



**LATVIJAS
UNIVERSITATE**
ANNO 1919



DEGREE PROGRAMMES

for International Students

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE



International students should submit or send by regular mail to the Faculty of Medicine (applying for the Higher Professional Study Programme in Medicine) or to the Student Services the following application documents:

- ♦ diploma of *secondary education* and grade transcript (for undergraduate studies);
- ♦ diploma of *undergraduate degree* and diploma supplement (for postgraduate studies).
Education documents (except documents issued in Latvia) and their translations (if necessary) must be legalized;
- ♦ document confirming proficiency of the language of instruction (if necessary);
- ♦ copy of passport;
- ♦ application form;
- ♦ one photo;
- ♦ CV (for postgraduate studies);
- ♦ motivation letter (for Master's degree programme "European Studies");
- ♦ copy of application fee payment check. Application fee is **non-refundable**.

The deadlines for undergraduate studies

- ♦ For EU citizens and permanent residents – July 23;
- ♦ for citizens from other countries – May 15.

The deadlines for postgraduate studies

- ♦ For EU citizens and permanent residents – July 15;
- ♦ for citizens from other countries – May 15.

Contact information for prospective full time degree students:

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INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LANGUAGE TESTS

Accepted at the University of Latvia
confirming proficiency of the language of instruction

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English language tests

- 1) TOEFL IBT score at least 80 or TOEFL PBT score at least 550;
- 2) IELTS score at least 6;
- 3) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English – C level;
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English – B level;
- 4) Pearson Test of English – C2 level (for Master's degree programme
“English Philology” only).

French language tests

- 1) DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) – B2 level;
- 2) DALF (Diplôme approfondi de langue française) – at least C1 level;
- 3) TCF (Test de connaissance du français) – at least 400 points;
- 4) TEF (Test d'Evaluation du Français) – at least 541 points.

German language tests

- 1) DSD (Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz) – at least level 2;
- 2) DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang) – at least level 2;
- 3) TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) – at least level 4 in all test sections;
- 4) KDS (Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom);
- 5) GDS (Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom);
- 6) ZOP (Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung).

Latvian language certificates

- Certificate of national language issued by the Centre for Curriculum Development and Examinations of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia – at least level 1B (issued from 01.09.2000 to 31.08.2009);
- certificate of national language issued by the State Education Centre of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia – at least level A2 (issued as of 01.09.2009);
- certificate issued by the Language Centre of the University of Latvia. The acceptable minimum grade is 4 (almost satisfactory).

MEDICINE

Medical Doctor

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.

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 European comparative degree system) and allows free movement within Europe.

Courses

General Pathology	Gynecology
Medical Microbiology	Family Medicine
Anatomy	Infections
Internal Diseases	Cardiology
Dermatovenerology	Molecular Genetics
Medical History and Ethics	Narcology
Surgery	Neurology
Anesthesiology	Ophthalmology
Endocrinology	Psychiatry, etc
Pharmacology	

Admission requirements

- ♦ general secondary education diploma;
- ♦ English language proficiency;
- ♦ satisfactory grades in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics or Natural Sciences.

If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests or a satisfactory grade in English in the general secondary education diploma.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 6 years

MODERN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS STUDIES

Bachelor of Humanities

The programme combines language studies with business studies and aims at preparing students for international careers in enterprises and institutions. The programme comprises courses which develop students' skills of translation, intercultural communication, teamworking and other skills employers require.

The language module comprises Business English, Financial English, English for Law, second foreign language studies (French, Spanish, German) and a third language of students' choice.

Courses

Business English	Personnel Management
English for Law	Intercultural Communication
English Communicative Grammar	International Economic Relations
Theory of Finance	Marketing
Introduction to Law	Business in the European Union
Macroeconomics	Management, etc
Microeconomics	

Admission requirements: general secondary education diploma.

Enrollment criteria: satisfactory grades in English or German or French and in Mathematics, GPA (grade point average) and a certificate of the Latvian language (if available).

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place if the Latvian language certificate is provided.

The grade in English or German or French in the secondary education diploma can be replaced with results of internationally recognized language tests.

Please note! As the language of instruction is English, English language proficiency must be proved in any case.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 4 years

ENGLISH PHILOLOGY

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology

The compulsory content of the programme consists of courses in English studies as well as of other courses, e.g. general psychology, communication psychology and fundamental philosophy.

The graduates can continue English philology studies in the Master's degree programme and in the professional study programmes "Translator", "Interpreter" and "Teacher of Modern Languages".

Courses

English Normative Grammar

English Lexicology and Stylistics

Canadian Cultural Studies

USA Cultural Studies

British Cultural Studies

Introduction to Studies of Literature

Basics of Translation Theory

The History of the English Language

Introduction to Linguistics

English Spoken and Written Communication

English Theoretical Grammar and Phonetics

Philosophy, etc

Admission requirements: general secondary education diploma.

Enrollment criteria: a satisfactory grade in English, GPA (grade point average) and a certificate of the Latvian language (if available).

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place if the Latvian language certificate is provided.

The grade in English in the secondary education diploma can be replaced with results of internationally recognized language tests.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 4 years

GERMAN PHILOLOGY

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology

Courses

History of German Literature	German Stylistics
Introduction to Translation Studies	German Theoretical Phonetics
History of Culture	Functional Communication
Rhetoric	Hermeneutics
German Cultural Studies	Pragmatic Aspects of Publicist and Business Texts
German Normative Grammar	Interpretation of Literature, etc

Admission requirements: general secondary education diploma.

Enrollment criteria: a satisfactory grade in German, GPA (grade point average) and a certificate of the Latvian language (if available).

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place if the Latvian language certificate is provided.

The grade in German in the secondary education diploma can be replaced with results of internationally recognized language tests.

Language of instruction: German

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 3 years

FRENCH PHILOLOGY

Bachelor of Humanities in Philology

Courses

The History of French Literature
French Cognitive Linguistics
Spelling of the French Language
Introduction to Text Editing
French Practical Grammar
French Stylistics

Translatology in Practice
Intercultural Communication
Introduction to Romance Philology
Hermeneutics
Belgian Culture and History
Eurolexicon, etc

Admission requirements: general secondary education diploma.

Enrollment criteria: satisfactory grades in French or English or German, GPA (grade point average) and a certificate of the Latvian language (if available).

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place if the Latvian language certificate is provided.

The grade in French or English or German in the secondary education diploma can be replaced with results of internationally recognized language tests.

Please note! As the language of instruction is French, French language proficiency must be proved in any case.

Language of instruction: French

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 4 years

EUROPEAN STUDIES

Master of Social Sciences in European Studies

This is a multidisciplinary, modular study programme focusing on the common European economic, political and legal space, its common issues, and the functional principles and procedures of the European Union. Each year the students are offered an opportunity to participate in a practical seminar week in Brussels, to visit the key EU institutions and the NATO and participate in discussions on topical issues with EU experts.

Career opportunities: EU/international/national public and private institutions; political, economic and legal advising; diplomatic services; lobbying at the EU level; international journalism; doctoral studies with the option of an academic career.

Courses

European Law

European Economic Integration

EU: government and institutions

Economies of the Baltic Countries

EU Funds and Project Management

Current Socio-economic Trends in the EU, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree;
- ♦ English language proficiency;
- ♦ motivation letter – should include applicant's intended subject of the Master's thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme. The motivation letter should not exceed one page.

If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests, a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement. If you have not taken any of internationally recognized tests and do not have a grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement, the knowledge of the English language must be proved in an interview.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WITH SPECIALIZATION IN EXPORT MANAGEMENT

Professional Master's Degree in Business Administration Awarding Qualification of "Manager of Enterprise/Institution"

The study programme is designed to meet the versatile learning needs of businessperson and to address managerial issues relevant to doing international 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. The programme provides the skills required to compete in the global market.

Courses

Finance Management and Accounting	Business Law
International Marketing Communication	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making
International Business Risk Management	Consumer Psychology and Behavior
Managerial Accounting	in International Business, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree in Economics or Business Administration, or
- ♦ a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Sciences or other related sciences: Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Information Technology, Physics or Engineering;
- ♦ at least two years of professional experience in business or economics;
- ♦ English language proficiency.

If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests; a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement. If you have not taken any of internationally recognized tests and do not have a grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement, the knowledge of the English language must be proved in an interview.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

BALTIC SEA REGION STUDIES

Master of Humanities in Baltic Sea Region Studies

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: one semester should be studied at a partner university, without paying extra tuition fee.

Courses

Economy of the Baltic States
The Concept of the Baltic Sea Region
Geography of the Baltic Sea Region
The Political History of the Region

Academic English
European Integration – Theory and Practice
Research Methods and Organization
Politics and Policy in the Baltic States, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree;
- ♦ English language proficiency.

Enrollment criteria: the grade obtained in the final Bachelor's exam (or the average grade obtained in final exams) and the weighted average grade for undergraduate studies.

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place.

If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests or a satisfactory grade in English in the Bachelor's degree diploma supplement.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

ENGLISH PHILOLOGY

Master of Humanities in Philology

Courses

Written English for Research
Language Awareness
Development of English Poetry
Basics of Public Speaking
Creative Writing

The History of Linguistics
Translation Theory
Language Varieties
Film and Text Semiotics, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's or Master's degree or Second Level Higher Professional education or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education;
- ♦ English language proficiency.

Enrollment criteria: the grade obtained in the final Bachelor's exam (or the average grade obtained in final exams) and the weighted average grade for undergraduate studies.

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place.

If English is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests or a grade in English in the diploma for previous education.

Language of instruction: English

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

GERMAN PHILOLOGY

Master of Humanities in Philology

Courses

The Early New High German Language
Computer for Translators
Problems of Phraseology
Art Nouveau in Literature
Paradigms of Culture Studies

Basics of Public Speaking
Technical Translation
Modern Methods of Literature Studies
Consecutive Interpreting, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's degree in humanities or certified documents proving an equivalent education at an institution of higher education;
- ♦ German language proficiency.

Enrollment criteria: the grade obtained in the final Bachelor's exam (or the average grade obtained in final exams) and the weighted average grade for undergraduate studies.

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place.

If German is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in German, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests or a grade in German in the diploma for previous education.

Language of instruction: German

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

FRENCH PHILOLOGY

Master of Humanities in Philology

Courses

French Functional Grammar
French Semantics
Film and Text Semiotics
Francophony
Romance Linguistics

Comparative Literature Studies
Theoretical Problems of Translation
Translation Theory and Practice
Second Foreign Language, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's or Master's degree or Second Level Higher Professional education or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education;
- ♦ French language proficiency.

Enrollment criteria: the grade obtained in the final Bachelor's exam (or the average grade obtained in final exams) and the weighted average grade for undergraduate studies.

EU citizens can register for the competition for a government-financed study place.

If French is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in French, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests or a grade in French in the diploma for previous education.

Language of instruction: French

Type of studies: full time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

EDUCATIONAL TREATMENT OF DIVERSITY

Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy

The target audience of this programme is students who work or will work in education or other areas with people with diverse special needs, taking care of individual needs, handling each individual situation in specific circumstances or specific context.

As the programme is designed to study following a part-time interactive self-organized e-learning model, there are no obligatory regular face-to-face lectures students must compulsory attend.

Courses

Work Integration and Rehabilitation for People with Diverse Special Needs
Educational Treatment of Diversity According to Intellectual Special Needs
Educational Treatment of Diversity According to Hearing and Language Needs
Educational Treatment of Elderly People's Diverse Special Needs
Musical Therapy for People with Diverse Special Needs, etc

Admission requirements

- ♦ A Bachelor's degree or Second Level Higher Professional education or certified documents proving equivalent education at an institution of higher education;
- ♦ English or Spanish language proficiency.

Enrollment criteria: entrance examination (CV must be provided).

If English/Spanish is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in English/Spanish, you must present results of internationally recognized language tests, a grade in English/Spanish in the diploma for previous education, or a satisfactory grade in English obtained in the entrance examination.

Languages of instruction: English or Spanish

Type of studies: part-time

Standard period of studies: 2 years

TRANSFER STUDENTS




You can join the studies at a later stage, changing from one institution of higher education to the same level or lower level study programme at the University of Latvia or resuming studies at the University of Latvia after a break (ex-matriculate).

Students and individuals who have studied a licensed or accredited programme of higher education or part of it for at least two semesters, having obtained 40 credit points (60 ECTS), can join the studies at the University of Latvia at a later stage.

Up to the first day of the registration week of a semester, the applicant submits to an attorney of the Dean of a faculty (continuing studies in doctoral or residency programmes – of the Vice-Rector for Science at the University) the following documents: application and registration form; academic transcript (applicants who have previously studied at UL – a printout from the UL Information System); copies of documents confirming the obtained education with supplements, providing the originals; a passport copy, providing the original.

The Dean (for doctoral and residency students – the Vice-Rector for Science) makes the decision on matriculation (or rejection) no later than the end of the first week of the semester.



REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

For citizens of the EU, States of the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation

A student has to apply for the registration certificate in person in the **Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs** in Rīga within 90 days as of the first day of entry.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (for Non-EU Citizens)

For citizens who may enter the Republic of Latvia without a visa

After a positive admission decision, the university prepares an official invitation for residence. After the invitation is approved, the student can submit the documents for a residence permit either at the **Embassy of Latvia** or, within 90 days as of the first day of entry, at the **Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs** in Rīga. The residence permit procedure takes over 30 days.

For citizens who may not enter the Republic of Latvia without a visa

After a positive admission decision, the university prepares an official invitation for residence. After the invitation is approved, the student has to submit the documents for a residence permit **in person** at the **Embassy of Latvia**. The residence permit procedure takes over 30 days.

ACCOMMODATION

The University of Latvia offers university dormitories for all international students.

Riga

Campus of the University of Latvia



1. **UL main building**
Faculty of Computing
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Theology
UL Museum
2. **Faculty of Biology**
3. **Faculty of Economics and Management**
4. **Faculty of Humanities**
5. **Faculty of Physics and Mathematics**
6. **Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences**
7. **Faculty of Chemistry**
8. **Faculty of Medicine**
9. **Faculty of Education and Psychology**
10. **Faculty of Social Sciences**
11. **Faculty of History and Philosophy**
12. **UL Botanical Garden**
13. **UL Library**
14. **UL Foundation**
- 15-22. **Dormitories**

