STUDENT LIFE GUIDEBOOK

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The content of this guidebook may be subject to change.
Dear Student,

On behalf of Vilnius University Students’ Representation I would like to congratulate you on becoming a part of Vilnius University community. Studies in this new environment may seem like a challenge, but there is no doubt that the upcoming years will be great and fulfilling experience.

Something that you will understand right from the start is that instructions and ambiguous answers is not enough. What will you gain throughout these years only depends on you. In this University, students are seen as independent and mature individuals, capable of moving towards their goals with a firm persistence.

University will encourage you to grow and improve: lectures and seminars are going to be the source of more than just theoretical and practical knowledge, they will also greatly expand your horizons and capabilities. We strive to make Vilnius University an environment, where every student can express their thoughts, ideas and talents. We invite you to join student organizations, reveal your abilities in sports and in art groups and become an active participant in studies. Always remember that all the thoughts that you express will form the University we have today, so debate bravely, ask questions and show your creativity.

We prepared this “Student Life Guidebook” so you could gain everything from University. This publication will introduce you to University and study procedures, possibilities of improvement and will answer all frequently asked questions. I aspire that this book will let you prepare for a successful beginning of the life as a student and accompany you on the first year of your studies. If you have any unanswered questions, you can always ask us – VU SA!

I wish you to discover your unlimited potential and spend the most meaningful years in Vilnius University. Let’s dream, act and create a cohesive, open, responsible and improving Lithuanian students’ community!

VU SA president
Egidijus Kinderis
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STUDENT ANTHEM
“GAUDEAMUS”

Gaudeamus igitur, iuvenes dum sumus!
Post iucundam iuventutem, post molestam senectutem nos habebit humus.

Vita nostra brevis est, brevi finietur.
Venit mors velociter, rapit nos atrociter, nemini parcetur.

Vivant omnes virgines, graciles, formosae!
Vivant et mulieres tenerae, amabiles, bonae, laboriosae!

Vivat academia!
Vivat professores!
Vivat membrum quodlibet!
Vivat membra quaelibet!
Semper sint in flore!

Vivat et res publica et qui illam regunt!
Vivat nostra civitas, Maecenatum caritas, qui nos hic protegunt!

Let us rejoice, therefore, While we are young.
After a pleasant youth After a troubling old age The earth will have us.

Our life is brief Soon it will end.
Death comes quickly Snatches us cruelly To nobody shall it be spared.

Long live all girls, Easy [and] beautiful!
Long live [mature] women too, Tender, lovable,
Good, [and] hard-working.

Long live the academy!
Long live the professors!
Long live each student;
Long live the whole fraternity;
For ever may they flourish!

Long live the state as well And he who rules it!
Long live our city [And] the charity of benefactors
Which protects us here!
STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

YOUR RIGHTS:

- to obtain a qualification as indicated in the study agreement for a study programme corresponding to the volume and quality standards determined by these regulations, the Statute of Vilnius University, and the law of the Republic of Lithuania.

  in accordance with the present procedures, to study other study programmes, to study according to individual study plans, to participate in academic exchange programmes, to terminate and renew studies, and to change a study field, programme, its form or timetable;

- to use methodological and scientific literature, material and informational resources, libraries, scientific equipment, and cultural, sports and recreational facilities (those required for studies and social life).

- to freely express their ideas and attitudes towards scientific, social and cultural issues to the extent not contrary to the law of the Republic of Lithuania and the legal acts of the University.

- to receive information required for studies and to evaluate the quality of study programmes, the study process, and lecturers’ work.

- according to the procedure specified in present regulations, to appeal against study results and the University administration’s decisions to the Dispute Resolution Commission and to receive a response within the term set in the present regulations.

- to join the Student Representation, form other student associations, and be elected to their management bodies; and to take part in other social, cultural and political activities that are not contrary to the law of the Republic of Lithuania and the Statute of Vilnius University.

- to participate in the management of the University and core academic units.

DON’T FORGET YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- fulfill the requirements of the selected study programme and study agreement;

- observe the present provisions, the Statute of Vilnius University, other internal University rules on the regulation of student life, and the law of the Republic of Lithuania.

- carry out the decisions of the administration of the University and core academic units;

- upon graduation, perform all your obligations to libraries, other units of the University, and the Student Union.

- observe the principles of general and academic ethics.

FIRST LECTURE

Professor on the first course units (modules) lecture must present detailed course unit (module) description:

- Course unit (module) programme;

- Form of assessment and examination;
• Evaluation criteria;
• Requirements for assessment;
• Required reading and other learning resources.

Information presented on the first lecture can not be changed throughout the semester. If information presented by professor on the first lecture and information written in the course units (modules) description does not coincide, follow the course unit’s (module’s) description.

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT VU**

Every study programme must have at least one course unit (module) designated for learning a foreign language. However, as a VU student, you have an opportunity to additionally study other foreign languages that you might be interested in but your study programme does not offer. Vilnius University partially funds these studies, therefore instead of €110, you will only need to pay €55 per semester. For more information visit [www.vusa.lt](http://www.vusa.lt) or check [is.vu.lt](http://is.vu.lt) at the beginning of autumn and spring semesters.

**EXAMINATIONS**

There is no strictly regulated date when the examination must be held, therefore it is possible for you to have an examination during the academic year, if the whole course unit (module) has already been finished. The date of an exam is determined by professor’s and students’ consensus.

Examinations can be carried out in written form or in both written and oral forms but can not be carried out only in oral form. Computerised assessment is treated as a written form of evaluation.

Professor must correct examinations in 5 workdays and announce the results in VUSIS.

All assessments and written assignments are kept in KAP (lith. Kamieninis akademinis padaliny – core academic unit) departments for six months from final assessment announcement.

After unsuccessful attempt to pass an examination, you have a right to pass the exam again for free, but only once.

After unsuccessful retake of an examination, you must repeat the course unit (module) or sign a fast track study agreement and pass the exam without attending classes (fast track study is paid by the student).

**COMMISSION ON ACADEMIC ETHICS**

Every KAP has a Commission on Academic Ethics (AEK – lith. Akademinės etikos komisija), that consists of six members: two students’ representatives and four professors and researchers. Commission on Academic Ethics examines disputes over the ethics of members of VU community.
If a student is caught cheating during an exam or his written assignment contains plagiarism, professor or another witness of the violation must inform the KAP administration of the committed misconduct. The investigation of the misconduct is handed over to the Commission of Academic Ethics, which then examines the situation and gives a conclusion and a possible solution to the head of the KAP.

**ATTENTION!** Are you mocked or discriminated by professors or other employees working in the core academic unit? Maybe professor publicly announced your work evaluation with your name and surname instead of your LSP number? You can appeal to the Commission on Academic Ethics.

An appeal to the academic ethics violation should be submitted to the administration of KAP. The appeal must contain the following information:

- applicant’s full name, major study programme, e-mail address provided by VU, telephone number;
- description of the academic ethics violation and the available information or the indicated circumstances confirming the fact of the violation;
- specific request of the applicant;
- signature of the applicant.

Anonymous statements and statements that do not meet other above mentioned requirements are not considered. However, upon a reasoned request, the AEK may decide not to disclose the identity of the applicant to the other party.

**IMPORTANT!** An appeal to the academic ethics violation must be submitted not later than one month after the violation of academic ethics has been committed or became apparent.

**COMMISSION FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Every KAP also has the Commission for Dispute Resolution (GNK – lith. Ginčų nagrinėjimo komisija) that consists of six members: three students’ representatives and three professors and researchers. GNK examines:

- Disputes related with research and studies and those between students and other members of the University community, except disputes concerned with academic ethics;
- Appeals to the results of a final examination, except the results for final examination and thesis evaluation;
- Appeals to procedure violation for assessment or thesis defence.

**ATTENTION!** You think that your results of a final examination must be higher? Your low marks can be linked to environmental impediments during exam? You can appeal to the Commission of Dispute Resolutions.

Appeals to the results of the final examination must be presented not later than 7 workdays after announcement of assessment evaluation in VUSIS. Appeals about procedure violation of assessment or thesis defence must be presented not later than the next workday after examination day.
An appeal should be submitted to the administration of KAP. The appeal must contain the following information:

- applicant’s full name, major study programme, e-mail address provided by VU, telephone number;
- description of the violation and the available information or the circumstances confirming the fact of the violation;
- specific request of the applicant;
- signature of the applicant.

Anonymous statements and statements that do not meet other above mentioned requirements are not considered.

**ATTENTION!** The appeal must be reasoned! “I think” is not an argument. Remember that you have a right to get acquainted with the evaluation of your work as it can help you to ground your opinion on why you were assessed incorrectly. You can also always contact your KAP coordinator of academic affairs for help.

**IMPORTANT!** In any case, GNK can not lower the evaluation for which the appeal was submitted.

**ACADEMIC LEAVE AND PAUSING OF STUDIES**

If you are temporarily unable to continue studies due to valid reasons, you may take academic leave. Valid reasons for academic leave: illness (up to 2 years), maternity (paternity) leave (up to 3 years) or personal reasons (up to 1 year, applicable only once during the period of study).

For other important reasons head of KAP may allow one year pausing of studies. Academic leave or pausing of studies starts the same day you present the application to the head of KAP.

**ATTENTION!** Upon returning from the academic leave or pausing of studies, you must register at the head of KAP not later than 5 workdays before the beginning of the semester that you are returning to. Failure to do so will result in removal from student lists!

**GENERAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

General university studies (BUS – lith. Bendrosios universitetinės studijos) – units (modules) that are designed to develop worldview and general erudition based on scientific knowledge and general professional expertise. All first cycle and integrated study programmes must have at least 15 ECTS credits dedicated for BUS.

You can register for BUS in the first two weeks of December or May. If you have BUS units (modules) in the first study semester you must choose them in the first two weeks of September. The exact dates of registration will be announced via e-mail delivered to your personal e-mail address provided by VU and VUSIS.

**IMPORTANT!** You can register to BUS units (modules) by logging into VUSIS. In the section “Enrolment” choose “General Education Electives”.

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MINOR STUDY PROGRAMME

If you want to gain competences that are not included in your study programme, you may choose to study a minor study programme. Information whether you can chose minor studies is provided by KAP administration or you can look it up at www.vu.lt

You must inform the head of KAP about the decision to choose minor studies one semester prior to the beginning of minor studies (if the minor studies start in the spring semester – in September, if it starts in the autumn semester – in February).

Do not forget that an additional study agreement must be signed. If the minor studies begin in the autumn, then it is necessary to do so by 15th of October, if it begins in spring semester – 15th of March. If you do not sign a study agreement, you will not be able to attend minor studies. It is also important that you can terminate the study agreement and chose to study elective courses (modules) instead.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

If you decide that you want to study some other programme, you can try to change it to another after the first semester. The new program must be of the same Qualification degree and must not differ by more than 15 credits from your current study programme. You can eliminate these differences during one study year and they will not be considered as debts.

However, you should contact the head of your KAP and find out whether you can change your study programme.

REPAYMENT OF STATE’S FUNDING

Students who terminate study programme before the beginning of the second semester do not need to return the money for states funding; however, this is valid for students of the first study cycle only.

If you want to terminate studies in the middle of any later semester, you will have to return half of the annual tuition fee to the state, except if you submit your application to terminate studies:

- until the beginning of the new semester, successfully implementing the study outcomes;
- while on academic leave due to illness or maternity (paternity) leave.

ROTATION

The rotation order will come into force in September, 2017. However, the first rotation will be implemented only on September 30th, 2018.

The state funded place will be preserved if you meet the requirements of a well performing student, i.e., if you do not have any academic debts and have an excellent or typical level of achievement:

- excellent [8 → 10]
- typical (5 → 8)
- marginal (4 → 5)
You can change your type of funding to state funded place if:
• there are free state-funded places;
• you do not have academic debts;
• you have an excellent or typical level of achievement.

If the state funded place is free, the administration of KAP announce it on their website. A student who wishes to apply for the free position must submit a request and, upon approval, sign a new study agreement.
SOCIAL INFORMATION
THE ASSURANCE OF SPECIAL NEEDS

The quality of studying depends on the aspirations of students, their abilities and needs, so it is important for everyone to have the same conditions to reach the best results one seeks for. Vilnius University accepts many different students and that’s why it is ready to assure the quality of studying for each and every one.

If you have any special needs, contact the administration of your faculty at the beginning of the semester and inform them, so that the study process would be adjusted to your needs by University’s possibilities!

SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is given after each semester for achieving good academic results.

All students—with state’s funding or without it—can apply for scholarship. It is important to know that there are separate ranks for those who study in VF (state funded study place) and in VNF (not state funded study place).

The scholarship can be:
• Regular – €57 per month;
• Increased – €95 per month.

The scholarship is paid throughout the whole semester. In autumn semester it is paid from August to January. In spring semester it is paid from February to July.

To know if you are going to get the scholarship you should log into VUSIS and the information should be found in the part “Scholarship”. Unfortunately, first year students do not get the scholarship in autumn semester.

SOCIAL GRANT

Social grant is a financial support for students who:
• have the right to receive social benefits or they are already receiving it;
• are disabled and the ability to work is lower than 45%;
• are orphans (not older than 25 years old).

Sadly, you will not be provided with a social grant if you are on academic leave or have paused your studies and (or) you have more than one academic debt.

The size of social grant is €123,5 per month, it is paid throughout the whole semester.

To ask for social grant, you must submit a request at www.vsf.lt.

In autumn semester the request should be filled from 15th of September to 10th of October, in spring semester – from 20th of January to 20th of February.

ONE-TIME SOCIAL GRANT

If there has been an accident or you are in a tough financial situation, you can submit a request for one-time social grant.
The size of it varies according to the reason provided in the request. It could be from €76 to €456.

The request could be submitted any time, but it is important to provide all the necessary documents!

If you want to get one-time social scholarship, you should submit:
- The form of request (it can be found at www.vusa.lt)
- Family Composition Certificate
- Certificate showing your income for the last three months
- Certificate about your/caregiver’s and/or spouse’s income for the last three months
- Other documents proving that you really need financial support, e.g. the certificate of death/birth, etc.

The request can be submitted through VU SA or VUSIS.

**ONE-TIME TARGETED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is assigned for achieving good results in sports, cultural and scientific work. You can ask for it only once during a semester.

The size of this scholarship depends on the reasons provided in the request. It can vary from €38 to €570.

To get the one-time targeted scholarship you must submit:
- A filled form of request that can be found at www.vusa.lt;
- A table of activity;
- Other documents (diplomas, articles) that prove the achievements;
- Letter of recommendation from VU KC, VU SSC or the administration in your core academic unit or any other organisation (this letter is not mandatory).

You can submit the request through VUSIS, but it is important not to miss the deadline! During autumn semester it should be provided before 25th of October, during spring semester – 25th of March.

**LOANS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT**

All types of loans provided by the government can be received annually during autumn or/and spring semesters.

These loans can be of three types:
- To pay the tuition (not bigger than the price of one year if it is provided during autumn semester and not bigger that the price of one semester if it is provided during spring semester);
- To pay the cost of living (in autumn up to €1900, in spring up to €950);
- To pay the cost of partial studies abroad (up to €2280).

You must start returning the loan not later than one year after finishing your studies, cancelling them or after being crossed out from the list of students. The full cost of the loan must be returned not later than 15 years from begging of returning the loan.

During studies, interest for the loan to pay the tuition and the loan to pay the cost of partial studies abroad is paid by the VSF, except the time when the study years are
over, paused or the student is on academic leave. During these times and when the students have the loan to pay the cost of living, interest is paid by the students themselves.

The loans are provided by numerous banks, the conditions are provided at www.vsf.lt

**FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

All types of benefits are paid when the students’ ability to work is lower than 45%, they do not have any academic debt and they are studying for the first time. These benefits are provided even for those students who pay their own tuition.

You can be provided with these benefits:
- To satisfy special needs – €52 per month;
- To pay the tuition partly – once during a semester students who pay for their studies can be provided with €121,6;
- Targeted payment to be used to increase the approaching of studies – €152 per month.

**IMPORTANT!** These benefits are given for one semester, so at the beginning of each semester you must submit a request, otherwise the benefit will be lost.

To get the financial support, you must submit a request (it can be found at www.vusa.lt) and a copy of disability certificate.

Contact Jurgita Alonderytė-Venckienė, Saulėtekio ave. 9, Faculty of Law, 109A, or by e-mail jurgita.alonderyte@cr.vu.lt

**LITHUANIAN STUDENT ID (LSP)**

**Why is it worth to have it?**
- It is a document that proves the status of the student and it is described in the Lithuanian law;
- With LSP you can get many discounts and other advantages, for example you would pay only 20% for monthly bus tickets;
- LSP is mandatory in University as it is used in the library;
- The card is used to get through automatic gates etc.;
- The annual price of LSP is lower than any other student card.

**How to order it?**
- Register at www.lsp.lt
- When the registration has been approved, upload a photo that represents you well – face is visible from the front in a light, one-coloured background, the photo must not be blurry. Otherwise the photo might be dismissed.
- If the information from the University has already been uploaded, go to the part “my LSP” and choose “order new LSP”. Before that be sure to check if the information about you is correct. The progress of the manufacturing of your LSP can always be checked when logged in www.lsp.lt
- Choose the bank, date and time when you want to receive your card. You can
receive it after the time you have chosen, but not earlier.
• You can pay for LSP online or at the bank when receiving it.
• When the LSP is ready, you will be notified by an e-mail and text message. Go to the bank at the time you chose and take your LSP.

**IMPORTANT!** If you have noticed any errors (mistakes in name/surname/expiration date etc.) inform the employee of the bank and do not accept LSP. The ID must be reproduced for free with correct information.

**Prices:**
When the LSP is bought for the first time during one study period:
• BA (3,5 – 4 years) – €12,00;
• MA (1,5–2 years) – €6,00;
• Integrated study programme (5–6 years) – €16,00;
• PhD (4 years) – €12,00;
• Residency (3–6 years) – €16,00;
• Non-degree studies – €4,50;
+ bank fees

Buying LSP for the second time during one study period it will cost €4,50.

**What to do when LSP is lost?**
• First, log in to www.lsp.lt and choose “LSP is lost” if it is lost and then click on “report about lost LSP” and if it was stolen then click on “report about stolen LSP”.
• Visit VU SA P (VU SA in a core academic unit) or VU SA central office (Universiteto str. 3) and give a coordinator a filled-in form for LSP that has been lost. If it was stolen, aside from the form you must have a copy of the certificate about the lost LSP from Chief Police Department. If it was stolen abroad, forms from foreign police departments are suitable.
• If you are ordering a new LSP, no fine should be charged. If you decide not to order a new LSP you must pay a fine of €37,65 and deliver the check from bank that proves the payment, except when LSP was stolen.
• As soon as the loss is registered you can order a new LSP at www.lsp.lt
• After terminating studies, if there was a change in information about the student or any other situations where you lost the right to use your LSP, you must return it to Students’ Representation.

**IMPORTANT!** If you have any questions or you have come across any difficulties, visit www.vusa.lt/lsp or contact VU SA LSP coordinator at lsp@vusa.lt or VU SA in your core academic unit.
Vilnius University is the biggest classical university in Lithuania, mission of which, rising from the past, is encouraged by today’s challenges and given to the future generations. That mission is to strengthen the cognitive and creative powers of Lithuania and the whole world, to cherish academic, spiritual and social values, to develop active and responsible citizens and leaders of society.

Values of Vilnius University are based on principles of European Universities’ Culture: academic freedom, variety of opinions, openness to ideas, innovation, mutual respect, trust, tolerance, academic ethics, alignment of autonomy with accountability to the state and responsibility to the society.

The vision of Vilnius University is to stand next to the leading European universities. Vilnius University has been the leader among other Lithuanian universities in ranking for 15 years to this date and in the newest international university ranking “QS World University Rankings 2018” has risen 80 positions above and now it is at 401–410 position from 26 000 of the world universities.

One of the best evaluations is given in academic reputation field. VU scientists and graduated students articles are being published in the most prestigious science magazines in the world “Nature” and “Science”. Important role is taken by especially modern United Life Sciences (GMC) and National Physical and Technological Sciences (NFTMC) centers, where scientific research that is unique in the whole world is being implemented, created technologies and science results are being recognized internationally.

Vilnius University gives an opportunity for students to participate in ERASMUS+, ISEP and NORDPLUS exchange programmes, also students can go to study under bilateral agreements to universities in the USA, Australia, Japan, Singapore, Korea, Brazil and many other countries. An international agreement guarantees free tuition for one or two semesters at foreign universities, and some of them provide scholarships and/or free accommodation. Each year VU signs more than 800 bilateral ERASMUS cooperation agreements with European institutions of education and training.
TRADITIONS

Vilnius University is not only a modern science and study institution, which is proud of its rich historical and cultural legacy, library and historical collections located in it, museums, preserved and restored traditions.

Even the oldest buildings of Vilnius University are like a museum in open air. Thus, they were chosen to represent Lithuania at the European park in Brussels, where all the countries presents their most famous architectural and cultural monuments. However, if you will not study in the central building, there will be many occasions to visit it at various events and festivals.

One of many traditions in Vilnius University is to give a name of honorary doctors for scientists from Lithuania and the whole world (if they are related to Lithuania) for their research, academic cooperation and public activities.

At the time of academic celebrations, when rector is participating, the rector’s sceptre is being used too. This is a symbol of power and autonomy of the University. It is being mentioned in various sources since the beginning of XVII century.

Diplomas to graduates are traditionally given in solemn ceremony in the St. John’s church. At the ceremony all graduates are invited to remember each other, their Alma mater and join the Alumni club.

VILNIUS UNIVERSITY
SYMBOLS

COAT OF ARMS

The old coat of arms of Vilnius University was the coat of arms of Grand Duchy of Lithuania known as Vytis, that was covered by rector’s mantle and crowned by Grand duke’s hat. Vilnius University coat of arms, that is used now, was created in 1994 by artist Petras Repšys. At the top part is Lithuanian coat of arms, at the bottom – hand that is holding a symbol of knowledge – a book. VU coat of arms is used in the most important documents that are signed by rector, for example in the University Graduate Diplomas.
SIGN
In all the other documents, writings, publications, attributes the sign of the University is used.

THE RECTORS SCEPTER
It is the biggest power and autonomy symbol of the University. Vilnius University lost it at the beginning of XIX century when the University was closed. For the 425th anniversary celebration an exact copy that is now used at the celebrations of University has been made.

THE STUDENT’S HAT
This is an old tradition that has been revived. The student’s hats are usually worn during the festivals of the University.

THE FLAG
The flag of the University was also created by the artist Petras Repšys. The flag is uplifted at the central University building for the whole year of study. The flag is used at solemn events.
Vilnius University students and employees can subscribe to all VU e-services and manage them through VU Identity Manager.

Services for VU students:
- VU e-mail;
- VU Information system;
- EDUROAM;
- VU VPN (Virtual Private Network);
- CITD computer classrooms.

These services can be activated on Identity Management System (www.epaslaugos.vu.lt). Here you will find a direct login address, useful links and important messages.

More information at www.ittc.vu.lt.

**VU E-MAIL AND ELECTRONIC GROUP CONFERENCES**
Vilnius University offers all students a personal e-mail address that enables the use of electronic group conference. The e-mail system allows you to quickly and reliably transfer e-mail to the course friends, colleagues and lecturers.

More information at www.ittc.vu.lt → Communication tools

**VU INFORMATION SYSTEM**
VU Information System (VU IS) provides the ability for students to access and manage their studies. Before using VU IS, user must register in VU Identity Manager and activate VU IS e-services. Student in his environment can:
- See exam schedule and results;
- See study programme plan and choose optional subjects;
- See scholarship information and print tuition fee receipts;
- Register and upload final and midterm papers or thesis;
- Participate in surveys which are conducted by University.

**EDUROAM WIRELESS NETWORK**
Eduroam (Education Roaming) is the secure, worldwide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community.

It allows students, researchers and staff from participating institutions to obtain Internet connection across the campus and in all other participating institutions.

Access instructions and other information can be found at www.ittc.vu.lt → network access → EDUROAM wireless network

**VU VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK**
VU virtual private network is a service provided by VU Centre of Information Technology Development which allows students and staff to connect to University’s computer network securely. VU VPN allows users access to VU computer network resources from remote locations.

More information about VU VPN and its installation at www.ittc.vu.lt → network access → VU VPN
STUDY QUALITY ASSURANCE

COMMITTEE OF STUDY PROGRAMME
Each Vilnius University study programme has a Committee of Study Program (SPK – lith. Studijų programos komitetas) that is responsible for observing the objectives of the study programme, its relevance and competitiveness. The Committee performs analysis and provides solutions to identified problems of the study programme. The main purpose of this committee is to ensure the implementation of the study programme in cooperation with internal and external stakeholders.

IMPORTANT!
If you see flaws in your study programme or have suggestions for improving it, you can contact the Students’ Representative who will raise your ideas at the SPK meeting. The contacts can be found on the website of VU SA P. Other questions regarding the study plan or credits can be applied directly to the SPK chairman. His or her contacts can be found on KAP website.

SURVEYS FOR STUDY QUALITY
VU seeks to enable all students of VU to become involved and to participate directly in the development of their studies by expressing their views.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?
Express your opinion twice a year in surveys about previous semester.

At the end of each semester, the questionnaires are placed in the “Surveys” section of VUSIS. The anonymity of the responses is guaranteed! You can evaluate the entire study semester and express your opinion on each course unit (module).

Of course, you can express your opinion not only in surveys. The study process is constantly being improved, therefore, mutual communication is a great tool. It is important that not only you get feedback for your work, but also it is necessary to give it to your professors. Both positive and negative feedback is important when evaluating the course units (modules). It should be provided in a constructive way – focus not on the person but on his work, explain your views on the unit (module) and, if possible, make suggestions.

WHY IS IT WORTH?
No one else but you can say whether, in your opinion, the expectations about the quality of the studies were met and what could be done differently in order to improve the learning experience.

Your constructive and detailed feedback helps to improve the quality of your studies! The lecturers use your opinion to improve the course units (module); it is important for the Committee of Study Programme and the administration of KAP – so that they could assure continuous quality and improvement of the study programme.

Successful partnership requires mutual cooperation – after all, the results are only achieved together!
Information

Comprehensive information about services provided can be found on the website biblioteka.vu.lt/en, Research and Studies tab.

biblioteka.vu.lt/en

Information guide

Maps of the library, workspace booking, publication search, virtual tour:

https://www.infogidas.mb.vu.lt/en
Subject librarians

Every division has its own subject librarian who can consult users individually on issues related to information search. Subject librarians have their own pages in the Library’s website. The list of subject librarians can be found in Research and Studies tab.

Search in the Library resources

The best place to start looking for information is the Virtual Library, which can be accessed at vu.lvb.lt/en or through the search field in the title page of the Library’s website. Virtual Library has single-window system search implemented for all – both printed and electronic – resources of Vilnius University Library.

When logged-in to the Virtual Library account, every user can:

- order publications from book storage
- see information on borrowed publications
- renew loaning period of borrowed publications
- see information on accrued fines
- place chosen resources on e-shelf
- save searches performed
- toggle automatic e-mail update
- assign tags
- comment

Employees and students of Vilnius University can log in to their account by using the same account data from E-Identity manager system. Users that browse outside of VU network and wish to read full-text digital documents must use VU VPN service.

Reading Rooms

The name of the reading room describes the general theme of publications found in there. The information on which reading room contains the needed publication can be found in the Virtual Library. The entire reading room list with detailed information on workspaces, working hours, and attending employee contacts can be found in Research and Studies tab of the Library’s website.
Central Library
Universiteto str. 3, Vilnius

• The library, situated in a unique historical architectural ensemble, is distinguished in its heritage which has extraordinary significance to science, education and culture;
• 14 reading rooms. Every reading room has individual architectural solutions implemented in hopes of creating an exceptional working environment;
• More than 500 workspaces. Common use and bookable individual workplaces, informal communication areas, a lounge room for a quick lunch. Seminar rooms and rooms for group work which can be booked free of charge for lectures, projects or film viewing. Possibility to borrow equipment, such as headphones and external memory card readers;
• Working hours: Monday to Friday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open on Sundays (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) during exam session);
• Copying, printing and scanning with self-service multifunctional devices.

Scholarly Communication and Information Centre (SCIC)
Sauletekio ave. 5, Vilnius

• 9 reading rooms;
• 821 workspaces in total. Common use and bookable individual workplaces, bookable rooms for group work, bookable cubes for personal belongings, informal communication areas, cafeteria. Possibility to borrow equipment, such as headphones, external CD-DVD drives, and memory card readers;
• IT laboratory – individual workspaces dedicated for work with special software: AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Sony Vegas Movie Studio, Matlab, Origin Pro, Maple, graphics tablets, scanners, multiformat card readers;
• 3D scanner and 3D printer;
• Working hours: 24/7 (except on bank holidays);
• Copying, printing and scanning with self-service multifunctional devices.

Faculty and Centre Reading Rooms:
Each of the reading rooms throws a distinct vibe and has a unique arrangement of workplaces and publications. Detailed information on workspaces, working hours, and employee contacts can be found in Research and Studies tab of the Library’s website.
YOU CAN USE THESE SERVICES TO MANAGE YOUR CAREER:

Career management consultations (directly and online);

Job and internship (job and internship placement search, CV and cover letter preparation, job interview simulations, etc.);

Opportunity to do internship abroad (Erasmus+ traineehip program);

Seminars and workshops (meetings with organizations, career fairs, career management trainings, etc.).

CONTACT US:

8 5 219 3144

www.karjera.vu.lt
https://karjera.lt

konsultavimas@cr.vu.lt

Saulėtekio alley. 9, III building, 104, Vilnius
STUDENT SERVICE AND CAREER OFFICE

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

YOU CAN FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Study process (termination, deferment, recommencement, academic leave, etc.);

- Evaluation of studies (exams, academic debts, rotation);

- Study program (general university course units (modules), elective course units, etc.);

- Financial support for students (scholarships, tuition fees, etc.).

CONTACT US:

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  www.kviecia.vu.lt
- Email: konsultavimas@cr.vu.lt
- Address: Saulėtekio alley 9, III building, 104, Vilnius
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Training halls, gym / tel. 219 3015, registracija@ssc.vu.lt
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- European Sports Week
- BeActive (September)
- Sport Movie Festival (October)
- Spring Health Day (April)
- University Summer Challenge

Would you like to join us?

Become a Volunteer!

www.ssc.vu.lt/en
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS’ REPRESENTATION
ABOUT VU SA

Vilnius University Students Representation (VU SA – lith. Vilniaus universiteto Studentų atstovybė) is an expert organisation of higher education that represents interests of Vilnius University students, upholds the university culture and creates most favourable conditions for students’ self-expression.

VU SA mainly focuses on representing students and creating an environment that would allow students to become independent participants in their study process.

It is the only students’ self-governing organization in Lithuania that independently represents its students on a national level. VU SA participates in discussions and decision making on issues relevant to the students of Vilnius University, takes care of students’ integration into the University, improves the regulation of studies that is based on students’ needs, organizes faculties days, promotes students’ professional self-expression and develops their competences.

In total, VU SA has a Central office and 14 units, one in each KAP. Also, VU SA manages a variety of clubs, programs and projects, which you can join.

VU SA:
• represents students – defends their rights in governing organs of VU and outside of it;
• improves the study process in the University and your KAP – ensures the quality of studies by offering essential changes and by consulting students on all issues;
• takes care of social welfare – helps to improve University’s environment and make it suitable for all students, participates in the distribution of scholarships;
• organizes meaningful leisure activities in order to make the time spent at the University unforgettable;
• spreads the information in order to make the most important news known to all students.

More information at www.vusa.lt

United For The Future Of Students!
VU SA PROGRAMS, CLUBS, PROJECTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

During the studies, we offer many opportunities to test yourselves in different fields. If you want to try something new, you can find and join the programme you are interested in. Who knows, maybe one of these activities will determine your professional path or provide you with knowledge and skills needed for the future!

VILNIUS UNIVERSITY DEBATE CLUB

For more than 18 years Debate club cherishes and develops critical thinking and ability to speak reasonably. Members of the club practise presenting arguments and fend off opponents’ thoughts. Everyone here has the opportunity to improve both rhetorical skills and English language skills. During the meetings, we analyze world issues, analyze public languages, their structures, the development of arguments and stylistics.

Contact us at debate@vusa.lt

“VILNIAUS UNIVERSITETO BŪSTAS”

VU and VU SA are shareholders of a public institution “Vilniaus universiteto būstas”. The establishment provides accommodation for Vilnius University students and takes care of the dorms. Do not fear to ask your dorm administrator for help, he is there to help you.

Contact us at soc@vusa.lt

VU SA PROGRAMME “BE ETIKEČIŲ”

“Be etikečių” is a VU SA programme that is active in the field of social exclusion diminishing and human rights. The programme seeks to promote respect in the Vilnius University community, to increase the University’s openness by promoting the integration of socially vulnerable groups. The programme also has a photography project “VU Faces” aimed at uncovering the distinction of Vilnius University students, lecturers and alumni.

Contact us at info@beetikeciu.lt

ESN VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Erasmus Student Network Vilnius University (ESN VU) is a VU SA programme which purpose is to encourage students’ mobility and help international students to integrate into Vilnius University, acquaint them with the procedures at university,
our country’s culture and traditions. There are more than 100 student-volunteers providing academic and practical help to their colleagues from more than 60 countries.

Interested in becoming a mentor? Write us at vu@esnlithuania.org

**VILNIUS UNIVERSITY ENERGETICS CLUB**

Vilnius University Energy Society – VU SA club uniting young people interested in various types of energy in economic, political and technical aspects. Club members go on tours to different energy objects and institutions, hold public lectures, volunteer, organize or participate in projects and major national and international conferences.

Contact us at vujek@jek.lt

**VILNIUS UNIVERSITY KENDO CLUB**

Vilnius University Kendo club is a study of Japanese fencing designed for both beginners and for those wishing to improve their skills. VU Kendo club unites students interested in Japanese martial arts, promotes the name of Vilnius University in Lithuania and the world by participating in competitions and other events.

Contact us at kendo@kendo-vu.lt

**VILNIUS UNIVERSITY CAREER DAYS**

Vilnius University “Career Days” is one of the largest events organized by VU SA that is aimed at helping students to establish and market themselves in their field. This is the only career days in Lithuania, independently organized by Students’ representation. During the “Career Days” students are invited to attend lectures and quick job interviews.

Contact us at vadovas@vu-kd.lt

**KURATORIUS**

**VU SA TUTORS PROGRAMME**

The tutors programme is a project implemented by Vilnius University Students’ Representation. The participants of the project are senior students who introduce the freshmen to the studying system and traditions of the Vilnius University; tutors also help freshmen to solve academic and social issues and provide all the information that they may need during their studies.
Interested in becoming a tutor? Contact us by e-mail kuratoriai@vusa.lt

**VILNIUS UNIVERSITY WRITER’S CLUB**

Vilnius University Writers’ club is a society uniting the students of VU who are interested in writing and literature. The main goals of this club are to give every student who is interested in writing or literature an opportunity to improve their abilities and gain knowledge and to promote their creativity and work in the team.

Contact us at rasytojai@vusa.lt

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**VILNIUS UNIVERSITY RADIO STATION “START FM”**

“Start FM” is a radio station of VU SA and Vilnius University, offering a wide range of self-expression opportunities for students. This is the only student radio station in Lithuania that helps to prepare future journalists, programmers and other professionals while the members of the University community hosts a variety of programmes.

Contact us at povilas@startfm.lt

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**VU SA PROGRAMME “SĄŽININGAI”**

“Sąžiningai” is a VU SA programme that cherishes the academic ethics of the Vilnius University community and plays a role in the prevention of academic dishonesty. Members of “Sąžiningai” prevent cases of cheating by monitoring assessment procedures, organizing various academic events, discussions, doing research and writing articles and reviews.

Contact us at sazingai@vusa.lt

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**STUDENTS TO PUPILS, PUPILS TO STUDENTS**

“Students to pupils, pupils to students” is a three day camp organized by VU SA for senior pupils who would like to get acquainted with Vilnius University and studies they are interested in. The result of this initiative is the camp which creates an environment for improvement not only for pupils but also for those who organize it.

Contact us at smms@vusa.lt

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**VU SA PROJECT “STUDENT LIFE GUIDEBOOK”**

“Student Life Guidebook” is a publication dedicated to freshmen of Vilnius University that helps them to integrate into University’s community. In this book, which is being published for more than 10 years, freshmen can find information about studies, financial support, etc. and answers to frequently asked questions.

Contact us at sgv@vusa.lt
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS INVESTMENT FUND

Vilnius University Students Investment Fund is the first and the largest students’ investment fund in Lithuania that was established to encourage young people to take an interest in investment management. Each year seven members are selected to make a board team that gets an opportunity to manage a real investment portfolio worth over 6 thousand euros, to analyze the news of the Baltic stock exchange and to publish it in the magazine “Investuok”.

Contact us at direktorius@vusif.lt

VILNIUS UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC

Vilnius University Legal Clinic is a project established by VU SA, Vilnius University and a law firm “Ellex Valiūnas ir partneriai”. It provides free legal aid to the public and provides professional opportunity for senior law students.

The main goals of the institution are to offer legal services to those who are unable to acquire in order to protect their rights, support entrepreneurship in Lithuania and help non-governmental organizations to work more efficiently in the field of legislation.

Contact us at info@teisesklinika.lt
FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO VU STUDENTS*

* – Vilnius University Legal Clinic can help you with everyday legal problems: your rights about goods, services and contracts; rent difficulties; fines, bills and debt; discrimination and harassment issues, etc. Contact us:

WWW.TEISESKLINIKA.LT/EN
VU SA: ONE ORGANIZATION, 14 UNITS

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www.tvm.vusa.lt
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AUGUST–SEPTEMBER 2017

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Celebration ceremony of the new academic year “Renovatio Studiorum”. The first day for selection of Vilnius University Students Investment Fund project team members. More information at www.vusif.lt. The first day to apply for financial assistance for the disabled for autumn semester. The first day to register to idm.vu.lt and js.vu.lt
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The last day to apply for financial assistance for the disabled.

The first day to apply for social grants for autumn semester at www.vsf.lt.
The last day to apply for Erasmus+ studies in spring semester

The last day to apply for tuition fee postponement, reduction or instalment; last day to register for minor studies that starts in spring semester, to register to idm.vu.lt and is.vu.lt

Week I

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2017

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International students' day!

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The last day to apply for the elective subjects (modules) for the current spring semesters.
The first day of Christmas holiday.
The last day when the timetables for the spring semester should be published.
The first day for the final assessment of autumn semester.
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*Freedom Fighters’ Day (Lithuanian national celebration)*
The first day to apply for social grants for spring semester at www.vsf.lt
The first day of winter holiday!

The last day of autumn semester. The last day for the final assessment of autumn semester.

The first day of winter holiday!
The first day of spring semester. The first day to apply for financial assistance for the disabled for spring semester.
The first day to apply for minor studies that starts in autumn semester.
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Independence Day of Lithuania.
The last day to apply for one-time targeted scholarship for spring semester.
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State (Anniversary of coronation of King Mindaugas) Day of Lithuania.
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VILNIUS UNIVERSITY
ACTIVITIES
Did you know that the first printed article or poem of yours could be in “Universitas Vilnensis”? Many writers, politicians and other famous people debuted with their writings in this newspaper. Nowadays “Universitas Vilnensis” reflects the life of contemporary Vilnius University perfectly: readers are updated on current affairs, the latest decisions of Senate, specialists of their fields provide comments, the topics and problems that are discussed are relevant to the academic community; a great deal of attention is being paid to history and heritage, students’ life, personalities that are important to them.

You can contact the editor at liana.binkauskiene@cr.vu.lt

Vilnius University hiking club (VUŽK – lith. Vilniaus universiteto Žygeivių klubas) is organization which unites hiking and active trips enthusiasts from all Vilnius University – it unites students, professors and alumni. Everybody who is interested in travelling, hiking and nature can join the club. Club members meet on Thursdays to share moments and stories from their recent trips. They hike in forests, travel by bike or by boat, sometimes even go on skiing trips. We invite you to join if you want to explore the nature of Lithuania and have a unique experience here.

You can find all information about our upcoming events on Facebook → Vilniaus universiteto žygeivių klubas (VUŽK).

ART CLUBS

University – it’s not only studying, but also an ongoing improvement. So, do not be greedy of time and choose an activity in dance groups, choirs, theatre, folk music groups and orchestras – new members are always welcome. These clubs constantly perform in shows and festivals not only in Lithuania, but all over the world.
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY SONGS AND DANCES ENSEMBLE
If you like to dance, sing or you play any instrument, you are welcome to join the oldest student songs and dances ensemble of Lithuania. The student ensemble offers the program of authentic folk songs, dances and musical pieces, decorated with professionalism and youthful mood.

FOLK MUSIC GROUP “JAUNIMĖLIS”
Group’s repertoire contains music and dances of different regions and historic periods. The artists do not only play instruments – they also sing, dance, and often draw their audience into their performances.

FOLK ENSEMBLE “RATILIO”
This club is suitable for you if you enjoy folk dances, songs and sounds of traditional instruments. The main idea of this club is to take over and develop the traditional cultural heritage.

ACADEMIC MIXED CHOIR “GAUDEAMUS”
“Gaudeamus” is a mixed academic choir situated in Vilnius University. It is one of the oldest and most notable student choirs from Lithuania. It was established in 1940. “Gaudeamus” choir frequently participates in Lithuanian and international festivals and contests, formal events of Vilnius University.

WOMEN CHOIR “VIRGO”
VIRGO repertoire is composed of a mix of music pieces from various periods – from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary music composed by Lithuanian composers. VIRGO is one of the most acknowledged women’s choirs in Lithuania – it is a laureate of “International Stasys Šimkus competition” and a winner of the “Golden Bird” in the “International star” category. In 2013 VIRGO was recognised as the best women’s choir in Lithuania.
WIND ORCHESTRA “OKTAVA”
The orchestra performs various styles of music: from jazz, rock to funk. Trip all over Lithuania and foreign countries, concerts in the best artistic spaces of our country enriches the life of the orchestra.

THEATRE TROUPE “MINIMUM”
VU Theater “Minimum” is a constantly updated student theater, that is not afraid of risky experiments, originally presenting literary classics. Particular attention is paid to original literary interpretations.

VU KINETIC THEATRE TROUPE
If you like experimental and non-traditional theatre this might be an interesting choice for you. The troupe is faithful to the traditions of physical/visual/non-verbal theatre, and thus confusing consciousness of audience with alternative experiments on the scene.

More information about art clubs in VU Center of culture: www.kultura.vu.lt

ACTIVITIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF KAUNAS

FOLK GROUP “UOSINTA”
The members of this folk group perform old customs of Lithuania, sing folk songs, play music of those times and dance traditional dances. Most of acts are created by the students themselves from the information that they collect at expeditions. They also perform acts that have been collected from the archive of folk art. “Uosinta” attends the national song and dance festival “Dainų Šventė”, higher education students' festival “O kieno žali sodai” and other international festivals in Europe. This summer this folk group went to Iceland where they performed in Culture Night of Reykjavik.

You can find more information about it on Facebook → Folklorinis ansamblis “UOSINTA”

CHOIR “VENI GAUDERE”
The name “Veni Gaudere” in Latin means we are here to celebrate. That’s how stu-
dents singing in this choir are described. The choir tours all over Lithuania, performs in the national song and dance festival “Dainų Šventė”, international festivals of sacral music, they have won numerous awards. The choir mostly sings contemporary music composed by Lithuanian and foreign composers a cappella.

You can find more information about it on Facebook → Studentų choras Veni Gaudere. Or contact them by e-mail adele.mikalkeniene@knf.vu.lt

WRITERS’ CLUB
Club invites everyone who cannot resist the art of mastering language, who are always creating and love to share their opinion. Not only students but also lecturers can be the members of this club. Together, they seek to create a community of people who love written language. Even better if the written language is yours! In the club, you can learn creativity, discuss literary news, write book reviews, exchange your writings.

Contact us at seredziute@gmail.com or paguodosgiesme@yahoo.com

CREATIVITY INCUBATOR
Main mission of “Creativity Incubator” is to encourage interdisciplinary VU KnF students’ communication and their practical activities with business and cultural companies. It is a space for creativity, which activity is based on non-profit projects. It organises projects, events, contests that encourage students and business and cultural companies to work together. It gives students the possibility to practice, be interns, help to prepare projects, practically familiarise with different ways of creativity. Everyone who comes to “Creativity Incubator” will be provided with relevant information about youth projects, upcoming events, internships, work or volunteering places and so on.

More information: Facebook → Kūrybos inkubatorius or contact them by e-mail: kurybosinkubatorius@gmail.com

INSTUMENTAL GROUP “CONCORDI SONO”
“Conordi sono” in Latin means united, one-voiced. That’s how the people on this group look at music. They play various instruments: piano, contrabass and mostly violins. This group plays everything from baroque to contemporary music. They participate in various projects, contests – they are not afraid of challenges! So it doesn’t matter what kind of instrument you are playing – this group is waiting for you!

More information: kataviciute1975@gmail.com

“RAUDONOJO KILIMO” THEATER
Founded in the autumn of 2013 by Indrė Taločkaitė, actress of the Kaunas State
Puppet Theater. When you come here you are left naked, you leave your soul in the theater and become a part of it!

You are completely reborn. All of this, of course, is a metaphor but there's no need to talk about it anymore – you have to come and see it.

More information at Facebook → VU KnF Raudonojo kilimo teatras
Can’t find answers to your questions? Need to talk? Are you upset?

You can get free and anonymous services at the Youth Health Center (lith. Jauniemo sveikatos centras):
- Psychological youth counselling (10 free visits). Registration: jaunimui@antakpol.lt.
- Every workday at Antakalnio poliklinika room 104, you can find a psychologist who helps in life crises.

Working time:
Mon, Wed, Thur: 14:00–18:00
Tues, Fr: 8:00–12:00

We recommend to call +370 674 90078 during the working time before your visit.

Do you have any difficulties or questions for psychologist? Write us at jaunimui@antakpol.lt. You will receive an answer in a few days.

More information about our events and services at Facebook → Jaunimo sveikatos centras.

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**PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTER**

Psychological counseling is provided when:
- you feel lonely or misunderstood;
- you experience anxiety while speaking to the audience;
- you suffer from homesickness;
- it is difficult for you to overcome the stress during the examinations;
- you disagree with friends and relatives;
- you do not like how you feel and how you live.

Contact the Psychological Training and Research Center (PKMC – lith. Psichologinio konsultavimo ir mokymų centras). During individual psychological consultation or group sessions we will help you get to know your mind, learn how to communicate better with others, overcome anxiety, change your behavior and thinking. All VU students get 75% discounts for services provided by PKMC. Depending on the qualification of the consultant, students can receive 8 to 15 compensated individual consultations or 17 to 40 groups consultations per year.

Contact us at pkmc@fsf.vu.lt
Universiteto str. 9/1, room 116,
Tel: +370 526 87 254
ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

Academic debt – a failed examination after retake of the course, substituting the course for another or after signing a fast track study agreement. To eliminate academic debt, student must repeat the course or pass the exam without attending classes (with the permission from head of KAP).

Academic ethics – values universally recognized by academic community and included in the Code of Academic Ethics that are meant to ensure transparency of the research and study process, academic integrity of academic community, mutual trust, respect, equality, justice, tolerance, responsibility, efficient use of resources, academic freedom, the impartiality of the assessment and the protection of intellectual property.

Academic hour – measurement of student’s contact and self-study hours. The duration of one academic hour is 45 minutes.

Academic leave – putting studies on hold for period from 1 to 3 years. Valid reasons for academic leave: illness (up to 2 years), maternity (paternity) leave (up to 3 years) or personal reasons (up to 1 year, applicable only once during the period of study).

AEK (lith. Akademinės etikos komisija) – Commission on Academic Ethics examines disputes over the ethics of members of VU community in accordance with their relevant competences.

Alma Mater (Latin: “nourishing mother”) – higher education institution which that has been attended by an individual.

Alumni – a graduate of a higher education institution.

Appeal – motivated complaint about the results of a final examination or violation of examination procedure presented to the Commission for Dispute Resolution. Complaint about violation of the Code of Academic Ethic should be presented to the Commission on Academic Ethics.

Assistant professor – a person with at least master’s degree which leads student’s practical classes and participates in scientific research.

Associated professor – a person that gives lectures, participates in scientific research and publishes its results in scientific publications.

A study credit (ECTS) – volume of a course unit (module) used for measuring a student’s workload that is necessary to achieve the learning outcomes of a particular course unit (module). One ECTS study credit corresponds to 25–30 hours of a student’s workload, which consists of contact and self-study hours.

Bachelor’s studies – first cycle of higher education that provides general university education and develops general and professional competencies in the selected study field.

Bachelor’s thesis – analytical work done by undergraduate in order to obtain bach-
elor’s degree. The work must meet the requirements set for the scientific studies.

**Bridging courses** – studies in the University which are intended for individuals who have acquired a higher education that is not sufficient for further studies in chosen study field.

**BUS** (lith. Bendrosios universitétinës studijos) – **General university studies** – units (modules) that are designed to develop worldview and general erudition based on scientific knowledge and general professional expertise. All first cycle and integrated studies must have at least 15 ECTS credits dedicated for BUS.

**College** – higher education institution that provides non-university education

**Colloquium** – intermediate assessment of a course unit (module).

**Council** – the University’s governing body responsible for the quality of the University activity. It ensures the autonomy of the University and that self-governance of the University community corresponds to the long-term aims and development of the University. Two student representatives are appointed or elected by Students’ Representation to the Council.

**Course unit (module) description** – a document which indicates the course unit’s (module’s) basic information: course objectives, estimated workload, attendance requirements, assessment plan, list of recommended and compulsory methodological and scientific literature.

**Course unit** – a unit of a study programme with a defined objective and learning outcomes. The completion of each course unit (module) includes a final examination or the assessment of a student’s self-conducted scientific research (project).

**Cumulative grade system** – final assessment of a course unit (module) that is calculated from cumulative grades according to the course unit (module) description.

**Daytime timetable** – form of studying where classes take place on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Debt** – a failed retake of an examination.

**Deferment of studies** – a student (life-long learner) who is temporarily unable to continue studies due to valid reasons, may be allowed by the head of KAP to defer studies. The deferment may not exceed 1 year.

**Dissertation** – scientific work done by doctoral student in order to gain PhD degree.

**ESN** – **Erasmus Student Network** – international network connecting students that participate in Erasmus exchange programme.

**Examination** – the main form of the final assessment of learning outcome of a course unit (module). Examinations can be carried out in written form or in both written and oral forms but can not be carried out only in oral form. Computerised assessment is treated as a written form of evaluation.
Fast track study agreement – a study agreement to study separate course units (modules) independently and, if permitted by the head of a core academic unit, take examinations on the course units (modules) chosen without attending classes. The cost of the examination is 25% of re-take of the course.

Finis anni academicici – the celebration of the end of the academic year.

GNK (lith. Ginčų nagrinėjimo komisija) – Commission for Dispute Resolution examines disputes related with research and studies and those between students and other members of the University community.

Head of KAP – a person elected for 5 year by the council of KAP to lead KAP activities (e.g. Dean, Director).

Individual study plan – an arrangement of study course units (modules) based on a motivated student’s request and approved by the committee of a study programme. An individual study plan includes course units (modules) that are not indicated in the study programme and that correspond with the needs of a student.

Integrated study programme – study form that combines both the first and the second cycle degree studies. Upon completing integrated studies, students are awarded a master’s degree in the relevant field.

Internship – course unit (module) or a part of course unit (module) during which students acquaint themselves with the practical activity of their study field, develop competences or collect and analyse data for research work.

KAP – (lith. Kamieninis akademinis padalinys) – core academic unit which carries out university studies (e.g. faculties, institutes, centers).

Learning outcomes – statements of what students are expected to be able to do as a result of engaging in the learning process.

Lecturer – a person with at least master’s degree who gives lectures and does methodical work.

Life long learner – a person who has signed the study agreement with the University and studies separate course units (modules).

LSP (lith. Lietuvos studento pažymėjimas) – Lithuanian student identity card is a document that confirms students identity, enables a student to use higher education institution’s library, inventory and gives certain privileges such as discounts for public transport.

Major study programme – part of the first cycle study programme that encompasses the major study field course units (modules) corresponding to the requirements for the qualification degree of a chosen study field and general university course units (modules).

Master’s studies – second cycle studies that provide general and professional competencies that are higher than the undergraduate level. Upon the completion
of a master’s degree study programme, a person is awarded a master’s degree in the appropriate study field (branch).

**Mentor** – a tutor for international students.

**Minor study programme** – part of the first cycle study programme that includes compulsory subjects (defined by the regulations of the study programme) and (or) elective subjects (modules) from another study field. A minor study programme consists of 60 ECTS credits.

**MKIC** (lith. Mokslinės komunikacijos ir informacijos centras) – Scholarly Communication and Information Centre – VU library located in Saulėtekis.

**Module** – an educational component that has a defined objective, consists of several subjects related in terms of content, and is aimed at reaching certain learning outcomes.

**MSĮ** (lith. Mokslo ir studijų įstatymas) – Law on higher education and research. It is the most important document regulating Lithuania’s education system.

**One-time social grant** – one time financial support granted to students whose material and social situation has worsened.

**One-time targeted scholarship** – financial support that is granted once per semester to students for achievements in cultural, sport, scientific or social activities.

**Part-time study timetable** – academic classes are usually held for the duration of 1 month periodic sessions from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Academic work is also organised on weekends.

**PD** (lith. Pasirenkamieji dalykai) – Elective courses (modules) that are designed to ensure general university education and/or supplement the minor study programme.

**Professor** – person with a highest academic rank who is engaged in pedagogical activity, is responsible for the formation of research directions and leads them, publishes research results in scientific publications.

**Prorector** – person delegated by the Rector to administer the sphere of activity or management of the University.

**Rector** – the Head of the University.

**Renovatio studiorum** – celebration ceremony of the new academic year.

**Research paper** – an assignment or thesis written during the study years.

**Retake of the course** – with the permission from head of a KAP students can repeat respective courses and rectify debts and/or academic debts. The cost for repeating the course is determined by the number of course credits and the cost of one credit of annual study programme tuition.

**Rotation** – annual students ranking by which students who do not meet the re-
requirements of well performing student lose the state-funded place.

**Scholarship** – a monetary incentive for exemplary students.

**Seminar** – lecturer-guided studies which usually requires student’s participation.

**Senate** – the University governing body responsible for the general academic affairs of the University. Eight of the Senate members are students’ representatives.

**Social grant** – financial support for students who have the right for social benefits, are disabled or orphans. Social grant is allocated by the State Studies Foundation.

**SPK** (lith. Studijų programos komitetas) – the Committee of a Study Programme that ensures the implementation of study results by cooperating with the internal and external shareholder.

**States funding** (lit. Studijų krepšelis) – state’s funding for studies.

**Statute** – a legal act that defines the mission of the University, determines its structure, and regulates its activity and government.

**Students rank for scholarship** – every semester students are ranked for scholarship. Ranking results are based by how well they passed course unit (module) examinations. At the top of the rank are students who passed final assessment of the course unit (module), then students who passed course unit (module) after retake of an examination, then students who have debts and at the bottom are students who have one or more academic depts.

**Students’ representative** – an appointed or elected person who represents students, defends their rights and legitimate interests.

**Student’s self-study** – carrying out tasks without the direct participation of a lecturer.

**Student’s contact hours** – lecturer-guided studies (lectures, seminars, laboratory work, practical training, consultations, etc.). Contact hours may be remote.

**Study agreement** – agreement between a student and a higher education institution that provides for the rights, obligations and obligations of both parties.

**Study cycles** – University studies are organised in three cycles: the first cycle (bachelor’s degree), the second cycle (master’s degree), the third cycle (doctoral degree).

**Study field course units (modules)** – course units (modules) having the purpose of developing the general and professional competencies of a study programme that are necessary for independent scientific research work or professional activities.

**Study programme** – a combination of curriculum, methods and materials of a certain study field; academic and professional staff; and a description of the afore-
mentioned combination.

**Tutors** – senior student who helps freshmen successfully integrate into the academic community.

**University** – higher education institution that carries out university studies and provides a higher education qualification.

**VF** (lith. Valstybės finansuojama vieta) – state funded study place.

**VMA (Moodle)** (lith. Virtuali mokymosi aplinka) – Virtual learning environment, web-based platform for the digital aspects of study courses.

**VNF** (lith. Valstybės nefinansuojama vieta) – not state funded study place.

**VSF** (lith. Valstybinis studijų fondas) – State Studies Foundation is a state budgetary institution, which administers financial support for students (e.g. social grants and loans).

**VUB** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto biblioteka) – Vilnius University Library.

**VU ESEC** (lith. Elektroninių studijų ir egzaminavimo centras) – Vilnius University Electronic Study and Assessment Centre.

**VU ITTC** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Informacinių technologijų taikymo centras) – Vilnius University Centre of Information Technology Development.

**VU KC** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Kultūros centras) – Vilnius University Centre of Culture. The main aim of the Centre is to create and maintain its cultural educational spread and provide the opportunity of artistic self-expression and development.

**VU SA** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Studentų atstovybė) – Vilnius University Students’ Representation is an expert organisation of higher education that represents interests of Vilnius University students, upholds the university culture and creates most favorable conditions for students’ self-expression.

**VU SA Council** – Vilnius University Students’ Representation governing body consisting of VU SA president and VU SA P chairmans. It solves other general issues of the organisation.

**VU SA P** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Studentų atstovybė padalinyje) – Vilnius University Students’ Representation in a core academic unit.

**VU SA Parliament** – Vilnius University Students’ Representation governing body that provides positions on social and academic topics that are relevant to students and performs any other obligations arising from the VU SA Regulations. The Parliament consists of three representatives from each KAP, VU SA President, and vice-president.

**VUSIS** – Vilnius University Students’ Information System designed to provide students all needed information about the study process.

**VU SSC** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Sveika-
tos ir sporto centras) – Vilnius University Health and Sport center.

**VU TPRS** (lith. Vilniaus universiteto Tarptautinių programų ir ryšių skyrius) – Vilnius University International Programmes and Relations Office regulates international exchange programmes and projects.

**VU** – Vilnius University.

**Well performing student** – a student who has no academic debts, has fulfilled all the requirements for study programme during the evaluation period and has an excellent or typical achievement level, i.e. students annual weighted average is higher or equal to 5.

**Your Magnificence** – an official addressing to the Rector.
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