UNIVERSITY OF
LATVIA

FACULTY OF
HUMANITIES

# EXPLORE THE WORLD THROUGH THE HUMANITIES

The humanities shape the way we understand people, societies and the world around us. At the Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, you can explore the rich and diverse world through languages, literatures and cultures, history and archaeology, philosophy, theology and religious studies. Our study programmes bring together education and research, academic curiosity, and practical skills.

- CLEAR COMMUNICATION
- CRITICAL THINKING
- FLEXIBILITY
- DIGITAL HUMANITIES
- INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE
- TEXT AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

# WHY STUDY AT THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES?

Study in a multilingual and international environment, work closely with experienced academics, and explore your interests through research-based learning. Take advantage of Erasmus+, FORTHEM, and international partnerships to study abroad, connect with peers, and gain valuable experience across Europe and beyond.

You can pursue a full degree in English or Latvian or join us as an exchange student for a semester or a longer study period.

**FIND YOUR WAY**


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# BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

DURATION
**6 semesters**

STUDY FORMAT
**Full-time**

PART-TIME OPTION
**8 semesters**
*available in English, European Languages and Business Studies*

INTERNSHIP
**Included**

FINAL REQUIREMENT
**Bachelor's thesis**

# ASIAN AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

*The East-West Intercultural Studies* subprogramme provides a strong foundation in regional studies, language learning, intercultural communication, and comparative cultural analysis. Explore the philosophical, religious, and cultural traditions of Asia and Europe while developing the knowledge and practical skills needed to contribute to East-West intercultural dialogue and work professionally in a multicultural and multilingual world. Choose the regional focus that interests you most: East Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, Western Europe, or the Baltics.

REGIONAL EXPERTISE
COMPARATIVE CULTURAL ANALYSIS
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
MULTILINGUALISM
CULTURAL DIVERSITY
INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

## REGIONAL AND LANGUAGE MODULES

EAST ASIA
Japanese, Chinese, or Korean

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
Arabic

WESTERN EUROPE
French or German

BALTIC REGION
Latvian

*"I chose this programme because I wanted to understand Asian and European cultures beyond their surface differences. It combines language learning with the study of philosophy, religion, history, and cultural traditions, giving students both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. It has helped me develop a broader understanding of different civilisations and prepare for professional work in an international environment."*

*Simran Sejwal, India*
*East-West Intercultural Studies student*

*Find out more*

# ENGLISH, EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS STUDIES

*The English, European Languages and Business Studies* programme provides a strong foundation in the English language, linguistics, academic communication and research, while allowing you to tailor your studies to your interests and future ambitions and develop proficiency in another foreign language. Choose the pathway that inspires you most: deepen your expertise in English language, literature and culture; combine English with Scandinavian languages and culture; or bring together languages, business and international professional communication.

ENGLISH
LINGUISTICS
CULTURE
LITERATURE
EUROPEAN LANGUAGES
BUSINESS
LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES
SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGES

## STUDY MODULES

### English Language

Focuses on English linguistics, Anglophone literature and culture, language teaching, alongside another European language.

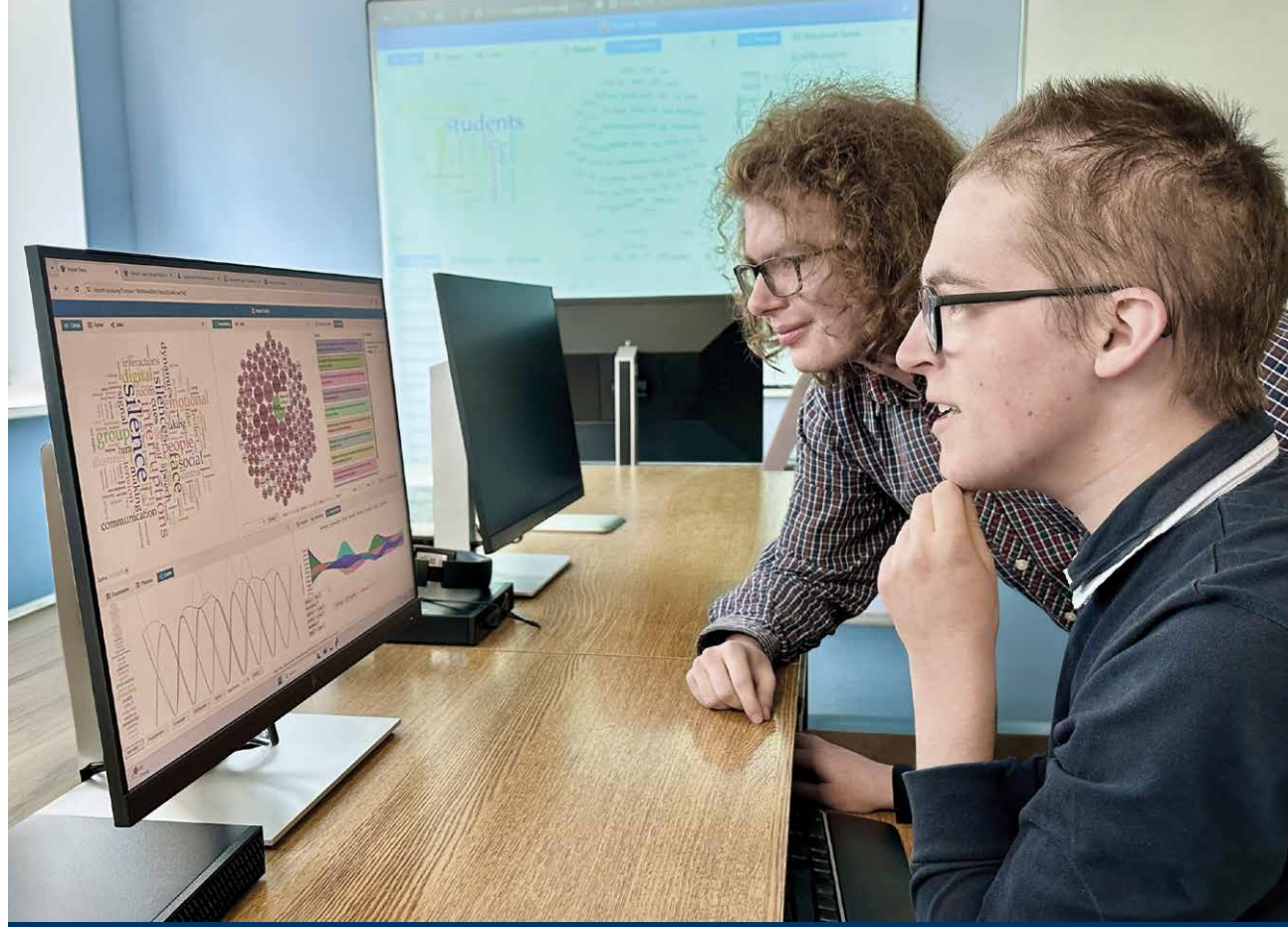
### English–Scandinavian Languages

Combines English studies with Norwegian or Swedish languages, literature, and culture.

### European Languages and Business Studies

Integrates English and other European languages with Micro- and Macroeconomics, Business Communication, Decision-making and Entrepreneurship.

*Part-time studies are available for all modules except English–Scandinavian Languages. Classes take place on Saturdays, including one online study day.*




*"The programme has allowed me to see English not only as a means of communication, but also as an essential part of human thought and culture. I particularly valued the opportunity to study a second foreign language – Spanish – and to work with different types of texts using modern digital tools and methods of analysis. The acquired skills open up a wide range of opportunities in international business, diplomacy, and tourism."*

*Artūrs Gaponovs, Latvia*
*English, European Languages and Business Studies part-time student*

*Find out more*

# PHILOLOGY
# FRENCH / RUSSIAN / GERMAN

*Philology* lets you explore language through literature, culture, and society while developing strong communication and analytical skills. Choose the pathway that best suits your interests – *French, Russian or German Philology* – and explore language, linguistics, discourse and literature while gaining practical experience in translation, intercultural communication, and language teaching.

*"The most valuable thing I have gained from this programme is learning to see French as much more than just a language. I have discovered how closely the study of language is connected to literature, culture, history and the wider world."*

*Ksenia Konako, Canada / Latvia*
*French Philology student*

## SUB-PROGRAMMES

### French Philology
Explore French language, literature and culture while also studying another Romance language and culture – Italian or Spanish.

### Russian Philology
Study Russian language, literature and culture while also studying another Slavic language and culture – Polish or Czech.

### German Philology
Discover German language, literature and culture while developing your linguistic competence across other foreign languages and cultural contexts.

LINGUISTICS
LITERATURE AND CULTURE
INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
TRANSLATION
LANGUAGE TEACHING
MULTILINGUALISM

*Find out more*

# MASTER'S PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

DURATION
4 semesters

STUDY FORMAT
Full-time

INTERNSHIP
Included

FINAL REQUIREMENT
Master's thesis

# LINGUISTICS, LITERATURE AND REGIONAL CULTURE STUDIES

## GERMANIC / ROMANCE / RUSSIAN AND SLAVIC STUDIES

Explore the connections between language, literature, and culture across different regions of Europe. This interdisciplinary and multilingual programme allows you to deepen your expertise in a specific linguistic and cultural field while developing advanced research, analytical, and intercultural skills. Choose the pathway that best matches your interests – *Germanic Studies, Romance Studies, or Russian and Slavic Studies.*

LINGUISTICS

LITERARY STUDIES

MULTILINGUALISM

CULTURAL HERITAGE

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CONTACTS

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

*"I chose the Russian and Slavic Studies sub-programme for its inspiring and highly professional teaching staff, the opportunity to study in English, and the freedom to pursue my own research interests. I also value its creative assignments, academic openness and supportive intellectual environment."*

*Dasha Sharova, Latvia*
*Russian and Slavic Studies student*

*Find out more*

## SUB-PROGRAMMES

### Germanic Studies

Explore German language, literature and culture in a broader European context, with particular attention to historical and contemporary connections between the Baltic region, Germany and Scandinavia.

### Russian and Slavic Studies

Explore Slavic languages and literatures in regional, intercultural and sociocultural contexts, including their connections with Latvian language, literature and culture.

### Romance Studies

Deepen your knowledge of French, Italian or Spanish language and culture through advanced studies in linguistics, literature, discourse and intercultural studies. This sub-programme combines interdisciplinary research with language teaching, translation, intercultural communication and contemporary approaches in Digital Humanities, opening pathways to careers in education, translation, cultural and international relations, and diplomacy.

# ENGLISH STUDIES

The Master's programme in English Studies combines core and elective courses to advance your knowledge and skills in linguistics and literature. Through interdisciplinary elective courses, you will develop a deeper understanding of the role of language, literature and culture in contemporary society, as well as their relevance and application in professional contexts. The programme prepares you for diverse career paths in education, public administration, corporate communications, media and publishing, while also providing a strong foundation for doctoral studies.

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

ENGLISH LINGUISTICS

ANGLOPHONE LITERATURE AND CULTURE

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DISCOURSE AND COMMUNICATION

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

*Find out more*

*"The range of subjects has expanded my perspective and helped shape my future career path by enriching my current work in the tourism field. I had never imagined combining linguistics with tourism, but my studies here have revealed a promising career opportunity. Moreover, the knowledgeable and welcoming academic staff have always made me feel supported and included throughout my studies."*

*Jamil Heydarli, Azerbaijan*
*English Studies student*

# DOCTORAL STUDIES

Take a further step towards independent research and academic work! Doctoral studies at the University of Latvia are research-driven and focused on producing original and meaningful knowledge. Develop advanced research, analytical, and academic communication skills while working closely with your supervisor, connecting with peers and engaging with the wider research community.

## DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

History and Archaeology
Language and Culture Studies
Philosophy
Theology and Religious Studies

International students may pursue doctoral studies in English through an individual study plan tailored to their research topic and academic needs.

*"The most valuable thing I have gained from studying in this programme is having the resources and encouragement from faculty to explore my PhD topic. These have included a joint class with the University of Tartu theology faculty, cross-disciplinary conferences at the University of Latvia, and regular feedback and support from peers, faculty and my supervisor."*

*Tara Monet Falce, USA*
*Theology and Religious Studies*
*PhD student*

*Find out more*

# EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

ERASMUS+ | FORTHEM | GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS | BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES

Broaden your studies through international mobility. Spend a semester abroad with Erasmus+, FORTHEM or one of our partner universities, or take part in shorter international programmes such as Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs). BIPs combine a short period of study abroad with online learning and bring together students from different countries for intensive courses, workshops, and collaborative projects.

**220+**
*Erasmus inter-institutional agreements*

**140+**
*Partner universities across Europe*

**70+**
*Incoming students welcomed each academic year for long-term and short-term mobility*

**GLOBAL**
*Bilateral agreements with universities around the world*

*"The week in Riga was an amazing experience – I truly enjoyed getting to know everyone and discovering the city, and by the end of the programme I almost did not want to leave."*

*Will Van de Waeter, France*
*Participant in the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme "Research Skills Booster", Riga, 2026*

*Exchange Studies at the University of Latvia*

# STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

**LV/EN** - *programme available in Latvian and English* **EN** - *programme available in English*

## BACHELOR'S

*Programmes and sub-programmes*

**ASIAN AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES**
- Asian Studies
- East-West Intercultural Studies **EN**

**ENGLISH, EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS STUDIES** **EN**

**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

**PHILOLOGY**
- French · Russian · German **LV/EN**
- Classical · Finno-Ugric Studies

**PHILOSOPHY**

**LATVIAN STUDIES**

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

## MASTER'S

*Programmes and sub-programmes*

**ASIAN STUDIES**

**ENGLISH STUDIES** **EN**

**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**LATVIAN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE STUDIES**
*Double degree opportunity in Baltic Studies with Vilnius University*

**LINGUISTICS, LITERATURE AND REGIONAL CULTURE STUDIES**
- Germanic · Romance **LV/EN**
- Russian and Slavic Studies **LV/EN**
- Classical Studies

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

## DOCTORAL

*Programmes*

**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY** **LV/EN**

**PHILOSOPHY** **LV/EN**

**LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES** **LV/EN**

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES** **LV/EN**

## READY TO APPLY?

*Bachelor's and Master's programmes, admission requirements, application steps, and deadlines.*

*Degree Studies at the University of Latvia*

*From the 2027/2028 academic year, the House of Letters at the University of Latvia Academic Centre in Pārdaugava, Riga, will be our new home. We look forward to welcoming you there!*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