

Study in Lithuania



STUDY in
LITHUANIA



Lithuania can be proud of its well-developed education system and its variety of academic and educational institutions. It has a total of 47 institutions of higher education, and 19 research institutions. People who already have a secondary education can continue their studies at universities or colleges.




Lithuania: Good Opportunities

A general list of Lithuanian institutions of higher education is provided in the information




for Studying

system AIKOS: [http://www.aikos.smm.lt.](http://www.aikos.smm.lt)



The academic year is divided into semesters. The year usually begins in September, and continues until the middle of June; in other words, the academic year lasts for about nine months. The scope of the study programme is assessed according to the European Credit Transfer System, or ECTS. One year of studies equals 60 ECTS credits.

Studies are divided into three levels: Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral studies. The length of time required to study depends on each level. A degree is awarded after the completion of full-time or part-time studies.



Bachelor's studies are divided into Professional Bachelor's and University Bachelor's studies. A student seeking a Bachelor's degree must collect 180 to 240 ECTS credits.

Master's studies comprise 90 to 120 ECTS in order for a student to obtain a degree credits.

The Government defines the scope (duration) of individual **Doctoral studies**.


Reform of Higher Education: High-quality Studies

The aim of reform in higher education is to improve higher education in Lithuania, and to make it accessible to as many people as possible. Higher education reform was initiated in 2009. This step is an attempt to improve the quality of studies, so that each person can gain knowledge and experience in Lithuania.

The main objectives of the reform: **accessibility, effectiveness, quality.**

Reform of higher education means that:

- > better quality and financing of studies are encouraged
- > investment is made in the development of lecturers' competence
- > the establishment of integrated research, study and business centers (valleys) is encouraged
- > the internationality of Lithuanian education is increased
- > the higher education network is optimised and its management is developed
- > educational facilities are improved



The reform that has been implemented has directed education in certain strategic directions:

- > an optimised network of research institutes: institutes are integrated in universities (17)
- > five research centres have been opened
- > six national research institutes have been established
- > academic activities will be assessed internationally
- > the financing of research projects has been increased

The direct benefit of the reform of higher education to students:

- > high-quality studies in Lithuania
- > better teaching
- > modern educational facilities, libraries and laboratories
- > better living conditions in better-quality dormitories
- > better opportunities for personal improvement

Valleys: a Space for Developing Students' Abilities


Five research centres (valleys) are currently being established in Lithuania.

A valley is a combination of research, study and knowledge-intensive businesses gathered in one area. In other words: Studies + Research + Business = **VALLEY: an international nucleus of research, study, knowledge economics and innovation.**

Students will have an opportunity to prepare final Bachelor's and Master's theses and dissertations in research, study and business centres, carry out wider research in laboratories, get involved in scientific and production activities, retrain, and use research facilities more effectively.






A young girl with brown hair, wearing a red hat with a black brim and a red top, is blowing bubbles. She is looking down at the bubbles. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with blue and yellow lights. The text 'A Varied Choice of Studies' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: 'A Varied' on the first line, 'Choice' on the second line, and 'of Studies' on the third line. The text is partially enclosed by white decorative brackets on the left and right sides.

A Varied Choice of Studies

The choice of study programmes available in a foreign language in Lithuania increases every year. Institutions of higher education update their study programmes (partial/credit studies) by adapting some of them for foreigners. Studies are pursued in the English, Russian and Polish languages.

Lithuanian research and educational institutions offer foreigners **Bachelor's** or integrated studies in the fields of business, biology, civil engineering, veterinary medicine, the humanities and nursing; and **Master's** studies in the fields of information technology, management, economics and civil engineering.



Joint study programmes are also offered: two are offered at Mykolas Romeris University and Vilnius University, and one is offered at the College of Social Sciences and Vytautas Magnus University.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES AVAILABLE IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

BACHELOR'S STUDIES

Name of the Institution of Higher Education	EN	RU	E-mail	Phone
Life Sciences (e.g., Ecology, Environmental Studies)				
Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	RU	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education	EN		i.cikotiene@lkka.lt	+370 37 302672
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Medicine and Health (e.g., Public Health)				
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	EN		fstudent@lsmuni.lt	+370 37 327259
Natural Sciences (e.g., Chemistry, Physics)				
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Mathematics and Computer Science (e.g., Mathematics, Statistics)				
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026
Engineering (e.g., Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering)				
Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN		studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
Kaunas University of Technology	EN	RU	international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Siauliai University	EN		urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

Technologies (e.g., Biotechnology, Food Technology)

Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
Kaunas University of Technology	EN RU	international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN	ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950

Social Studies (e.g., Economics, Political Sciences)

Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
European Humanities University*	RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
ISM University of Management and Economics*	EN	aligag@ism.lt	+370 5 2123953
Klaipeda University	EN	ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
LCC International University*	EN	admission@lcc.lt	+370 46 310460
Vytautas Magnus University	EN	studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327981
Mykolas Romeris University	EN	study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
International Business School at Vilnius University*	EN RU	admission@tvm.vu.lt	+370 5 2366893
Siauliai University	EN	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742

Law

European Humanities University*	RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
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Business and Management (e.g., Finances, Accounting)

Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
ISM University of Management and Economics*	EN	aligag@ism.lt	+370 5 2123953
Kaunas University of Technology	EN	international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
European Humanities University*	RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
Klaipeda University	EN	ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
LCC International University*	EN	admission@lcc.lt	+370 46 310460

Siauliai University	EN	RU	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
International Business School at Vilnius University*	EN	RU	admission@tvm.vu.lt	+370 5 2366893
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

Communication (e.g., Public Relations, Journalism)

European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
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Education and Training (e.g., Pedagogy, Educational Science)

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	EN	RU	virginija.diciute@vpu.lt	+370 5 2705940
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Philology

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	EN		angdi@vpu.lt	+370 5 2751746
LCC International University*	EN		admission@lcc.lt	+370 46 310460
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Siauliai University	EN		urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742

History, Philosophy, Theology and Cultural Studies

European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
LCC International University*	EN		admission@lcc.lt	+370 46 310460

Fine Arts (e.g., Art, Design)

European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

Study programmes are offered in the following languages: EN – English, RU – Russian.

*Non-State University

MASTER'S STUDIES

Name of the Institution of Higher Education

EN

RU

E-mail

Phone

Medicine and Health (e.g., Rehabilitation, Dentistry, Pharmacy)

Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	EN		fstudent@lsmuni.lt	+370 37 327259
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

Life Sciences

Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	RU	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education	EN		i.cikotiene@lkka.lt	+370 37 302672
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950

Agriculture and Veterinary


Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	RU	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	EN		fstudent@lsmuni.lt	+370 37 327259

Natural Sciences

Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
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Mathematics and Computer Science

Siauliai University	EN		urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Vytautas Magnus University	EN		studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327 981
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036



Engineering

Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Siauliai University	EN		urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

Technologies

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Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

Social Studies

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European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
ISM University of Management and Economics*	EN		aligag@ism.lt	+370 5 2123953
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Mykolas Romeris University	EN		study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
Vytautas Magnus University	EN		studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327 981
Siauliai University		RU	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

Law

European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
Mykolas Romeris University	EN		study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
Vilnius University	EN	RU	ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

Business and Management

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Aleksandras Stulginskis University	EN	RU	studies@asu.lt	+370 37 752398
European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652
Kaunas University of Technology	EN		international@ktu.lt	+370 37 300036
ISM University of Management and Economics*	EN		aligag@ism.lt	+370 5 2123953
Mykolas Romeris University	EN		study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
Vytautas Magnus University	EN		z.jokubauskaite@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327986
International Business School at Vilnius University*	EN		admission@tvm.vu.lt	+370 5 2366893
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN	RU	tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

Communication

Vytautas Magnus University	EN		studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327 981
Vilnius University	EN		ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

Education and Training

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Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
LCC International University*	EN		admission@lcc.lt	+370 46 310460
Siauliai University		RU	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742

Philology

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	EN		afk@vpu.lt	+370 5 2757258
Siauliai University		RU	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Vytautas Magnus University	EN		studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327 981
Vilnius University	EN	RU	ingrida.kelpsaite@cr.vu.lt	+370 5 2687049

History, Philosophy, Theology and Cultural Studies

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European Humanities University*		RU	international@ehu.lt	+370 5 2639652

Fine Arts

Siauliai University	EN	RU	urs2@cr.su.lt	+370 41 595742
Klaipeda University	EN		ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt	+370 46 398950
Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre	EN	RU	admission@lmta.lt	+370 5 2623462
Vytautas Magnus University	EN		studies@trt.vdu.lt	+370 37 327 981
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026

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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Name of the Institution of Higher Education

EN RU DE FR E-mail

Phone

Life Sciences

Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education | EN | RU | | | i.cikotiene@lkka.lt | +370 37 302672

Natural Sciences

Klaipeda University | EN | | | | | Ernesta.prusaite@ku.lt | +370 46 398950

Engineering

Kaunas University of Technology | EN | | | | | international@ktu.lt | +370 37 300036

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University | EN | RU | DE | FR | tsc@vgtu.lt | +370 5 2745026

Technologies

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University | EN | RU | DE | | | tsc@vgtu.lt | +370 5 2745026

Social Studies

Mykolas Romeris University | EN | RU | | | | study@mruni.eu | +370 5 2714662

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University | EN | RU | DE | | | tsc@vgtu.lt | +370 5 2745026

Law

Mykolas Romeris University | EN | RU | | | | study@mruni.eu | +370 5 2714662

Business and Management

Kaunas University of Technology | EN | | | | | international@ktu.lt | +370 37 300036

ISM University of Management and Economics* | EN | | | | | aligag@ism.lt | +370 5 2123953

Mykolas Romeris University | EN | RU | | | | study@mruni.eu | +370 5 2714662

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University | EN | RU | DE | | | tsc@vgtu.lt | +370 5 2745026

Education and Training

Mykolas Romeris University	EN	RU		study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
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Philology

Mykolas Romeris University	EN	RU		study@mruni.eu	+370 5 2714662
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Fine Arts

Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre	EN	RU		admission@lmta.lt	+370 5 2623462
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Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	EN	RU		tsc@vgtu.lt	+370 5 2745026
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Study programmes are offered in the following languages: EN – English, RU – Russian, DE – German, FR – French.

*Non-State University

COLLEGE STUDIES AVAILABLE IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR'S STUDIES

Name of the Institution
of Higher Education

EN RU E-mail

Phone

Medicine and Health

Kauno kolegija/University of Applied Sciences	EN		incoming@kauko.lt	+370 37 751144
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Vilniaus kolegija/University of Applied Sciences		RU	inter-office@viko.lt	+370 5 2191601
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Siauliai State College	EN	RU	i.baranauske@svako.lt	+370 41 433793
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Mathematics and Computer Science

Vilnius Business College*	EN		info@kolegija.lt	+370 5 2154884
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Vilniaus kolegija/University of Applied Sciences	EN		inter-office@viko.lt	+370 5 2191601
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Engineering

Alytus College	EN	rozalija.radlinskaite@akolegija.lt	+370 315 79342
Siauliai State College	RU	i.baranauske@svako.lt	+370 41 433793

Law

International School of Law and Business*	EN	ingrida.kutkiene@ttvam.lt	+370 5 241 0129
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Business and Management

Alytus College	EN	rozalija.radlinskaite@akolegija.lt	+370 315 79342
Kauno kolegija/University of Applied Sciences	EN	incoming@kauko.lt	+370 37 751144
Klaipeda Business School	EN	international@kvam.lt	+370 46 310214
Siauliai State College	RU	i.baranauske@svako.lt	+370 41 433793
International School of Law and Business*	EN	ingrida.kutkiene@ttvam.lt	+370 5 241 0129
Vilniaus kolegija/University of Applied Sciences	EN	RU inter-office@viko.lt	+370 5 2191601
Vilnius Business College*	EN	info@kolegija.lt	+370 5 2154884
University of Applied Social Sciences*	EN	iro@smk.lt	+370 46 397077
West Lithuanian Business College*	EN	silva.blazulioniene@vlvk.lt	+370 46 314315

Communication

University of Applied Social Sciences*	EN	iro@smk.lt	+370 46 397077
Siauliai State College	RU	i.baranauske@svako.lt	+370 41 433793

Study programmes are offered in the following languages: EN – English, RU – Russian.

*Non-State College

More information about specific studies and the language of studies can be found at www.studyinlithuania.lt



How to Enrol?

The first steps to take to enrol in Lithuanian institutions of higher education are the **assessment and recognition of education**. This is to confirm whether the level of education so far acquired entitles the student to enrol on the course chosen at the appropriate level in a Lithuanian institution of higher education.





If you have studied abroad and you have decided to enrol in a Lithuanian institution of higher education, you should take the following steps:

- > apply to the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (CQAHE) for an assessment and academic recognition of education acquired abroad
- > make an application to the chosen institution of higher education
- > pass a Lithuanian language test (if the chosen course is taught in the Lithuanian language)
- > pass entrance examinations (if any)
- > submit documents in time to the chosen institution of higher education

Education acquired abroad is assessed and recognised by:

Education acquired abroad	Assessing institution	Recognising institution
Secondary	CQAHE	Ministry of Education and Science
Part of a higher education study programme	Selected higher school institution	
Higher education	CQAHE	Ministry of Education and Science
Academic degrees and pedagogical titles	Research Council of Lithuania	

<http://www.skvc.lt/en/content.asp?id=190> ; www.smm.lt; www.lmt.lt .

FINANCING OF STUDIES


Naturally, one of the most important questions before going to study in another country is financing. There are various possibilities for this in Lithuania. Financing may be granted by the state of Lithuania or by international programmes.

Possibility of financing	Description	Target group
State financing for studies	<p>Financing is intended to attract talented foreign students to Lithuanian educational establishments.</p> <p>A foreign student who wants to apply for financing must have completed Bachelor's studies and present confirmation from a Lithuanian institution of higher education that he is enrolled in Master's studies in the selected institution.</p> <p>The selection of candidates is coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Science: http://www.smm.lt/en/smt/support.htm</p>	Foreign students who have selected second cycle studies in Lithuania
State financing for partial studies or research activities	<p>Financing can be granted in order to participate in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> studies/research internships> Lithuanistics (Baltic) studies> Lithuanian language and culture summer courses (3 weeks to 1 month) <p>More information can be found on the website of the Education Exchanges Support Foundation: http://www.smpf.lt/en/state_scholarships</p>	Students, lecturers in all cycles, scientists and researchers from institutions of higher education who are planning to come to Lithuania for partial studies or scientific purposes

<p>Support from the State Studies Foundation for emigrants</p>	<p>Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of emigrants and foreigners of Lithuanian origin can receive state support for studies at Lithuanian institutions of higher education.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.vsf.lt/index.php?id=1107</p>	<p>Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of emigrants and foreigners of Lithuanian origin who choose full studies of first or second level</p>
<p>Erasmus Programme</p>	<p>This programme provides students from research and educational institutions (institutions of higher education and research institutes) with the conditions to spend an integrated study period in another country participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme.</p> <p>For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htm</p>	<p>Students in Bachelor's and Master's studies, partial studies</p>
<p>Nordplus Programme</p>	<p><i>Nordplus</i> Higher Education activities support collaboration and mobility between institutions of <i>higher education</i> in Nordic and Baltic countries.</p> <p>For more information: www.nordplusonline.org</p>	<p>Students in Bachelor's and Master's studies who want to study and gain work experience in one of the countries participating in the <i>Nordplus</i> Programme</p>
<p>Erasmus Mundus Programme</p>	<p>The programme is aimed at the improvement of quality in higher education in Europe and the mutual understanding of cultures by collaborating with third countries and organising high-quality studies.</p> <p>For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm</p>	<p>Students of Master's and Doctoral studies from European and third countries participating in approved <i>Erasmus Mundus</i> Master's and Doctoral study programmes</p>
<p>Fulbright Programme</p>	<p>A Senator Fulbright Scholarship is granted to Master's, Doctoral or non-degree studies.</p> <p>For more information: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html</p>	<p>Students with a Bachelor's degree</p>

A close-up photograph of a hand balancing a skateboard on its index and middle fingers. The skateboard has a dark green grip tape and two visible wheels, one orange and one yellow. The background is black.


An Interesting Life in Schools of Higher Education

A photograph of a man wearing an orange hard hat and black-rimmed glasses. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. He is wearing a white t-shirt with a dark strap over his shoulder. Other people are visible in the background.

Sports, music, theatre and dance groups in Lithuanian universities and colleges advertise their *alma mater* and the name of the country all over Europe. Each institution of higher education has its own clubs and societies, so a student will easily find somewhere to indulge in his hobbies and communicate with other like-minded students. The offices of all schools of higher education are ready to provide more information on the various possibilities available.



'Labas' or We Study the Lithuanian Language



'Labas!' is how people greet each other in Lithuania. Many Lithuanians can communicate easily in other languages as well. However, it is much more pleasant not only to greet people but also to ask 'How are you?' (*Kaip laikaisi?*) in the local language.

There are three million people in Lithuania who use the Lithuanian language every day as their mother tongue, other people use it in Belarus and Poland, as do exiles in the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Australia, Germany, Latvia and other countries.

The Old Lithuanian, Sanskrit and Hindi languages emerged from the family of Indo-European languages. This is why there are many related words or words with similar meaning in these languages.

Lithuanian language courses for foreigners

Various Lithuanian language courses of different lengths are offered each year in the universities listed below. They are intended for foreigners who want to improve their Lithuanian, as well as for non-native speakers who live in Lithuania and who want to improve their language skills:

Institution	More info:
Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology	http://www.lsk.ff.vu.lt
Lithuanian University of Educational Science, Faculty of Lithuanistics	http://www.lituanistai.vpu.lt
Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Humanities	http://ukc.vdu.lt
Klaipėda University, Faculty of Humanities	http://www.ku.lt/hmf
Kaunas University of Technology, Department of Linguistics	http://www.kalba.ktu.lt

Lithuanian language courses are also offered by private language teaching centres all over Lithuania.

LITHUANIANS ARE MULTILINGUAL

Two thirds of the population of Lithuania say they know at least two foreign languages: this is way above the European Union average.

In accordance with data from the European Statistics Agency Eurostat, 66.1% of 25 to 64-year-olds know two or more foreign languages, 31.5% know one foreign language, and only 2.5% do not know any other languages. Inhabitants of Lithuania know the Russian and English languages best.

Lithuania is a Pleasant Country



Coat of arms



Flag

Area of the country: 65,300 sq. km.

Population: 3,210,761

Capital: Vilnius



Geographical situation: Lithuania is situated in northeast Europe, on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea, and has borders with Latvia, Belarus, Poland and Russia.

Climate: The climate ranges between maritime and continental. The average temperatures are +23°C in July and -4.9°C in January.

Plains and forests: Lithuania is a country of plains, which comprise 75% of the country's area. Forests cover 30.6% of the country.

Ethnic groups: Lithuanians 83.5%, Poles 6.7%, Russians 6.3%, Belarusians 1.2%. Other nationalities comprise 2.3% of the population of Lithuania. Members of 115 nationalities live in Lithuania.

Political system: Parliamentary democracy. Head of state: the President (Dalia Grybauskaitė since 12 July 2009). Executive government: the Seimas (a directly elected single-chamber parliament).

Religion: Roman Catholic. There are also Orthodox, Old Believer, Evangelical Lutheran, Evangelical Reformed, Sunni Muslim, Jewish, and other groups in Lithuania.

Language: Lithuanian is the official language of the Republic of Lithuania.


Largest cities (according to population): Vilnius (553,200), Kaunas (373,700), Klaipėda (191,600), Šiauliai (132,700), Panevėžys (118,800).

Competitiveness: Lithuania is 44th out of 142 countries in the Competitiveness Report 2011–2012 of the World Economic Forum. The level of higher education and of IT literacy of the Lithuanian population is also high (26th place and 34th place respectively).

Migration Requirements

Citizens of 78 states can enter Lithuania without visas (for a list of the states, see <http://www.urm.lt/index.php?1210410095>). Citizens of other countries can obtain Schengen or national visas from Lithuanian embassies and consulates. A consular fee is charged for processing an application for a visa.



A photograph showing two people from behind, walking on a paved city street. The person on the left is a man wearing a red t-shirt, plaid shorts, and a large orange and black backpack. He is also carrying a black duffel bag. The person on the right is a woman wearing a white sleeveless top, white pants, and a blue and white backpack. The background is slightly blurred, showing a car and some buildings.

Arrivals must obtain a permit to live temporarily in Lithuania. For this, they must apply to the Department of Migration, at www.migracija.lt

For more information, visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, at www.urm.lt

Health Care

Citizens of the 27 member states of the European Union, as well as Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, with a European Health Insurance Card may receive free health treatment in the event of an emergency. It must be emphasised that this card does not cover the costs of treatment provided by the private sector.

If you do not belong to any of the countries listed above, it is best to apply to the embassy of your country in Lithuania and enquire about the health insurance possibilities.

Currency, Accommodation, Mobile Network



Lithuania is a friendly and hospitable country. However, it is important to know about aspects of daily life, like the prices of goods and services, as well as rental prices for accommodation, and so on, while studying here.

The Monetary System

The official currency of Lithuania is the litas (LTL). One litas is made up of 100 cents (ct). LTL 1 = ct. 100. There are six denominations of banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500.

As of 2 February 2002, the litas is linked to the euro at a rate of LTL 3.4528 to EUR 1. Debit and credit cards can be used for settling transactions at many points of sale and services.

Information about the exchange rate of the litas with the currencies of other countries is provided on the website of the Bank of Lithuania (*www.lb.lt*).

Accommodation

Many schools of higher education have dormitories where students from other cities can stay. The price of a room in a hostel is about LTL 200 a month and you should contact the International Relations Department of your university or college in order to enquire about accommodation.

The level of rent for a flat depends on the location and the area. Rental prices of a small flat in Vilnius may vary between LTL 300 and LTL 1,300 per month.

The Mobile Telephone Network

There are three main mobile telephone network providers, Omnitel, Bitè GSM and Tele2, in Lithuania, which ensure a perfect network not only in Lithuania but also in many other countries around the world.

General emergency phone number: 112 (no charge).

Information telephone numbers: 118 (LTL 1.50 per min.), 1588 (LTL 2 per min.).



Transport

Transport to and from Lithuania can be by air, sea and overland, depending on which is most convenient. The land transport infrastructure inside the country is well developed.



Air transport. The country has three international passenger airports, in Vilnius (www.vilnius-airport.lt), Kaunas (www.kaunasair.lt), and Palanga (www.palanga-airport.lt).

Water transport. Ferries connect Klaipėda, the biggest Lithuanian seaport, to ports in Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Poland, by six different routes (www.lisco.lt, www.scandlines.lt), and internally, ferries connect Klaipėda to the Curonian Spit (Smiltynė; www.keltas.lt).

Public transport. The following means of transport can be used in Lithuanian cities: buses, trolleybuses (in the larger cities), minibuses, taxis.

Students who have student card are eligible for a discount of 50% to 80% on public transport.

For Information on Public Transport

Vilnius www.vilniustransport.lt, www.toks.lt

Kaunas www.kvt.lt, www.kautra.lt

Klaipėda www.klap.lt

Šiauliai www.busturas.lt

Panevėžys www.panevezioautobusai.lt

Useful links: www.lithuanianroutes.eu, www.maps.lt.

Information and Communication Technologies

Lithuania is a leader in the area of information and communication technologies (ICT), and has a high level of ICT infrastructure and resources. ICT specialists who have completed their studies in Lithuania have already been working for many years for the most famous international companies.

Besides the newest ICT technologies, (EDGE Technology, 3G Mobile Network, WiMAX, 4G Internet, etc) which are implemented and operate across the whole country, Lithuania can also boast of the following achievements:

- > first place in the world according to the number of mobile network subscribers per 100 inhabitants: Lithuanians use most 5 M active SIM (subscriber identity) cards;
- > first place in Europe and sixth place in the world according to the level of fibre-optic broadband network penetration (23%);
- > second place in the world by Internet connection speed.

Sightseeing and Other Things to Do



Vilnius Old Town. The Old Town of Vilnius, which was included on Unesco's World Heritage List in 1994, is one of the largest and most beautiful old towns in Central and Eastern Europe (it covers about 360 hectares, and has more than 1,500 buildings). Many different architectural styles can be found here, and the Republic of Užupis, the Montmartre of the capital of Lithuania, can also be admired adjoining the Old Town.



Unique Neringa. The Curonian Spit is included on Unesco's World Heritage List as one of the most beautiful and unique landscapes of Europe.

The oldest East European university. Vilnius University, which was founded in 1579 and is still operating, is one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe.

The world of nature. There are five national parks and 30 regional parks around the country, where various kinds of activity can be enjoyed. You can pick mushrooms and berries in the forests, canoe on the rivers and lakes, swim, and so on.



The Centre of Europe is in Lithuania. In 1989, scientists from the French National Institute of Geography determined that the geographical centre of Europe is located in Lithuania, 26 kilometres north of Vilnius, the capital.

Trakai Castle is the largest East European Castle situated on an island. The castle, surrounded on all sides by the waters of the lake, proudly recalls former glorious times in Lithuania's history.



There are plenty more interesting facts to learn about Lithuania. Visit official Lithuanian Internet Gates: <http://lietuva.lt/en/>

A Short Glossary of Words

A group of young people, mostly women, are dancing and celebrating outdoors. They are wearing 1960s-style clothing, including floral dresses, denim jackets, and headbands. Some are holding up their hands in the air, and one person is holding a camera. The background shows trees and buildings, suggesting a park or campus setting.

Greetings:

good morning – *labas rytas*,
good afternoon – *laba diena*,
good evening – *labas vakaras*,
hi – sveiki

Parting:

good bye – *viso gero, sudie*,
see you – *iki pasimatymo*

Thanking:

thank you – *ačiū*

What's up/how are you? –
kaip sekasi?

I'm lost, please help me –
*pasiklydau, prašom man
padėti*

I don't speak Lithuanian –
nekalbu lietuviškai
I love Lithuanians –
aš myliu lietuvius





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