

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA



International Programmes



Rector's Welcome

On the verge of one hundred

Established in 1919, the University of Latvia, the only classical university in Latvia, has been a national centre of higher education for almost a century. Today it is a place where the brightest academic minds, innovative research and exciting study process meet.

University of Latvia is continuously developing — expanding horizons of the academic work and scientific research by collaborating internationally, increasing the number of international study programmes, strengthening its cooperation with industrial partners. The newly built Academic Centre for Natural Sciences has become an excellent environment for research-based study process and multidisciplinary research opportunities. And this is only a beginning. Within the years to come, the University of Latvia campus will



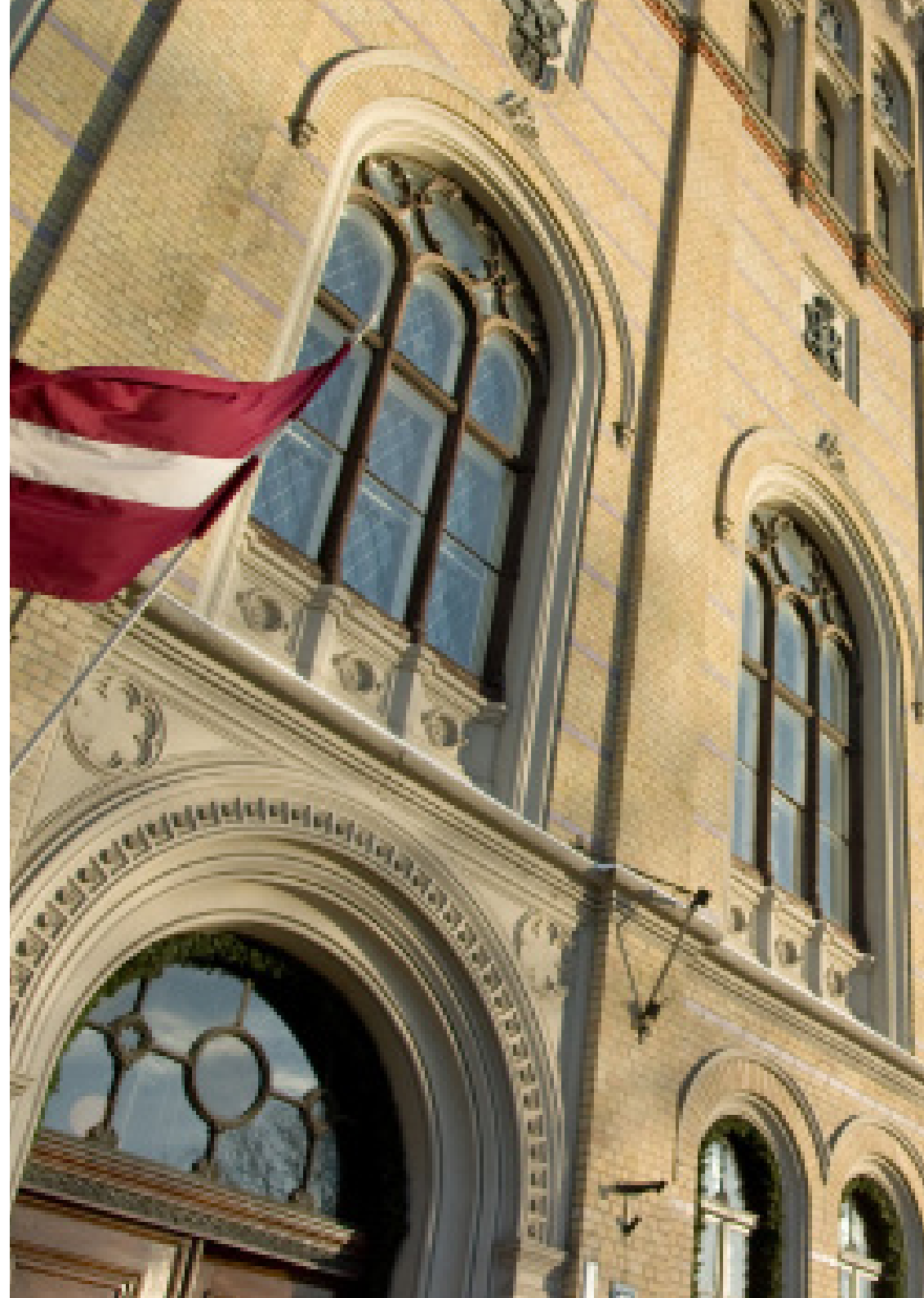
expand as new study infrastructure will be built (Academic Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities) as well as facilities for scientific research and technology transfer in the fields of life science and nanotechnology.

We are certain that the world class study and research process, the increasing number of international students and dynamic student life enhanced by the outstanding beauty of local environment and Riga city will make your studies or research at the University of Latvia an unforgettable experience and a great contribution to your future.

Experience the University of Latvia!

Prof. Indriķis Muižnieks

Rector of the University of Latvia
Full Member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences



Contents

Latvia in brief	6	University of Latvia libraries	14
Higher education system in Latvia	8	The New Academic Centre of Natural Sciences	16
University of Latvia	12	Science and innovation	18
International student advisor	13		
Humanities and Educational Sciences	20		
Asian Studies BSc	21	Orientalistics MSc	26
French Philology BSc	21	Romance Languages and Culture Studies MSc	27
English Philology BSc	22	Baltic Sea Region Studies MSc	27
German Philology BSc	22	Educational Treatment of Diversity MSc	28
Modern Language and Business Studies BSc	23	Educational Sciences MSc	29
Cultural and Social Anthropology BSc	23	Pedagogy with Specialization in Tertiary and Adult Education MSc	29
English Philology MSc	24	Teacher Sub-programme: Teacher – Master’s Degree in Education MSc	30
German Philology MSc	25	Teacher Sub-programme: Basic Education English Teacher MSc	31
Cultural and Social Anthropology MSc	25	Teacher Sub-programme: Secondary Education English Teacher MSc	32
Social Sciences	34		
Business Administration with Specialization in International Business BSc	35	European Studies MSc	36
International Economics and Commercial Diplomacy BSc	35	International Business with Specialization in Export Management MSc	37
Mathematical, Natural and Life Sciences	38		
Computer Science BSc	39	Optometry MSc	40
Chemistry BSc	39	Medicine	41
Optometry BSc	40	Dentistry	41
Doctoral studies	43	Student society	54
International voices	45	Accommodation	54
Admission procedure	46	Culture Exchange Programme	54
How to apply	48	Students’ Council	54
Finance	49	Radio of UL	54
Language Proficiency	50	Sports	56
Visa and residence permit	52	Culture	57

Latvia in brief

Founded November 18, 1918

Population 1 997 500

Area 64 589 sq. km

Time zone GMT+2 (as Helsinki, Vilnius, Athens)

Member of EU Since 2004

Ethnic groups Latvians, Russians, Belarusians, Ukrainians, Poles, Lithuanians, etc.

Currency EUR

Latvia is situated in the centre of the Baltics (between Estonia and Lithuania), in North-eastern Europe on the east coast of the Baltic Sea. It consists of fertile lowland plains and moderate hills, with most of its territory lying less than 100 metres above sea level. It has an extensive network of rivers, thousands of lakes and hundreds of kilometres of seashore lined with pine forests, dunes, and continuous white sand beaches. The territory is characterized by a moderate climate with four distinctive seasons. More information: www.meteo.lv

Riga is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. With 695 539 inhabitants,

Riga is also the biggest city of the Baltic States and a home to more than one third of Latvia's population. The city was founded in 1201 and was a member of the Hanseatic League (the 13th to 17th centuries). Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and the 19th century wooden architecture. The city is an important seaport and a major industrial, commercial, cultural and financial centre of the Baltic Sea region. Riga was the European Capital of Culture in 2014.

More information: www.latvia.eu

Higher education system in Latvia

Higher education system in Latvia is a part of the Bologna Process, and, correspondingly, follows the so-called 3-cycle system, where the first cycle includes an academic or professional bachelor's degree, the second cycle comprises an academic or professional master's degree and the third cycle – the doctoral degree. Academic credits in academic and professional programmes may be transferred in order to adjust one's education path to one's specific needs.

Universities and other institutions of higher education mostly run both academic and professional programmes. The following groups of programmes are distinguished:

1. Bachelor's degree (comprising 180–240 ECTS credits). Professional bachelor's programmes are designed to ensure professional competence. Both types of bachelors are eligible for studies in master's programmes.

2. Master's degree (comprising 120 ECTS credits). Professional master's degree comprises 60–180 ECTS credits. Degrees in medicine and dentistry are eligible for studies in 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 enter the labour market.

4. Second-level professional programmes provide professional qualifications (comprising at least 60 ECTS for holders of bachelor's degrees or at least 240 ECTS

for secondary school leavers). In both cases, the programmes include practical placement and graduation examinations. The graduates of the programmes are eligible for further academic studies, and, eventually, a doctoral degree, or a professional qualification providing access to the labour market.

5. Doctoral degree can be achieved by public defence of a thesis, produced in three to four years of full-time doctoral studies or by conducting an equivalent amount of independent research.

The academic year for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes begins in September and lasts until the end of June or the first half of July (40 weeks of lectures, seminars and practical work mainly divided into 2 semesters). Each study period ends with an examination session held in January and June/July.

The academic year of doctoral students begins in October. It is divided into 2 semesters and its duration is 12 months of studies, including a study break of one month between the semesters.





University of Latvia

The University of Latvia has been founded in 1919 and currently, with its more than 14 000 students, 13 faculties and around 20 research institutes and independent study centres, is one of the largest comprehensive and leading research universities in the Baltics. The University offers more than 130 state accredited academic and professional study programmes.

World-Renowned

According to QS University rating, the UL was awarded 4 out of 5 stars. The quality of studies, research, international collaboration, innovations were only a few of the aspects taken into account in the evaluation. The rating places the UL among 5% of the world's best universities.

Times Higher Education university rating has rated the UL among TOP 800 higher education institutions in the world.



International cooperation

The University of Latvia devotes great attention to development of international collaboration to promote its identity internationally and to strengthen the reputation of the University worldwide.

To date, the University of Latvia has signed 136 bilateral agreements worldwide and more than 700 agreements with 368 institutions in 32 European countries within the ERASMUS+ programme. Both incoming and outgoing exchange students use one of the available student mobility agreements: ERASMUS+, ERASMUS MUNDUS (Aurora, AESOP, LEADER), CAMPUS EUROPÆE, ISEP, bilateral agreements, and agreements between

countries. More information at www.university.lv/cooperation

ERASMUS MUNDUS is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. Partnerships between European and third-country higher education institutions include scholarships and fellowships for mobility at all academic levels (undergraduate, master's, doctorate, postdoctoral and staff). The University of Latvia is currently a partner in 9 ERASMUS MUNDUS projects.

Summer schools

The University of Latvia organizes several summer schools in disciplines like business, cognitive sciences, communication, law, etc. The organizational teams, as well as participating students are both local and international. For more information, please, visit the following link: www.university.lv/summerschools



International student advisor

Student Services ensures a centralized service and support to both local and international UL students, provides information on study opportunities, process and regulations, scholarships and study loans, social matters, assists in residence permit and visa procedures. It is responsible for the enrolment of prospective students at the UL and for their accommodation.

Student Services

University of Latvia
Raiņa bulvāris 19, Rīga
LV-1586, Latvia
+371 67034408
studies@lu.lv

For Medicine and Dentistry
lumedi@lu.lv
+371 67034497
+371 67034379

University of Latvia libraries

The Library offers a wide range of information resources, modern services and research studies. About 2 million printed information resources and more than 150 000 subscribed electronic resources of different scientific fields are available there. The Library provides the open access and a variety of trial accesses to databases.

The Library is the scientific establishment that encourages and promotes the Open Access initiative through the Projects OpenAire and OpenAire+ in Latvia. It supports and extensively contributes to the institutional e-resources' repository of the UL.

The Library offers open, accessible services to assist studies and research by using contemporary technologies. It constantly seeks opportunities to continue development of the modern and user-friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome to the Library of the UL, including its 10 branch libraries. The Research Library is located at Kalpaka bulvāris, housed in the historical building of the first mayor of Riga Ludwig Wilhelm Kerkovius. The building also hosts the Research Centre for Humanities and Social Science, creating an innovative model for the research work in the functionally appropriate setting.



“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.” We are here to help you with an access to a vast amount of information for your studies and research.

Rita Alkšbirze, UL Library

The Academic Library

The Academic Library of the University of Latvia is one of the oldest libraries in Europe. It is the largest accredited higher education library of state significance and the main information resource centre for studies and research at the University of Latvia. The library stock consists of 3.4 million information resources in various languages. The library collections contain printed, as well as previously unpublished documents, audio-visual materials, electronic resources and more.

The student's ID also functions as a reader's card, ensuring access to the Library of the University of Latvia and the Academic Library of the University of Latvia, as well as other libraries – the National Library of Latvia, the Patent and Technology Library, the Library of Rīga Stradiņš University and the Science Library of Rīga Technical University.

The New Academic Centre of Natural Sciences

where studies and research meet

Get ready for an amazing study experience

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.tornakalns.lv



Faculties and Departments

Faculty of Biology | Faculty of Chemistry | Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences | Faculty of Medicine | Department of Optometry and Vision Science

Within 6 National Research Centres located in the building, the new centre provides science based higher education as well as better collaboration opportunities for students and researchers.

There are 73 laboratory facilities for students and 65 scientific research

laboratories with high-performance equipment. The auditoria are equipped with modern facilities for excellent study experience.

Hallways with comfortable recreational areas, drinking water stations and other conveniences assure pleasant environment for everyone.

Science and innovation

The objective of the University of Latvia is to develop a world-class research centre, at the same time providing research-based and innovative studies in a wide spectrum of sciences. The knowledge and technologies created at the UL are highly acknowledged internationally.

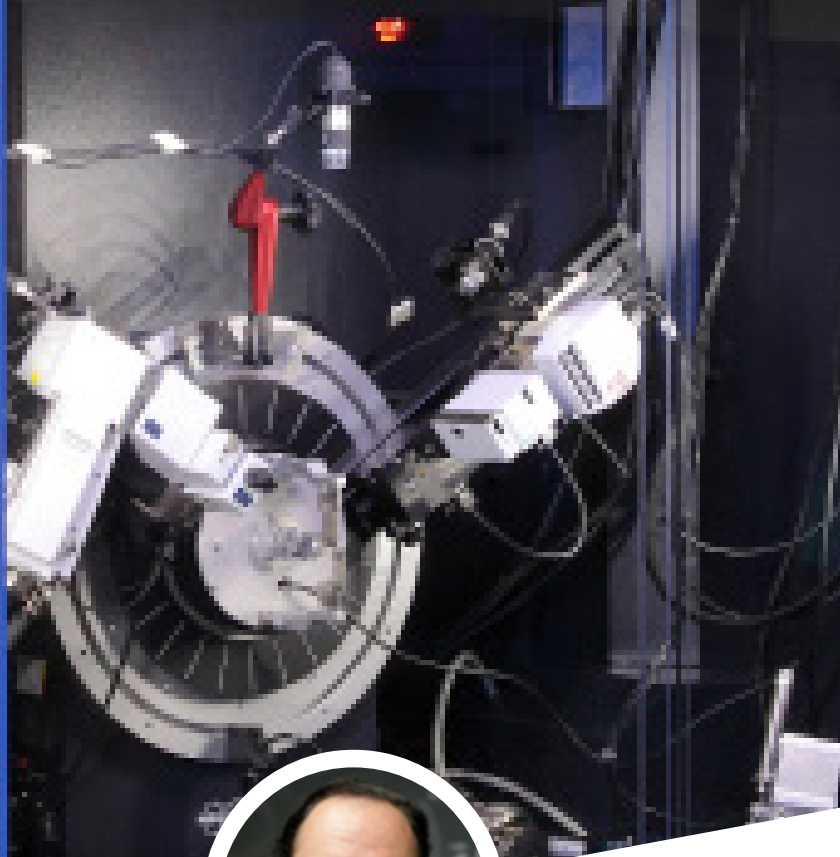
One of the UL research priorities today is to support young scientists and promote the establishment of new research groups; however, the University also focuses on matters and challenges like knowledge spillover effects and commercialization of scientific findings, science communication, internationally significant research results, development of research infrastructure, and support of research projects dedicated to the Latvian language and culture.

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

The University of Latvia Innovation Centre, founded in 2006, plays a great role in promoting UL scientists and their involvement in the national economy by informing the public about the UL innovations and scientific solutions, coordinating the cooperation of scientists and industry, and facilitating development of high-tech enterprises, as well as gathering the information about the demand for research services and advising scientists about potential cooperation opportunities.



One of the most popular inventions in Latvia is the internationally known James Bond spy photo camera Minox, which has been created in Riga by Walter Zapp in 1936, a hi-tech thread created from amber, the cancer medication Tegafur and the versatile drug Mildronate.



**Professor
Andris Ambainis**

Advanced Grant Laureate



**Associate Prof. Vjačeslavs
Kaščejevs**

World Economic Forum Award





Awards

Researchers at the University of Latvia regularly receive prestigious awards. In 2013, for the first time among the laureates of the prestigious Advanced Grant by the European Research Council (ERC) was a Latvian researcher – Professor Andris Ambainis from the Faculty of Computing (advantages and limits of quantum

devices), while the quantum physicist Vjačeslavs Kaščejevs was one of the few selected young scientists to win the prestigious Award of the World Economic Forum. In 2012, as in the previous year, all three L’Oreal Latvia Fellowships for Women in Science were awarded to UL representatives.



Asian Studies

	Bachelor of Humanities in Asian Studies
	3 years (full time)
	180 ECTS
	English

The programme combines language studies with the corresponding culture and regional studies. The curriculum is divided into four sub-programmes depending on the language chosen by the student: (1) Japanese Culture and Language; (2) Sinology with Standard Chinese – currently the studies of Korean language and culture are technically integrated into the sub-programme of Sinology; (3) Culture of the Middle East with Arabic or Turkish Languages.

The language courses are delivered by native speakers with professional education of teaching their native language to non-native speakers. The bachelor's programme is designed to create basic knowledge and proficiencies, especially in the culture and language of the chosen sub-programme. It provides a qualification for further specialization in professional or academic master's programmes of Asian studies.

Career opportunities

The graduates enter the following professional fields: education, cultural management, business, journalism, research.





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

French Philology

	Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
	4 years (full time)
	240 ECTS
	French and Spanish or Italian, or German

The French Philology programme offers simultaneous studies of two Romance and German languages. The goal of the programme is to prepare multi-competence specialists, who have both a good command of two Romance languages, and also know the history, geography, culture, economics and politics of the countries where the respective language is spoken. The study programme offers language studies (French-Spanish, French-Italian, French-German), the studies of the specific area, the courses for professional purposes (translation, business language, language teaching methodology), the basics of economics and law, diplomacy, politics, academic studies and research. The programme envisages students' mobility within the framework of Erasmus+ in the institutions of higher learning of France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Germany. Some courses are delivered by guest lecturers. After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may pursue further studies in the Romance Language and Culture Studies master's programme or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

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





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50), French language knowledge will be considered as an advantage.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

English Philology

	Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
	4 years (full time) or 5 years (part time)
	240 ECTS
	English

The programme comprises the English-English module and the English-Scandinavian module: English-Swedish, English-Danish or English-Norwegian (for full-time studies) and encompasses the courses integral to Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture, among them Basics of Translation Theory, English Normative Phonetics and Phonology, Integrated Text Analysis, English Literature of Classicism and Enlightenment, Modernism and Postmodernism. The English-English module students also acquire British, USA or Canadian Cultural Studies, English Language Learning and Teaching Methodologies and courses of a second foreign language – French, Spanish, German, or Italian (Russian can be chosen in the sixth semester). The English-Scandinavian module students gain an in-depth knowledge of a Scandinavian language, culture and literature. In the third year, all students specialize either in Linguistics, where the emphasis is on the practical application of the acquired knowledge (for example, EU Institutional and Project Management Discourse, Creative Writing, Internship in Applied Linguistics) or in Literature and Culture (for instance, Introduction to

Visual and Film Studies, Realism in American Literature).

Career opportunities

The graduates are highly qualified to pursue a career in the public and private sector, including publishing, editing, management of cultural and political organisations, public relations, research, teaching and translation.





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

German Philology

	Bachelor of Humanities in Philology
	3 years (full time)
	180 ECTS
	German

This programme is designed for the students who are interested in language and literature of the German-speaking countries, associate their future with advanced German studies and seek in-depth knowledge of the language and literature along with the studies of Latvia's cultural heritage, considering the relevance of the German language in the Baltic history and culture. The students will appreciate the quality of Germanic studies, the comprehensive view of the German literature and history, as well as translation skills, which will contribute to career advancement. The programme offers two-module directions of the curriculum, majoring in either linguistics and translation or culture and literature. After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may pursue further studies in the German Philology master's programme or any other relevant programme.

Career opportunities

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





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. German language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Modern Language and Business Studies

	Bachelor of Humanities
	4 years (full time) or 5 years (part time)
	240 ECTS
	English

The programme combines language studies with business studies and aims at preparing students for international careers in enterprises and institutions operating within the modern economic and political environment. The language studies in the programme provides a choice among three language modules: English-French, English-Spanish and English-German. All three modules comprise studies of Business English, Financial English, English for Law, as well as the general and business aspects of another modern language, for example, Swedish, Norwegian, Italian. The programme provides cultural studies by means of courses like Intercultural Communication, Intercultural Business Relations, and business studies in the form of the basic management studies, as well as the specific study courses dedicated to EU and international market. Upon graduation, the students are able to continue education in master's level programmes and second-level professional study programmes.

Career opportunities

Advanced competence in foreign languages along with a thorough grounding in business is attractive to domestic and international employers. Graduates of the programme work in private enterprises and public institutions both in Latvia and abroad as manager's assistants, marketing and PR specialists, project managers and their assistants, translators, language instructors and in many other positions, where a combination of foreign language and business knowledge is required. The programme also provides a sufficient background for starting one's own business.


Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grade in mathematics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Cultural and Social Anthropology

 Bachelor of Humanities in Anthropology

 3 years (full time)

 180 ECTS

 English

The study programme provides students with a solid basis of anthropological knowledge and research skills, upon which to build their later academic or professional career. It covers the main themes in anthropological theory, economic and political anthropology, as well as anthropology of gender and religion, and thus helps students to develop critical thinking and interdisciplinary analysis skills. The programme is mostly orientated towards public anthropology and the Baltic region, but students are encouraged to define and explore their own research topics with the support of experienced supervisors within the department.

The senior teaching staff holds doctoral degrees from the world's best ranking universities and are active in the public sphere, encouraging their students to express their opinions and publish research results in the mass media.

The programme uses its Erasmus+ exchange agreements to send students to other European universities and welcomes students from abroad.

Career opportunities

The graduates can pursue further academic studies or a professional career in the public/NGO/private sector in Latvia and abroad.


Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

English Philology

 Master of Humanities in Philology

 2 years (full time)

 120 ECTS

 English

The programme comprises three study modules: literature, linguistics and methodology. Students can select and acquire comprehensive knowledge in one of the sub-branches of philology: literary studies, linguistics or applied linguistics.

The objectives of the programme are targeted to broaden the acquired knowledge, advance the skills for the systematising, analysing and evaluating the contemporary developmental tendencies of language and culture within the framework of the abovementioned sub-branches of philology, foster the awareness of how theories are implemented in practice and advance the skills of stating research problems and proposing approaches to their solving in a wide range of professional practice fields, as well as in research.

Students can study at different universities of the European Union countries in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

The acquired knowledge and skills will enable graduates to take up their own research in literary studies, general and applied linguistics, and to continue knowledge and research skills' advancement by joining doctoral studies programme.

Career opportunities

The Master's degree in English Philology enables the graduates to have a number of job opportunities at the institutions of secondary and higher education, public administration agencies, non-governmental organizations, the EU structures, publishing industry, mass media, translation and terminology centres.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree, or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;

2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

German Philology

 Master of Humanities in Philology

 2 years (full time)

 120 ECTS

 German

German Philology is a modern master's programme developed in accordance with the actual trends in German Linguistics and conducted in cooperation with the Ventspils University College. The programme comprises general philology study courses as elective field courses with one of the following specializations: Linguistics, Literary Theory, German Literature, Language and Literary Contacts in the Baltic Area. It is designed for students with German language proficiency and interest in German speaking countries as the prospective professional or research field. Students gain an in-depth knowledge of German language, literature and culture to be prepared for the professional career. The main course modules: Intercultural Linguistics, Intercultural Studies of Literature and Culture, Intercultural Communication Studies, Contacts and Contrasts of Languages and Cultures, Scientific Research Practice, Interdisciplinary Aspects. The programme lays great emphasis on cross-cultural discourse, which is consistent with the requirements set by the labour market. Highly-qualified professors, including guest lecturers and professors from Germany (e.g., University of Freiburg) and Sweden, ensure an interesting study process of a high quality. The programme

also envisages students' mobility within the framework of Erasmus+ to the institutions of higher education of the European Union. The graduates may continue further studies in a doctoral degree programme in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

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

Admission requirements





1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in Humanities;

2. German language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Cultural and Social Anthropology

	Master of Humanities in Anthropology
	2 years (full time)
	120 ECTS
	English

The programme offers an outstanding opportunity to acquire analytical tools to approach contemporary global and local social processes and trends. These include issues like migration with its corollaries of increasing cross-cultural contact and new nationalist, human rights and diaspora politics, financial crises and advancement of neo-liberal (and other) policies, both internationally and locally, as well as transformation of political subjectivities in the context of shifting ideas about development, state-building and nation.

The programme provides students with a solid theoretical and methodological basis for critical exploration of a variety of pressing issues in the (post)modern society. Through lectures, seminars and independent reading students gain knowledge in social and, specifically, anthropological theory. A variety of compulsory and optional courses help students to develop a thoroughly anthropological approach to the themes of self and agency, gender, state and power, borders/migration, consumerism, art/performance. Work with texts is combined with ethnographic fieldwork, through which students learn how to develop and apply particular methods for particular research.

The Master's programme builds upon the 3-year Bachelor's programme in Cultural and Social Anthropology, but it is open to graduates from other fields. The programme staff holds doctoral degrees from world's best ranking universities. They maintain high standards both in teaching and public discussions, thus encouraging critical analysis beyond the academic realm. The programme is mostly orientated towards public anthropology and the Baltic region, but students are encouraged to define and explore their own research topics also in different regions.

The programme uses its Erasmus+ exchange agreements to send students to other European universities and welcomes students from abroad.

Career opportunities

The programme graduates can pursue academic careers in Latvia and abroad (several graduates teach at the University of Latvia) or continue professional career in public, business or NGO sectors.





Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Pass of entrance examination by submitting a written 1–2 page essay/motivation letter and CV, as well as participating in an entrance interview in person or via Skype.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv
www.antropologija.lu.lv

Orientalistics

	Master of Humanities
	2 years (full time)
	120 ECTS
	English

This master's programme combines the studies of language and culture, which are according to the region selected by student. Language practice and theoretical lessons are conducted by qualified specialists from Latvia, visiting professors and native-speaking language instructors (Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic and Turkish).

The programme includes two specializations: Literature and Culture, History and Society; and three study modules: Japanese Language module, Sinology module, and Middle East module.

Career opportunities





The graduates have knowledge and experience required to work in cultural, educational, business and foreign affairs institutions and at universities in Latvia and abroad.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in humanities;
2. Japanese, Chinese, Arabic or Turkish language proficiency, which must be proved by a certificate on the achieved level of knowledge (intermediate, duration of 2 to 3 years, or language tests (see page 50));
3. English language proficiency (see page 50).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Romance Languages and Culture Studies

	Master of Humanities in Romance Studies
	2 years (full time)
	120 ECTS
	French or Italian, or Spanish

The programme of Romance Languages and Culture Studies provides an academic education in Romance field (French, Spanish, Italian languages), including a professional specialisation in culturology, language teaching and translation. The main study modules: French–Spanish–Italian languages; Romance area studies (French–Spanish–Italian literature, history of art, geography); courses for professional qualification (translation: French–Spanish–Italian); Applied Linguistics; Basics of Economics and Legal Science; Diplomacy and Politics in France, Spain and Italy.

Graduates have an opportunity to continue academic education in Latvia or abroad.

Career opportunities

Graduates have the basis for a professional career in business, in government and international institutions, and in non-governmental organizations. They may work in education and in different social areas (e.g., French, Spanish or Italian language, literature and culture researcher, lecturer, translator, interpreter, tour guide, expert of the language policy and terminology, adviser in the matters related to Romance area countries, e.g., geography, history, art, culture, politics and economics).





Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree, or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education. If the previous education was obtained in 3 years, the applicant may be admitted for the 2 years (Full-time) or 2.5 years (Part-time) Master's degree programme; the applicant with a 4 year Bachelor Degree may be accepted for the 1.2 years (Full-time) or 1.5 year (Part-time) programme.
2. French, Italian, or Spanish language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes;
apply.lu.lv

Baltic Sea Region Studies

	Master of Humanities in Baltic Sea Region Studies
	2 years (full time)
	120 ECTS
	English

This is a two-year programme providing an excellent opportunity to obtain an interdisciplinary Master's degree in Baltic Sea region issues. The programme offers education in humanities and several social and environmental disciplines, focusing on the Baltic Sea region countries. The programme is set up in cooperation with three partner universities: the University of Turku in Finland, the University of Tartu in Estonia and Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania. The programmes are compatible, and this partnership enables student mobility within the programme.

The following thematic lines are offered: concept of the Baltic Sea region and research methods, 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 studying one of the following languages: Latvian, Swedish, Finnish, Estonian, or Lithuanian.

The graduates of the master's programme obtain qualifications to continue their academic research in doctoral studies.

Career opportunities

The graduates of the Baltic Sea Region Studies programme work at various state, non-governmental and private institutions, such as government institutions, diplomatic structures, representative offices of international organizations, e. g. the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, European Council, etc., international organizations, which have interests in the Baltic region, such as institutions of higher education and scientific research.

Admission requirements





1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;

2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Educational Treatment of Diversity

	Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy
	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
	120 ECTS
	English and Spanish

Diversity as one of the most relevant features of our time is a social and cultural asset that promotes initiative to facilitate inclusion of human beings through individualization, inter-sectoral cooperation and internationalisation. The competence-based master's degree elaborated in 2007 by UNED (Spain), UL (Latvia), Charles University (Prague) and PH Ludwigsburg (Germany) is accredited in Spain and Latvia, and open to adults with diverse study needs. Research-oriented content is integrated in 4 modules, covering the multidisciplinary aspects of the educational treatment of diversity. Each module includes 6 interconnected study courses targeted at the self-, organizational, and society transformation. This is achieved through practical research, pedagogical leadership and formative evaluation activities. A collaborative approach is used to enhance students' ability to manage and transform life and work contexts, and to develop students' entrepreneurship competence, personal motivation to learn using ICT and more than two languages, responsibility and autonomy in creating state-of-the-art knowledge, diverse thinking and practical skills

in complex, unpredictable and situations related to both life and work. The studies provide the opportunity to manage the pace and place of one's studies in a small intergenerational learning community.

Career opportunities

Master's degree provides opportunities to create an interdisciplinary system of knowledge, skills and generic, general, and integrated social-pedagogical, psychological and special pedagogical competences to improve workplaces or/and to create new workplaces in the field of educational treatment of diversity, working in national and international governmental and non-governmental institutions/organisations, and in various enterprises worldwide. Graduates continue their studies at the doctoral level.

Admission requirements





1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;

2. English or Spanish language proficiency (see page 50).

3. Applicants will be called to an interview face to face or through Skype to discuss the submitted CV and motivation.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Educational Sciences

	Master of Education Sciences
	1.2 or 2 years (full time) or 1.5 or 2.5 years (part time)
	72 or 120 ECTS
	English

The programme offers students opportunities to extend and deepen the knowledge in philosophy of education, sociology, psychology, research methodology, comparative research, adult education, multicultural education in human behaviour and education. According to the module chosen by student, 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 an opportunity to develop individual skills to carry out research, to summarize, analyze, evaluate research results, as well as to present them during the defense of their master's thesis. The graduates are prepared to implement research in various fields related to education and to enter doctoral studies in education sciences.

Part time students must attend the University of Latvia personally twice in each academic year to receive the introduction to the courses, to obtain the tasks required to complete the courses, to discuss the completed tasks. The communication with teaching staff is organized via e-mails and Skype.

Career opportunities

The Master's degree in Education Sciences enables the graduates to have a number of job opportunities at the institutions of secondary and higher education, public administration agencies, non-governmental organizations, the EU structures and other related fields.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education.





2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

3. Motivation letter, which should include the applicant's intended subject of the master's thesis and explanation of his/her motivation and CV to study in the programme.

4. If the previous education was obtained in 3 years, the applicant may be admitted for the 2 years (Full-time) or 2.5 years (Part-time) Master's degree programme; the applicant with a 4 year Bachelor Degree may be accepted for the 1.2 years (Full-time) or 1.5 year (Part-time) programme. Applicants will be called to an interview face to face or through Skype to discuss the submitted CV and motivation.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Pedagogy with Specialization in Tertiary and Adult Education

	Master of Education Sciences in Pedagogy
	2 years (full time)
	120 ECTS
	English

The target audience of the sub-programme Tertiary and Adult Education are students who currently are working or aim at preparing themselves for work in tertiary or/and adult further education. The programme follows the overarching target of pedagogy to investigate and suggest practical solutions of shifting teachers' and educators' profession from skill of facilitating, evaluating and recognizing the learners' knowledge to the competent ability of involving the learners into creating their knowledge, teaching to learn, understanding and developing critical thinking as a precondition for a successful educator of the 21st century. Therefore the mission of a programme designed for future educators is to provide the students with opportunities for learning to successfully obtain the target competences and personal qualities.

Successful acquisition of the programme leads the graduates to an academic master's degree in pedagogy. After successful completion of the programme, students can continue their studies and research in a doctoral degree programme of educational sciences.

Career opportunities





The programme provides students with the training required of specialized professionals to work in tertiary education and/or adult further education in all spheres of sciences and practice. Students will also be prepared to conduct classes and research in the abovementioned field of education.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent education from an institution of tertiary education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Motivation letter, which should include the applicant's intended subject of the master's thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Teacher Sub-programme: Teacher – Master's Degree in Education

	Professional Master's Degree in Education
	1 year (full time) or 1.5 years (part time)
	60 ECTS
	English

Sub-programme: Teacher – Master's Degree in Education provides teachers who already have higher professional education an opportunity to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education by acquiring the module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Wellbeing and Coherent Development of Society". Based on research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Professional master's studies are oriented towards cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching activities and relate to personality development and professional career. Students deepen their interdisciplinary understanding of the effective didactic approaches and improve skills of implementing them in their

educational practice to define and solve problems connected with well-being and harmonised development in formal, non-formal and informal learning practice in the context of the local community and global education, and developing a master's thesis connected with topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society. Sub-programme envisages learning assignments for the development of convergent and divergent thinking skills, as well as master's practice in research, which students can carry out either in formal, non-formal or informal education institutions and communities of Latvia or abroad.

Students can participate in Erasmus+ exchange programmes enabling mobility to partner higher education institutions in EU.

Career opportunities





The graduates of the programme can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in doctoral programmes.

Admission requirements

1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or comparable higher education) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Passed entrance examination, whereupon applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview, applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Teacher Sub-programme: Basic Education English Teacher

	Professional Master's Degree in Education, qualification "Basic Education English Teacher"
	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
	120 ECTS
	English

Sub-programme – Basic Education English Teacher grants an opportunity to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education and the Qualification of Basic Education English Teacher.

Students acquire the module of corresponding science courses (Content of the subject), subject teaching methodology, practice module and master's module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Well-being and Coherent Development of Society".

During the studies, the students acquire phonetics of English, written English, spoken English, lexical grammatical analysis of English texts, English grammar for teachers, British studies, as well as theory and practice of the methods of teaching/learning foreign languages, modelling of English lessons and the use of Internet and modern technologies in English teacher's work. Based on the research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Students have an opportunity to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in formal, non-formal and informal teaching and master's research practice in the context of the local community and global education, and developing a master's thesis connected with

topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society.

Career opportunities

The graduates of the programme can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in doctoral programmes.

Admission requirements

1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or comparable higher education) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Passed entrance examination, whereupon applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview, applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes; apply.lu.lv

Teacher Sub-programme: Secondary Education English Teacher



Professional Master's Degree in Education, qualification "Secondary Education English Teacher"



2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)



120 ECTS



English

Sub-programme Secondary Education English Teacher provides the opportunity to obtain a Professional Master's Degree in Education and the Qualification of Secondary Education English Teacher. Students acquire the module of corresponding science courses (Content of the subject), subject teaching methodology, practice module and master's module "Education for Personal and Sustainable Well-being and Coherent Development of Society".

During the studies, a particular attention is devoted to the qualitative acquisition and improvement of English, theory and practice of methods of teaching/learning foreign languages, modelling of English lessons. Students master language skills and strategies, foreign language in modern discourse, the use of information technologies in the work of the language teacher. Based on research skills of examining, disseminating and implementing changes, the students gain understanding of building a sustainable cultural environment of education, developing educational practice for the growth of a holistic personality, improving the understanding of an educator's professional identity and skills to evaluate pedagogic mastery.

Students have an opportunity to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in formal, non-formal and informal teaching and master's research practice in the context of the local community and global education and developing a master's thesis relevant to topical needs of education, thus contributing to the harmonious development of society.

Career opportunities

The graduates of the programme can work in the state and private educational institutions and other education-related institutions, etc. The obtained degree gives teachers an opportunity to continue the studies in doctoral programmes.

Admission requirements


1. Higher professional pedagogical education (or comparable higher education) with teacher's qualification;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Passed entrance examination, whereupon applicants will be invited to a Skype interview. For the interview, applicant must present a motivation letter explaining the choice of the master's programme (1,800 characters), Curriculum Vitae and the evidence of the professional activities for the last 3 years.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv






Business Administration with Specialization in International Business

 Bachelor of Social Sciences in Management

 4 years (full time)

 240 ECTS

 English

The aim of the programme is to prepare the students for developing their own business in international environment or working as a highly qualified specialist in state, private and international institutions. The graduates will have a full range of competences to work in the field of entrepreneurship. Students will be trained to work both individually and in groups; they will also develop their presentation skills, analytical capacity and critical thinking abilities, which are necessary to remain effective in labour market and to evolve business organisations in the changing economic environment.

The intended results will cover the following competences: orienting in the processes of the contemporary international economy and business, and the ability to analyze them by using statistical, econometric and other methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis; understanding the basics of every legal aspect of the entrepreneurship in order to participate efficiently in the activities of international trade, finance and other fields; ability to navigate in the global economic environment and to take decisions in the circumstances of global competition.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be able to develop their own business on the international level, to work in international companies, multinational


corporations, institutions of foreign affairs and economics, international, state, non-governmental and private organizations, embassies and banks.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grades in mathematics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
 apply.lu.lv

International Economics and Commercial Diplomacy

 Bachelor of Social Sciences in International Economics

 4 years (full time)

 240 ECTS

 English

The aim of the programme is to educate highly qualified specialists for the state, private and international institutions, knowledgeable in the matters of international economy and commercial diplomacy, capable of taking independent decisions, handling everyday tasks and liaising with Latvian and foreign organizations, institutions and businesses.

The programme focuses on providing such general and specific competences as understanding the processes of the contemporary international economy and the ability to analyze them by using statistical, econometric and other methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis; the basic knowledge of commercial diplomacy in order to participate efficiently in the activities of international trade, finance and more, including negotiations,

signing of agreements, representing national or corporate interests; capacity to navigate in the global economic environment and decision making in the circumstances of global competition.

Career opportunities

The graduates work in the institutions of foreign affairs and economics in Latvia, as well as in the institutions of the European Union and in international, public, non-governmental and private organizations, in multinational corporations, embassies and banks.

Admission requirements


1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grades in mathematics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

European Studies

 Master of Social Sciences in European Studies

 2 years (full time)

 120 ECTS

 English

This interdisciplinary academic programme offers the students an opportunity to study European economic, political and legal matters, to acquire a deeper knowledge of European integration process and to analyse EU functional principles, procedures and major policies beyond the disciplinary boundaries. It offers a specialisation in EU law, trade, energy issues, migration, regional and social dimensions, and external relations. The programme provides studies in international environment of wide linguistic and cultural diversity. Distinguished national and international academics and EU practitioners with extensive experience in the relevant areas from Latvia, the EU institutions, partner universities in Europe and overseas

comprise the teaching staff of the programme. The programme offers intensive study tours to the EU institutions and NATO in Frankfurt, Brussels and Luxembourg, a Double Degree Diploma with Manipal University in India, internships and exchange programmes at partner universities and research centres, French, Russian and Latvian language courses, as well as an opportunity to participate in the EU-supported research projects. Programme modules: EU – Government and Institutions, European Economic Integration, EU Regional Policy and Social Dimension, EU Funds and Project Management, EU External Policy, Research Methodology Seminar, Diplomatic and Legal French, Master's Thesis. During the 2nd year the programme offers a specialization in European Union's external relations within two sub-programmes: 1) EU External Relations – Eastern Europe and Russia; 2) EU External Relations – Triple A countries (Latin and Northern America, Africa, Asia).

Career opportunities

More than 500 graduates work at international, European and national public and private institutions, diplomatic services, in the spheres of communication, international journalism and lobbying at EU level, serve as political, economic and legal advisors, are employed by universities and research centres, continue studies in doctoral degree programmes to advance an academic career.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. CV and motivation letter, which should include the applicant's intended subject of the master's thesis and explanation of his/her motivation to study in the programme.
4. Applicants will be called to an interview face to face or through Skype

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes

International Business with Specialization in Export Management

 Professional Master's Degree in Business Administration qualification "Head of Organization/Enterprise"

 2 years (full time)

 120 ECTS

 English

The study programme is designed to meet the versatile learning needs of business people and to address managerial issues relevant to doing business, also incorporating the necessary basic knowledge of business. The programme concentrates on the more detailed aspects of international economics, marketing, management and finance. Degree requirements have been designed to provide practical knowledge and training for future business executives. This master's programme is an international study programme executed by University of Latvia in cooperation with foreign teaching staff. After the graduation it is possible to become enrolled in doctoral studies.

Career opportunities

The programme is oriented towards the preparation of higher-level managers for any sphere of activity, and all the necessary preconditions for a successful career in international business are created for anyone who has successfully completed the programme.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree, or a diploma proving equivalent level of education from an institution of higher education in economics, business administration, mathematics, computer sciences, physics, engineering or other related fields of social sciences;

2. English language proficiency (see page 50);





3. At least two years of professional experience in business or economics (detailed description of applicant's professional background must be included in the CV);

4. Passed entrance examination.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv



Computer Science

	Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Computer Science
	4 years (full time)
	240 ECTS
	English, Latvian

The programme is designed according to the recommendations of the ACM/IEEE Computing Curricula. It is awarded the Euro-Inf Quality Label by European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education. This programme offers five-module courses of the curriculum: Theoretical Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Systems, Information Technology, and Computer Engineering. After graduation, students can continue studies to obtain master's degree.

Please, note: The language of instruction in the first study year is English or Latvian (according to student's choice). From the second year on, it is mainly Latvian. The ability to follow courses in the Latvian language must be attained by the end of the first study year (a Latvian language course will be provided).

Career opportunities

The graduates can fully integrate into the international market of IT specialists.





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grade in mathematics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place, if the candidate's Latvian language proficiency is sufficient (at least A2 level). In this case, the language of instruction is Latvian.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes/apply.lu.lv

Chemistry

	Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
	3 years (full time)
	180 ECTS
	English

The study programme is aimed at academic studies in chemistry and preparation of chemistry specialists. The programme is awarded the label of "Chemistry Eurobachelor" by the Labelling Committee of the European Chemistry Thematic Network Association. The courses cover the main aspects of the chemistry science: inorganic, organic, analytical, physical, and biological chemistry, and specialization in organic synthesis, physical chemistry, food chemistry, or practical analytical chemistry is available through elective courses and research. The students also acquire the necessary knowledge in mathematics, biology and physics, as well as the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the work in chemistry labs, and the ability to carry out research in one of the branches of chemistry demonstrating the achieved results in the bachelor's thesis. After graduation, the students can continue studies to obtain master's degree.

Career opportunities





Graduates can integrate into the labour market as entry-level chemists.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grades in mathematics (algebra and geometry), chemistry and physics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes/apply.lu.lv

Optometry

	Bachelor of Natural Sciences in Optometry
	3 years (full time) and 4 years (part time)
	180 ECTS
	English

This programme is based on the studies of natural sciences, biology, medicine and the basic principles of primary eye care service. The bachelor's programme is the first step in the professional optometrist education scheme in Latvia. The programme offers extensive profile courses of natural sciences, including organic chemistry, biology, calculus, physics for natural sciences, optics, basics of human anatomy, general physiology, ophthalmic optics, microbiology, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology of the eye, physiology of vision, optometric instruments, refractive defects, binocular vision, and others.

The topic of the bachelor's thesis should be carefully chosen; a supervisor's assistance is provided for further research. Students will be able to continue education in the master's programme.

Career opportunities





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

Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grade in mathematics must not be below 4 in a 10-point grading system.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Optometry

	Professional Master Degree in Clinical Optometry, qualification <i>Optometrist</i>
	2 years (full time) or 2.5 years (part time)
	120 ECTS
	English

The professional Master's programme Optometry offers multidisciplinary studies based on the visual science and the contemporary primary vision care. The professional qualification of the graduates meets the professional standard of Optometrist.

Students of the programme acquire both professional skills in primary vision care (optometry) and academic knowledge in vision science.

The syllabus consists of professional (clinical) and scientific (experimental) subjects related to the evaluation, research, and understanding of the human visual system. The programme includes the following: practical training (33%), medicine and physiology of vision (35%), and courses in the natural sciences and psychology.

The study programme contains compulsory (part A), optional (part B), and practical courses. The practical training (internship) accounts for 39 ECTS. Part A includes specialization courses: General Medicine in Optometry, Eye Diseases and Pharmacotherapy, Contact Correction, Visual Perception Models, as well as a state examination and master's thesis. Part B contains clinical and experimental courses in optometry. The final examination consists of a theoretical knowledge test in optometry and a practical examination in the evaluation of the patient's visual function and vision correction. The elaboration and defense of the master's thesis is worth 30 ECTS.

Career opportunities





This programme prepares competitive graduates for Latvian and European labour markets, giving a qualification in optometry.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree of Natural Sciences in Optometry, or Bachelor's degree in any related fields, where studies have comprised mandatory courses in optometry. Applicants which do not hold a Bachelor's degree in Optometry are obligated to take preparatory courses in amount of 36 ECTS;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50).

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Medicine

	Medical Doctor
	6 years (full time)
	360 ECTS
	English

During the studies, students learn the science and methods of medicine based on human morphology (structure), functions (physiology), psychology, basic clinical practice (anamnesis, overall objective examination and interpretation of results, manipulation competence), obtain knowledge on health promotion and disease prevention in the context of family and society. After successful completion of the programme, the graduates may enter residency and PhD studies.

The programme corresponds to the EU standards and professional requirements set for MDs. The obtained degree is in line with European labour market requirements (part of the European comparative degree system) and allows free movement within Europe.

Career opportunities

After successful completion of the programme, the graduates work in the field of health care, medical firms, government institutions. The graduates may also work at hospitals or health centres under the supervision of a certified doctor.





Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grades in biology, chemistry or natural sciences must not be below 6 (almost good) in a 10-point system.

Please, note: There is a competition for limited study places in this programme. The competition criteria are the grades in biology, chemistry and physics or natural sciences and English.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Dentistry

	Doctor of Dental Medicine
	5 years (full time)
	300 ECTS
	English

The dentistry curriculum leads to the degree in dentistry and forms the basis for specialist education or scientific (PhD) studies. The aim of the study programme is to prepare qualified specialists with theoretical and practical skills appropriate to commence independent practice of general dentistry. Programme has been developed according to EU Directive 2005/36/EC of mutual recognition of qualifications of health care professionals, directly related to the guidelines of Association of Dental Education in Europe. Programme comprises several components like biomedical subjects, common to medicine and dentistry. Appreciation of human development, structure, function, pathology, diagnosis and treatment of human diseases will be taught in modular form based on the systems of human body. Knowledge of oral and dental aspects of biological science will ensure understanding of the diagnosis, causes, prevention and treatment of diseases and disorders, and the effects of systemic disease on oral and dental tissues. The clinical part of the study plan has a significant role to provide students with instruction and experience of the

dentistry practice, as well as for development of the clinical/manual skills of the students. Pre-clinical training will take place in phantom laboratories and clinics. Clinical training includes the treatment of patients under the supervision of clinical instructor.

Career opportunities

Successful graduates of the study program have employment opportunities based on professional qualification. The opportunities to join the oral health care centers or private dental clinics, as well as to create one's own practice are available as soon as the professional certificate is obtained.

Admission requirements

1. General secondary/high school diploma;
2. English language proficiency (see page 50);
3. Grades in biology, chemistry or natural sciences must not be below 6 (almost good) in a 10-point system.

More information:
www.university.lv/studyprogrammes
apply.lu.lv

Doctoral studies

24 postgraduate doctoral study programmes conducted at the University of Latvia aim at promoting scientific research career of the students who have attained a master's degree or a corresponding academic level. The doctoral degree programmes represent the scientific fields of biology, chemistry, computer science, communication science, demography, economics, educational management, environmental science, geography, geology, history, legal science, linguistics, management science, mathematics, medicine and pharmacy, pedagogy, political science, Literature, Folklore and Art, philosophy, physics, astronomy and mechanics, psychology, sociology, theology and science of religions. The Management Science programme has 2 sub-fields: Public Administration and Business Management. The goal of doctoral programmes is to enhance the students' personal, professional and career development and to provide a broad set of skills in individual research and academic work. Postgraduate students from both Latvia and abroad may enrol for doctoral studies.

Candidates should have a bachelor's and master's degree or other equivalent higher education comprising at least 5 years of studies at an accredited higher education institution. Full time doctoral studies comprising 3 years of study and 4 years of part time studies are available. EU/EEA/Swiss citizens and EU long-term resident status holders can compete for a state-financed study place.

In addition, 18 doctoral schools have been established with the objective to train young researchers in various scientific fields, for example, European integration and the Baltic Sea region studies, human capacity and lifelong learning in the context of diversity, international competitiveness of national economy, sustainable use of the earth resources, research, modeling and improvement of mathematical methodology.

More information:
www.university.lv/doctoralstudies; apply.lu.lv





International voices

"First I had applied to ERASMUS MUNDUS programme, and after competitive selection I was chosen for the University of Latvia. After my exchange studies I've decided to apply for full time studies in the Master's degree study programme "European Studies". I'm focused on international relations, that's why the European Studies Master's programme presented a great interest for me. The studies in the University of Latvia are quite intensive, you can take courses beyond those from your faculty. The programme gives you opportunities to travel in study trips a lot, which is an unforgettable experience. During my studies, I enjoyed multiculturalism, the opportunity to travel around Europe, and, of course, met new friends. Staying in Latvia was a new step up in my life and inspired me for new beginnings."

Asset Abuov, Kazakhstan, Master's degree programme "European Studies" graduate

"After finishing my school I decided to study Medicine and the University of Latvia offered full degree Medicine studies in English. The most positive thing from my study and living experience in Latvia was the friends I got for my life. Six years in Riga was an experience itself. The Medicine studies went really fast and I enjoyed my time in Riga. Right now I am working as medical doctor in Finland and my plans for the future are to continue my professional work and soon I'll start my residency in internal diseases."

Maija Hynninen, Finland, Higher professional study programme "Medicine" graduate

"I got a scholarship for making a Master in European Studies from my local government and I decided to do it in Latvia. Price/quality balance is a determinant, since the UL offers good education at affordable prices. Professionally, it helped me to develop and to achieve my passion of teaching. Personally, I met friends that will remain in my life and not only in my Facebook account. My plans for the future after graduating is to make PHD here in Latvia and work as a tutor at the University of Latvia. My advice for the prospective international students is to overcome stereotypes and give a chance to Latvia to host you and help to develop (and bring a nice jacket for winter)."

Javier Mendoza, Spain, Master's degree programme "European Studies" graduate

"The first reason to choose UL – it is one of the oldest and largest universities in the Baltic States. Secondly, I could only find the suitable field of studies that I am interested at UL. Studies in UL are very well organized. The number of students in classrooms does not exceed 15 students for graduate studies, which makes the studies more comprehensive and valuable. Living in Riga is a wonderful experience. It is neither a small nor a very big city. Everything is easy to reach in Riga. I strongly recommend to choose Riga as your spot for either full time or exchange studies."

Sedat Yildirim, Turkey, Master's degree programme "English Philology" graduate

Admission procedure

Apply for studies *apply.lu.lv*

Acceptance by UL

Applicant's eligibility to admission requirements are checked

Diploma recognition *www.aic.lv/portal/en*

Confirmation by applicant

Study Agreement and tuition fee

Accommodation

Send documents by mail (original or notarized copies)

Visa/Residence permit¹ (if applicable)

Finalize enrolment

Registration at OCMA²

Registration at the UL Student services Office

Start studies

1 - see page 52

2 - The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs



How to apply

International undergraduate applicants for degree studies are required to have completed secondary or high school education and must be eligible to enter university in their own country.

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

International doctoral degree applicants are required to have completed bachelor's and master's education level comprising at least 5 years of full time studies.

International students should submit the online application form at apply.lu.lv with the following application documents:

1. Notarized copy of secondary or high school diploma and grade transcript in original language (for undergraduate studies) or notarized copy of bachelor's diploma and the diploma supplement in original language (for postgraduate studies). Education documents (except the documents issued in EU/EEA countries or Switzerland) must be legalized.

2. Certified translation of education documents in English or Latvian.

3. Document confirming that the applicant is proficient in the language of instruction (if necessary).

4. Copy of passport.

5. Application form.

6. One photo.

7. Copy of application fee payment receipt. Application fee is non-refundable, and must be transferred to the UL bank account. For more information, please visit www.university.lv

8. Motivation letter (for the Master's programmes in European Studies, Culture and Social Anthropology, Teacher and Pedagogy).

9. Curriculum Vitae (for the Master's programmes in International Business with a specialization in Export Management, Educational Treatment of Diversity, European Studies, Culture and Social Anthropology and Teacher).

10. Medical report and copy of complete vaccination document, confirming Hepatitis B and TD Tetanus/ Diphtheria vaccinations (for the Higher Professional Study programme Medicine).

Application deadline

Application should be submitted electronically at apply.lu.lv until:

- July 1 (EU/EEA citizens who can compete for a state-financed study place)
- June 15 (citizens of other countries not requiring a visa)
- May 15 (other countries)

Finance

More information on tuition fees of the programme of your interest is available here: www.university.lv/degrestudies

In accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation in education and science, the State Education Development Agency (SEDA) offers scholarships to students, researchers and teaching staff of several countries for studies in Latvian higher education institutions (HEIs). More information: www.viaa.gov.lv

ERASMUS MUNDUS Partnerships between European and third country higher education institutions include scholarships and fellowships for mobility at all academic levels (undergraduate, master, doctoral, postdoctoral and staff).

More information: International Mobility Unit, ad@lu.lv



Language Proficiency

If English or other foreign language required by the specific programme is not your native language and/or your previous education is not obtained in it (English - in USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Scotland or Ireland), you have to present the results of one of the internationally recognized tests (see below) or obtain a satisfactory evaluation in English in the entrance examination in programmes where it is required.

Other language skills certificates will be considered to recognize or University can provide **language test** for additional payment (**97.50 EUR**)

The University of Latvia accepts the following internationally recognized language tests:

English language tests

TOEFL IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Internet-based: score of at least **80**;

IELTS (International English Language Testing System): score of at least **5.5**;

CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English): satisfactory pass

CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English): satisfactory pass

FCE (First Certificate in English): at least level **B**; does not apply to master's degree programme „English Philology”

PTE (Pearson Test of English): at least level **B2**; with the exception of master's degree programme “English Philology” – C1

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – at least level **B2**; with the exception of master's degree

programme „English Philology” – C1

German language tests

DSD (Das Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz): level 2

DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang): at least level 2

TestDaF (Der Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache): at least level 4 in all test sections

Goethe – Zertifikat: at least level B2

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – at least level B2

French language tests

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

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

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

TEF (Test d'Évaluation du Français): at least 541 points

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – at least level B2

Spanish language tests

DELE (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera) – at least level B2

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – at least level B2

Italian language tests

CILS (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera dell'Università per Stranieri di Siena) – at least level B2

CELI (Certificato di Conoscenza della Lingua Italiana (Perugia)) – at least level B2

PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri) – at least level B2

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – at least level B2

Chinese language test

HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) – at least level 4

Japanese language test

JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) – at least level N3

Arabic and Turkish language test

TELC (European Language Certificates) – at least level B1

Latvian language certificates

Certificate of the National Language issued by the State Education Centre of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia – at least level A2

Certificate issued by the Centre of Applied Linguistics of the University of Latvia minimum grade – 4 (almost satisfactory)



Visa and residence permit

Students are advised to carefully read the information about the application procedure for the residence permit. It is available on the UL website:

www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas

Decisions about issuing visas and residence permits are passed by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) www.pmlp.gov.lv/en

N.B. It is student's own responsibility to prepare all the necessary application documents.

Citizens of EU, EEA and Switzerland

Degree students, who are EU citizens and reside in the Republic of Latvia for a period exceeding 90 days, counting from the first day of entry, must register at the OCMA and receive a registration certificate: www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas

Citizens from visa-free countries

There are several countries (besides EU, EEA and Switzerland) whose citizens do not need a visa to enter Latvia and can reside in the Schengen area not longer than 90 days within a half year. Please, see the list of visa-free countries here: www.am.gov.lv/en/service/4714. If a student remains in Latvia for a period exceeding 90 days starting from the first day of arrival within a half year, he or she must apply for the residence permit at the OCMA.

Checklist:

- 1) Receive the invitation number for residence permit from your University coordinator on your arrival in Latvia;
- 2) Arrange the meeting at the OCMA (tel.: +371 67829750);
- 3) Present a passport (valid at least 3

months after the planned departure from Latvia) and submit the application documents at OCMA. Please, see the list of documents here:

www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas

4) Receive the decision on the residence permit issuance after 45 days (it is possible to speed up the process for an additional fee), see page 53

5) Arrange a meeting at the OCMA (tel.: +371 67829750) and receive the residence permit. It will be required to present the passport, a life and health insurance policy which is valid in Latvia, and a copy of statement on fluorography or X-ray results (the original must be presented) issued by a competent institution in Latvia.

The state fees for issuing a residence permit card in 10 working days – EUR 14.23, or in 2 working days – EUR 28.46 (the state fee can be paid only with a bank card).

N.B. It is highly recommended in non-direct flights to Latvia to choose the flight route where Latvia is the first Schengen entry airport.

Other nationals

After the invitation (obtained from UL coordinator) is approved at the OCMA:

- Bachelor's programme students must apply for the residence permit at the Embassy of Latvia in their country of residence;
- Students enrolling in master's and doctoral programmes may enter Latvia with a visa and submit the documents for the residence permit upon their arrival in Riga.

The list of the embassies of Latvia around the world:

www.mfa.gov.lv/en/mission

The students are advised to contact the coordinator at UL in the following situations:

- 1) If there is no embassy of Latvia in your country of residence;
- 2) If you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa to enter Latvia, however, you have a valid residence permit in one of the Schengen countries.

UL coordinator may also submit student's documents for the residence permit in person at the OCMA, however, it is not possible in case of all countries. Please, consult the coordinator about the eligible countries. Afterwards, a student needs to send all the documents (originals or notarized copies) required for the residence permit to the coordinator of the University of Latvia via regular or express mail. More information:

www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/degree/visas

The prices for examination of the documents for requesting a temporary residence permit:

- **Within 30 days EUR 71.14**
- **Within 10 working days EUR 213.43**
- **Within 5 working days EUR 355.72**



Student society

Accommodation

The University of Latvia provides accommodation in two dormitories, which are located outside the city centre (approx. 15 minutes by trolleybus). Prima Hostel offers single, double and triple rooms (100–270 EUR per month). Rēzinas Student Hotel offers double rooms at 100 EUR per month. If you prefer an alternative to the University's dormitories, you should look for a private housing on your own and it is advisable to do so ahead of time.

More information:
www.university.lv/accommodation

Culture Exchange Programme

The main objective of the Culture Exchange Programme (CEP) is to promote a stronger amity between Latvian and foreign students by introducing them to the unique aspects of foreign cultures.

CEP offers an unforgettable cultural cocktail. Throughout the programme you will meet students from all over the world, who will educate you about their cuisine, national art and music. The Culture Exchange Programme lasts for three months in each semester and is completely free of charge. Meetings are usually held twice a month.

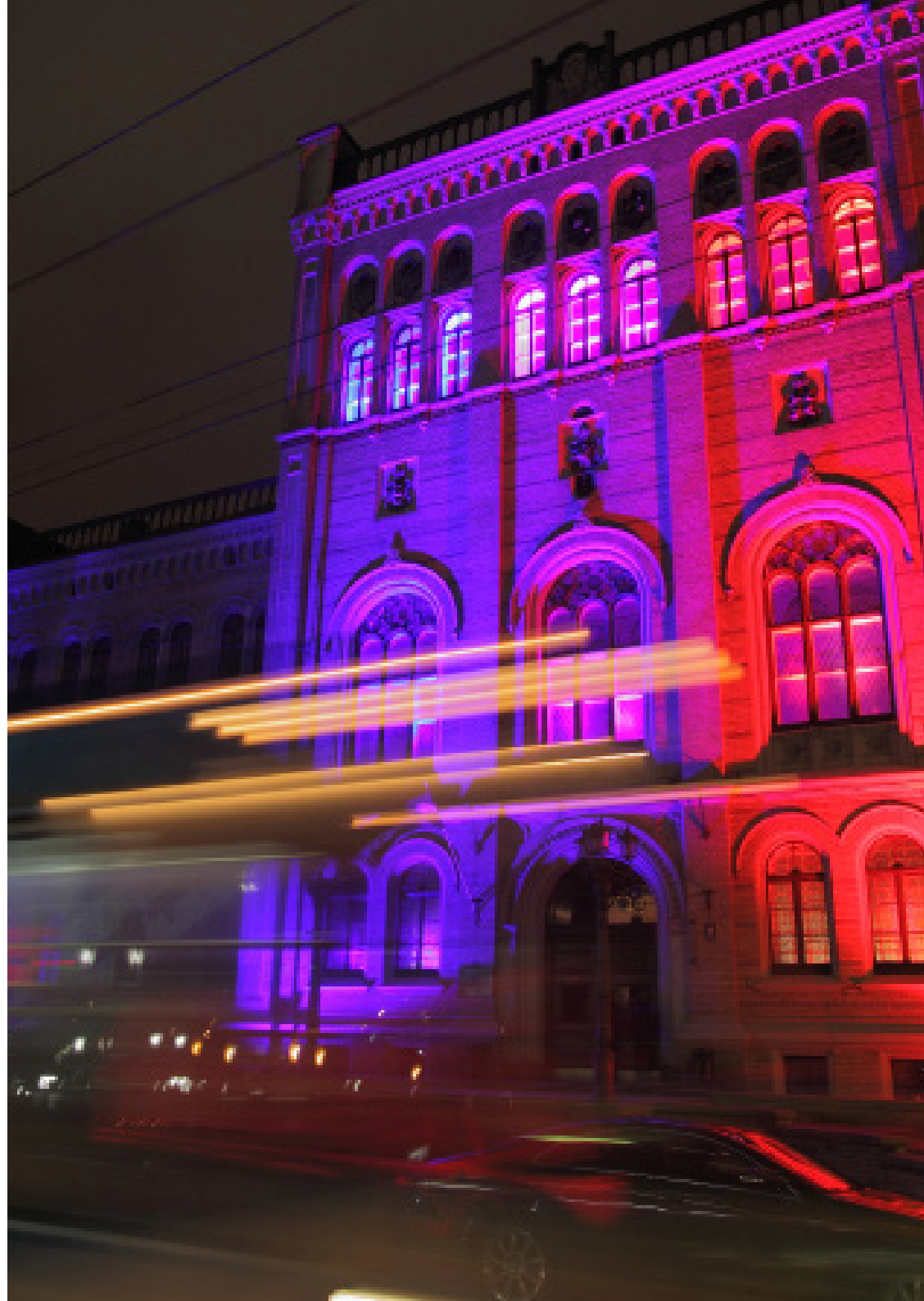
You will have a wonderful time together with interesting people and also a chance to acquire important contacts for future adventures beyond the limits of the programme. In addition, CEP is a great opportunity to improve your knowledge of foreign languages.

Students' Council

The UL Students' Council is the UL students' representative body. It protects their rights and interests. The Council holds several events, among which the biggest is the annual freshmen celebration "Aristotle" at the end of August/beginning of September. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Students' Council implemented the Culture Exchange Programme to bring international students together with local students.

Radio of UL

Radio Naba (www.naba.lv) is a non-commercial University's radio station (NABA 95.8FM), established in 2002. Its spirit 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 regarding a wide range of musical genres, art and culture. NABAKLAB is the music club, which was founded in 2009 and, similarly to Radio Naba, also represents non-commercial music. The authors of various Radio Naba programmes and the club's guest artists participate in the events of NABAKLAB, offering musical, poetry, literature, theatre and cinema nights, exhibitions and fashion shows, creative lectures and workshops.





Sports

The sports life at the UL is organized by the UL Sports Centre, which offers more than 10 different indoor or outdoor sport disciplines. Students may train both professionally or just for general fitness. Each year, students are welcome to compete for the University's Cup and enjoy the Athletics Day, aerobics festival, streetball tournament, as well as other events. If you like football (soccer), you are welcome to join the International students' football team «ET».



Culture

The main organizer of arts and cultural life is *Juventus*, the cultural, artistic and educational creative society of the UL. The foundation has been established in 1993 and is successfully engaged in cultural processes within the country and abroad. Students are welcome to take part in more than 19 different amateur groups, including choirs, dance groups, wind ensemble, early music ensemble, the chamber orchestra, the wind band, the student's theatre group, the ceramics studio and others. The amateur groups take part in various festivals, charity events and competitions, and they have won both locally and internationally recognized awards.

Prepared for publication by

Student Services, phone: +371 67034408, e-mail: studies@lu.lv

Communication and innovation department, phone: +371 67034329, e-mail: info@lu.lv

© University of Latvia, 2016

The University of Latvia
Raiņa bulvāris 19, Rīga, LV1586
+371 67034408
studies@lu.lv



universitate.lv



lvuniversity



latvijasuniversitate



universitate