prepare oneself for working in education in close relation with issues related to inclusion, integration of diverse students' needs into pedagogical process. The programme is carried out in a part-time interactive self-organized e-learning model, there are no obligatory regular face-to-face lectures to be attended. The Master's programme offers postgraduate students a Joint University Master Degree in «Educational Treatment of Diversity», offered by 4 partner Universities in EU.

Successful acquisition of the programme allows to award graduate students with an academic Master degree in Pedagogy of the all four participating universities. The competences of the Master's graduate correspond to the requirements of EQF lifelong learning level 7. After successful completion of the programme students can continue with the doctoral studies in education sciences.

Career opportunities

This Joint Degree will reveal that students have been trained as specialized professionals to work in education for people with diverse special needs, and that they have been prepared to research in different fields related to education with people with diverse needs.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education.
2. English or Spanish language proficiency. If English or Spanish is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English or Spanish, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32), a satisfactory grade in English or Spanish in the diploma supplement for previous education, or get a satisfactory grade in English or Spanish obtained in the entrance examination.
3. Entrance examination - as part of the selection procedure applicants will be called to an interview. For the interview a Curriculum Vitae must be provided, where information on student's professional activity and English/Spanish/German language knowledge is included.

Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Philology
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Solveiga Ozoliņa (<i>Solveiga.Ozolina@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Maija Krušņikova (<i>Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv</i>)

The main goal of the study programme is to develop 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 on issues related to general linguistics, applied linguistics and literature, design and supervise projects and do research both in Latvia and internationally as to continue to advance their knowledge and research skills in the doctoral programme studies.

Career opportunity

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 degree or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a minimum grade 7 (good) in a 10 point grading system in English in the Bachelor's diploma supplement.

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Degree to be achieved	Master of Social Sciences in European Studies
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
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	Astra Zalkalne (<i>Astra.Zalkalne@lu.lv</i>)

This inter-disciplinary academic programme offers students the possibility to study European economic, political and legal space, to acquire deeper knowledge of European integration process and to analyse EU functional principles, procedures and major policies beyond disciplinary boundaries. The Programme allows specialisation in EU law, trade, energy issues, migration, regional and social dimensions, and external relations. The programme provides studies in international environment of linguistic and cultural diversity. High level national and international academics and practitioners with extensive experience in the relevant areas from Latvia, the EU institutions, partner universities in the Europe and overseas represent 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. After the graduation of this programme it is possible to take doctoral studies.

Career opportunities

More than 500 graduates work in 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 programmes with the option of an academic career.

Admission requirements

1. A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement to prove the language proficiency.
3. Quality of Motivation letter will be assessed, which should include applicant's intended subject of the Master's thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme.



Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities in Philology
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	German
Director of the Programme	Assoc. prof. Ineta Balode (<i>Ineta.Balode@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Inna Budoviča (<i>Inna.Budovica@lu.lv</i>)

Master's degree study programme «German Philology» is a modern programme developed according to the actual trends in German Linguistics and is conducted in cooperation with the Ventspils University College. The programme comprises general philology study courses as elective field courses with one of the following specialization: Linguistics, Literary Theory, German Literature, German-Latvian language translations. 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: Paradigms of Culture Studies, Introduction to Media and Communication Studies, Linguistic Pragmatics, Theory of Language, History of German Philology, Scientific Research Practice etc. The programme takes great emphasis on cross-cultural discourse, which is consistent with the requirements set by the labor market. Highly-qualified professors, including guest lecturers from Germany 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 in the European Union. Graduates may continue further studies in a doctoral programme in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in humanities or equivalent second-level higher professional education or certified documents proving education at an institution of higher education.
2. If German is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in German, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a minimum grade 6 (almost good) in a 10 point grading system in German in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place. More information at www.university.lv

Degree to be achieved	Professional Master's Degree in BA Qualification «Head of Organization/Enterprise»
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Director of the Programme	Prof. Baiba Šavriņa (<i>Baiba.Savrina@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Aiga Čikste (<i>Aiga.Cikste@lu.lv</i>)

The study programme is designed to meet the versatile learning needs of business persons 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 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 doctoral studies.

Career opportunities

The programme is oriented towards the preparation of higher-level managers in 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. A Bachelor's degree or second-level higher Professional education or Master's degree in Economics, Business Administration, or in other Social Sciences or related sciences: Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Information Technology, Physics or Engineering.
2. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement to prove the language proficiency.
3. At least two years of professional experience in business or economics (detailed description of your professional activity must be included in your CV).
4. Pass of entrance examination in International Economics, which is being held via Skype video teleconference.



Degree to be achieved	Joint Master degree in International Migration and Social Cohesion
Type of studies	Full time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Coordinator of the Programme	Assoc. prof. Baiba Bela-Krūmiņa (<i>Baiba.Bela-Krumina@lu.lv</i>)

This Joint European Master 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 the academic education in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements

1. Students with academic Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in social sciences discipline closely related to the programme (sociology, social/cultural anthropology, political science, and (human) geography) are invited to apply, provided that they meet entry requirements.
2. Students with degrees in the other social sciences International Relations and International Development and/or students who have at least 60 EC in Social Sciences Methodology and Theory may also apply.

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



Degree to be achieved	Master of Humanities
Type of studies	Full-time 2 years
Amount of credits	120 ECTS
Language of instruction	English, Latvian
Director of the Programme	Assoc. prof. Agita Baltgalve (<i>Agita.Baltgalve@lu.lv</i>)
Coordinator of the Programme	Prof. Franks Kraushārs (<i>Frank.Kraushaar@lu.lv</i>)

This Master degree programme combines language and culture studies, which are related to the student's chosen language. The language acquirement is provided by professors from Latvia and foreign professors, whose native language is Japanese, Chinese, Arabic or Turkish. This programme includes two specializations: Literature and Culture and 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 and business fields, foreign affairs offices, and in universities in Latvia and abroad.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in Humanities.
2. Japanese, Chinese or Arabic language proficiency, which must be proved with a certificate on the achieved intermediate level (duration of 2 to 3 years) of language knowledge.
3. If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement to prove the language proficiency.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place. More information at www.university.lv



Degree to be achieved

Master of Humanities in Romance studies

Type of studies

Full time | 2 years

Amount of credits

120 ECTS

Language of instruction

French or Italian or Spanish

Director of the Programme

Prof. **Olga Ozoliņa** (*Olga.Ozolina@lu.lv*)

Coordinator of the Programme

Maija Krušņikova (*Maija.Krusnikova@lu.lv*)

Romance Languages and Culture Studies study programme provides an academic education in Romance field (French, Spanish, Italian languages) including a professional orientation 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 intention (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 the academic education in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

Graduates have basis for a professional career in business, in government and international institutions and in nongovernmental 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 issues e. g. geography, history, art, culture, politics and economics).

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or second-level higher professional education or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education.
2. If French, Italian, or Spanish is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in French, Italian, or Spanish, you must present results of one of the internationally recognized language tests (see page 32) or a minimum grade 7 (good) in a 10 point grading system in French, Italian, or Spanish in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place. More information at www.university.lv



DOCTORAL STUDIES

Doctoral studies at the University of Latvia are offered in 24 study programmes in total. The UL offers 12 doctoral study programmes with English as the language of instruction in the following study areas: Biology, Demography, Educational Management, Environmental Science, Geology, Geography, Management Science, Economics, Psychology, Theology, Political Science and Philosophy.

In addition, the University of Latvia offers 18 Doctoral schools with the objective to train young researchers in various scientific fields, for example: actual problems of theology and religious studies, human capacity and life wide learning in inclusive contexts of diversity, earth resources and their sustainable use, European integration and Baltic Sea Region studies (EIBSRS), insuring international competitiveness of national economy etc.

More information: www.university.lv



INTERNATIONAL VOICES

Having graduated with honour in Georgia from Akaki Tsereteli State University of Social Science Faculty with specialization in Law, I immediately decided to continue my master studies abroad at the University of Latvia in the European Studies programme.

To see and study Europe from the perspective of a New EU Member country was very interesting for me. My impressions exceeded my expectations. International atmosphere, highly qualified lectures and EU practitioners and nice environment help me to develop knowledge in different spheres. In addition, history and cultural life of Riga is really fascinating and valuable for me.

I would advise to study European Studies at the University of Latvia in Riga and you will enjoy your studies in the programme as much as I did.

Ketevan Kukhianidze, Georgia

I enjoy my studies in the European Studies programme. Friendly environment, good relations between teachers and students and well organized programme. Many guest lectures by international professors and experts give another chance to learn more about the EU and its development having different points of views. A study visit to Brussels was a wonderful opportunity for me to learn the mechanism of how the European Institutions function and discover European political culture from inside. I am happy of my choice.

Engin Toprak, Turkey

My decision to study French language and culture at the programme Romance Language and Culture Studies at the University of Latvia was unusual but definitely rewarding. The Faculty of Humanities is modern and well-equipped, the professors are inspiring and supportive, all my lectures and communication are in French, the groups are small thus allowing every student to fully express himself. The knowledge and skills I have acquired in this Master's programme are life-transforming, and the multicultural experience has been priceless.

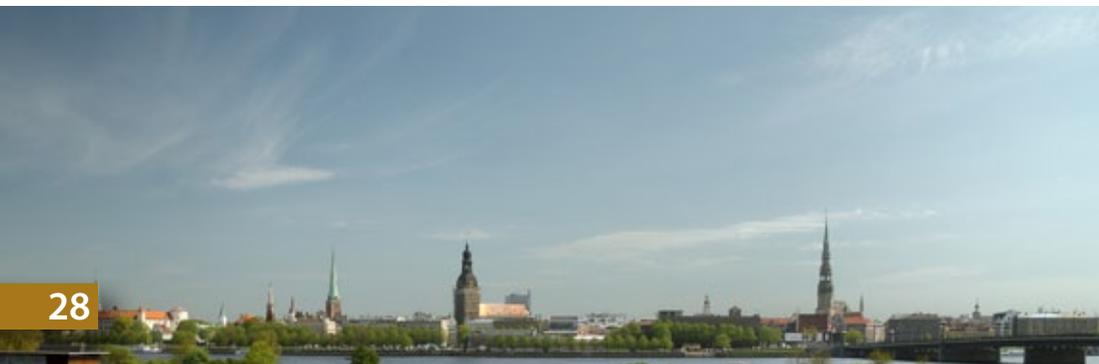
Marko Nikolic, Serbia



SUMMER SCHOOLS

Currently the University of Latvia organizes three International Summer Schools in business, cognitive sciences and communication sciences. The organizational teams as well as participating students are both local and international.

- «**Contemporary Baltic Capitals: New Business Opportunities**» is a three week long Summer School organized in cooperation with the University of Vilnius (Lithuania) and University of Tartu (Estonia). Each week is spent in one of the Baltic countries where students attend in-depth lectures and visit various business companies.
- «**International Summer School in Cognitive Sciences and Semantics**» is a 10 day long Summer School and will take place already for the 5th time in year 2013. This event brings together prestigious scientists, lecturers and the most motivated PhD students from all over the world.
- «**Riga Summer School**» is a two week long intensive summer school organized for students interested in communication, media, public relations, advertising and film studies. This Summer School consists of theoretical lectures about various aspects of Riga identity and practical workshops like production of short films about neighbourhoods of the Latvian capital.



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 webpage and include the necessary enclosures according to the application requirements. The application must be sent to the University of Latvia before May 15 (for EU/EEA/Swiss citizens – please see the exact deadlines in our webpage).
3. You will receive a standard confirmation mail to ensure your application has been correctly submitted. If the application is complete it is sent for evaluation as soon as possible. If the application is incomplete, we send an email asking for the required documentation with a deadline for submitting missing documents.
4. You will receive a letter of acceptance or rejection.
5. Confirm your study place and make a reservation at UL student dormitory by sending the filled-out booking form.
6. You will receive an admission package with various types of important information up to your arrival. Non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens will also receive relevant documents in regard to apply 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.



HOW TO APPLY

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

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

Application requirements

International students should submit in person or send by regular mail to UL Student Services the following application documents:

1. Certified copy of secondary education diploma and grade transcript in original language (for undergraduate studies) or certified 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 notarized translation of education documents in English or Latvian.
3. Document confirming proficiency of 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 Master's degree programme «*European Studies*»).
9. Curriculum Vitae (for Master's degree programmes «*International Business with specialization in Export Management*», «*Educational Treatment of Diversity*» and «*European Studies*»).
10. Medical report and copy of entire vaccination document about Hepatitis B and TD-Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccinations (for Higher Professional Study programme «*Medicine*»).



Applications deadline

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and permanent residence permit holders – please see the exact deadlines in our webpage www.university.lv

Citizens from other countries – **till May 15**

**CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR PROSPECTIVE FULL-TIME DEGREE STUDENTS**

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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; at least 80 for programme «Medicine» and Master's level programmes

TOEFL PBT: score of at least 480 for Bachelor's level programmes; at least 550 for programme «Medicine» and Master's level programmes

IELTS: score of at least 4.5 for Bachelor's level programmes; at least 6 for programme «Medicine» and Master's level programmes

Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: B2 level for Bachelor's level programmes; C level for Master's level programmes; C2 for Master's degree programme «English Philology»

First Certificate in English (FCE): B2 level for Bachelor's level programmes

Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: B level (C1 level for Master's degree programme «English Philology» only)

Pearson Test of English: B2 level for Bachelor's level programmes

French language tests

DEL F (Diplôme d'études en langue française): B2 level

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

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

TEF (Test d'Evaluation 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)

GDS (Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom)

ZOP (Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung)

Spanish language tests

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

Italian language tests

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

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

PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri)

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)



VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

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 in the Office of Citizenship and Migration 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 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 visa

After a positive admission decision, the university arranges an invitation for 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, doctoral 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 Schengen visa.

The residence permit procedure takes over 40 days.



ACCOMMODATION

The University of Latvia offers to live in one of the two dormitories, which are located outside the city centre (approx. 15 min by trolleybus):

- «Prima Hostel» offers single, double and triple rooms (90-220 EUR per month)
- «Reznas student hotel» offers double rooms (90 EUR per month)

More information on: www.university.lv

If you do not want to stay at the university's dormitory, you should seek for private housing on your own and it would be suggestible to do so beforehand.

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;
- 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.

COUPLE LEARNING PROGRAMME

Join the non-formal learning programme organized by the Student 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



SOCIAL LIFE

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 till nowadays is successfully engaged in cultural processes within the country and abroad. Students are welcome to take part in more than 11 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 gained both locally and internationally recognized awards.

The sports life at the UL is organized by the **UL Sport 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 in 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» as well.

Radio Naba is the university's radio station (NABA 93.1 FM), which was established in 2002 and can be classified as non-commercial music radio. 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 of the University of Latvia, which was founded in 2009 and similarly to Radio Naba also represents non-commercial music. The authors of various «Radio Naba» programmes and 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 Mārcis Auziņš has been selected as the patron of NABAKLAB.





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