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Interesting facts

Vilnius University was established by the Jesuit order in 1579 to fight the reformation in the multinational and multi-confessional Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

Mathias Casimirus Sarbievius, alumnus and professor of Vilnius University and a famous 17th century poet, was awarded a laurel wreath by Pope Urban VIII.

Johan Peter Frank and his son Jozef Frank, famous Austrian medical men and well known in Europe, were professors at Vilnius University in the beginning of the 19th century.

As the oldest and largest of Lithuania's higher education institutions, Vilnius University is an active participant in international scientific and academic activity and embodies the concept of a classical university – the unity of studies and research.

Vilnius University has long been an integral part of European science and culture since its establishment in 1579. As one of the oldest higher education establishments in Central and Eastern Europe, it has had a marked influence on the cultural life of Lithuania as well as her neighbouring states.

One of the main aims of the university is to position and distinguish itself in European research and education with top-level research. Vilnius University has taken upon itself the responsibility for maintaining the highest level of research and studies – fulfilling the needs of the state and society for higher education. It has recently and significantly improved the University's infrastructure through active involvement in European structural funds' projects.

Today, Vilnius University has over 22,000 students and over 1,830 teaching and research staff. The university has 14 faculties, five institutes, 3 university hospitals and 4 study and research centres. It has one of the richest libraries in Europe, an astronomical observatory, a botanical garden and the cherished Church of St. Johns'. The university structure



also embraces several museums, a dormitory campus, laboratories, workshops, summer resorts and student traineeship bases.

The university enjoys a unique academic atmosphere and academic freedom where priority is always attached to intellect, wisdom and tolerance.

Vilnius University remains young, dynamic, progressive and open to the world's cultural and scientific values.

STUDIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Do you know, that...

Vilnius University is the most popular higher education establishment among Lithuanian secondary school graduates.

There is an active students' life with Student representation, 3 choirs, folk music ensembles, students' theatres, chamber orchestra, sports, and much more.

Every year, more than 500 students have the possibility to study abroad for one or two semesters.

The best students have the possibility to get scholarships of various funds and supporters.

Owing to the centuries-old academic traditions, Vilnius University has gained considerable experience in organizing studies while creating the foundations for a wide range of study areas and fields based on knowledge that reflect fundamental and recent scientific achievements. The university also has a highly qualified teaching staff able to ensure the unity of studies and research.

Vilnius University offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies in humanities, social sciences, physical and biomedical sciences and technologies.

Undergraduate studies usually last four years. After the completion of the chosen study programme, graduates are awarded a Bachelor's degree with the exception of certain areas where they are also granted professional qualifications. Graduate studies, Master-degree studies or professional studies last from one and a half to two years. Graduates of Master studies are awarded a Master degree. Special professional studies aim at granting the students a high-level professional qualification.

Studies in the fields of Law, Medicine and Odontology embrace both undergraduate and graduate studies. The residency and postgraduate studies enables graduates in Medicine and Odontology to acquire the higher qualification of a specialized medical doctor. Doctoral studies are meant to prepare



researchers in various scientific fields. These postgraduate studies last four years and are completed after a successful defence of the PhD thesis.

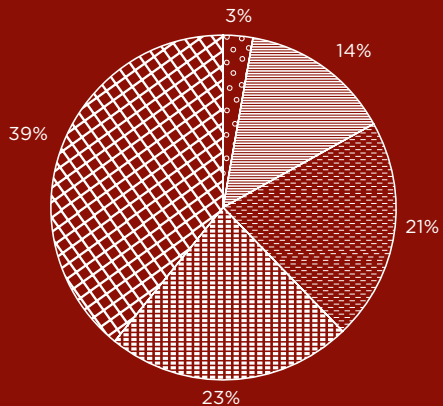
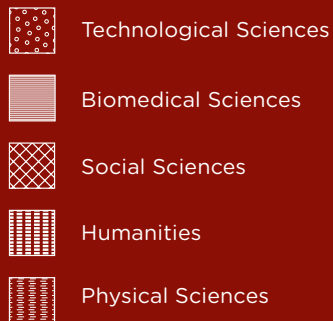
In order to respond to the demands of a fast evolving lifelong learning society, Vilnius University offers a variety of courses and study programmes aimed at increasing qualification or re-qualification of specialists as well as expanding general or professional knowledge of citizens. Vilnius University offers one year additional study programmes for college bachelor's degree. Upon successful completion of these studies students are granted admission rights to a Master degree study programmes.

STUDENT NUMBERS

(2011-01-01)

Undergraduate	16 396
Graduate	4 121
Doctoral students	832
MD's in residency	711
Total	22 060

Study programmes by study areas



RESEARCH

Fundamental and applied research in all fields of science is pursued at Vilnius University. The greatest attention is given to such underlying directions of research as Lithuanian studies; Lithuanian society in the conditions of globalization, economic and socio-cultural processes in small countries; mathematic methods and models, development of information technologies; new functional materials, derivatives and technologies; bio-medical and psychological cognition of humans and development of treatment methods; research of bio-molecules and cells for medicine and biotechnology; environmental dynamics, protection and utilization.

Vilnius University boasts over 1,830 teaching and research staff, of them nearly 75 percent holding research degrees and/or academic titles.

The researchers at Vilnius University are increasingly engaged in the Lithuanian, EU, USA and other international scientific programmes, such as the EU 7th Framework Programme, the EU Public health programme, COST, EUREKA, NATO, etc.

Famous laser specialists of the University have joined the European Laser Network and have created Cebiola centre of excellence together with the biochemistry specialists. The researchers of the Institute of Applied Research established the outstanding research centre Selitec and participate in programmes of the European Nuclear Research Centre, CERN.

The Regional Bioetics Information Centre is functioning on

Do you know, that...

Czeslaw Milosz (1911-2004), the Nobel Prize winner for literature, graduated from Vilnius University.

During the last five years, 18 research works of Vilnius University were awarded highest scientific award of the state, the Lithuanian science prize, and 36 University researchers became the winners of this prize.

Geologist Ignas Domeika (1802-1889), an alumnus of Vilnius University, became the rector of Chile Santiago University. A mountain ridge, a town, a flowering plant, and a mineral discovered by him - domeikitis, were all named after him.



the University basis. Researchers of the University intensively participate in development of grid technologies. The international net “Baltnexus” of researchers in Lithuanian studies and Baltic studies has been created.

Many foreign researchers use our research base and participate in international conferences, organized by the university.

University researchers have earned national and international acclaim. This is illustrated by their membership in the Lithuanian Science Academy, European Science and Art Academy and other international academic organizations as well as awards of honorary titles at foreign universities, participation in international congresses and programme committees and international prizes and grants.

INNOVATIONS

The “Sunrise Valley” and “Santara Valley” programmes, initiated by Vilnius University, are going to change the structure of the University itself and will stimulate a breakthrough in research development and research commercialization. These integrated centres of research, education and business are in development. This is a guarantee for Vilnius University to position itself in European and global research and education, uniting universities, research institutes, top-level high-tech companies and fast-developing start ups. The first building of Sunrise Valley Science and Technology Park with Business Incubator has opened already, the next one – The National Open Access Science Information and Communication Centre is soon to be built. The Sunrise Valley STP provides high quality sites and premises suitable for technology-driven businesses and promotes networking between the universities and businesses, between the businesses themselves, and with partners elsewhere in Lithuania and worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Do you know, that...

*111 bilateral agreements
have been signed by Vilnius
University with higher
education establishments all
over the world.*

*Vilnius University signed
561 Erasmus cooperation
agreements.*

*In 2010/2011 there are 464
interdisciplinary courses in
English, German, French
and Russian available for
International and Lithuanian
students.*

Currently, international cooperation and international relations of Vilnius University are on the upswing. The number of bilateral agreements with foreign universities is growing, cooperation geography expanding and its nature changing. International cooperation has an impact on all spheres of university life embracing studies, research and cooperation of administrators. The university actively participates in projects with international organizations such as UNESCO, NATO and EUA and engages in EU education and scientific programmes, such as Lifelong Learning, Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window, COST, FRAMEWORK and others.

Since 1991, the University of Vilnius has been a Signatory to the Magna Charta of European Universities.

The University is a member of the European University Association (EUA) and the Conference of Baltic University Rectors. The University's membership at the Utrecht Network, UNICA and EUPRIO networks provides opportunities for all faculties and administrative offices to maintain close cooperation ties with partner universities and keep in touch with the latest developments in the European Higher Education area. Many academic units and their representatives boast active members of specialized international academic associations and organizations.



A great number of projects on a bilateral cooperation basis have been carried out by different faculties, departments, and other academic divisions of the university. The most intensive cooperation exists between the University and European institutions – universities, science and research centres in Austria, Belgium, The Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, The Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and The United Kingdom. The university is an ISEP member. The partner list of Vilnius University is being rapidly enriched by Asian and South American universities.

UNIVERSITY AND SOCIETY

Interesting facts

The most prominent graduate of Vilnius University was the famous romantic poet and writer Adam Mickiewicz (1798-1855).

The Lithuanian language was used as the main teaching language during the Soviet period in Vilnius University, but the University Church of St. Johns' was closed.

Nowadays, with the dynamic changes of society and the role of higher education, the mission of the University to serve the needs of society becomes more important for its progress.

The University of Vilnius has taken upon itself the goal to promote science and culture among young people. These include the Children University and School of Young Researchers activities, a collaboration with over 50 secondary schools all over Lithuania (15 agreements signed with gymnasiums) as well as the University Library, whose activities are open to the general public on various occasions. Activities of the School of the Young Physicists, the School of the Young Chemists and the School of the Young Mathematicians are only some examples of various projects offered for the public and for young people in particular.

Each year, the University hosts a number of exhibitions and other events, concerts in the University Church of St. Johns', festivals in the picturesque courtyards of the Old Campus. 10 University art ensembles perform not only for the University community, but for the citizens, as well as internationally. Vilnius University Museum, encompassing 10 faculty and department museums and focusing of the university's history, has accumulated valuable artefacts and is open to the public upon request.





UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

The complex of University buildings extends over a whole block of the Old Town. Vilnius University is one of the few universities in Europe which has preserved the original purpose of the buildings since its establishment in the 16th century. Its original architecture certainly grabs the visitor's attention. The campus is composed of 13 buildings, some of them having multiple structures, the Church of St. Johns', and the belfry. At present the Rector's Office, the Library, the Institute of Foreign Languages, the Faculties of Philology, Philosophy and History, as well as some interdisciplinary centres are situated in the old town.

Other faculties and research institutes are scattered all over the city, in other eight University campuses.

The Faculty of Humanities in Kaunas is the only faculty of Vilnius University established in a different city other than the main campuses.

Do you know, that...

Vilnius university library, founded in 1570, is the oldest library in the Baltic States.

Vilnius University offers the widest range of study programmes in Lithuania.

Vilnius University owns over 100 buildings in Vilnius, Kaunas and other places in Lithuania.

The copy of the old campus of Vilnius University represents Lithuania in the Mini park Europe in Brussels.

PERSONNEL

(2011 01 01)

Total	3615
Of them: <i>Dr. Hab. (HP included)</i>	331
<i>Doctors</i>	1140
Academic staff	1338
Professors	221
Docents	507
Research fellows	499
Dr. Hab. (HP included)	97
Doctors	302

FINANCE



Salaries



Social insurance payments



Teaching, research and other operating expenditure



Maintenance services



Student scholarships



Investments



State budget

External funds, of them:



Tuition fees



Economic activity revenue



Other (Courses, rent, etc.)



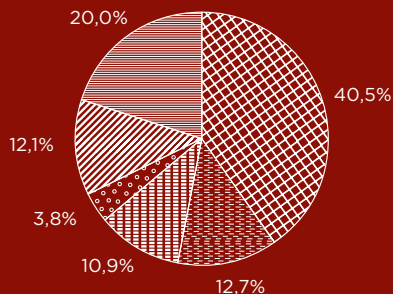
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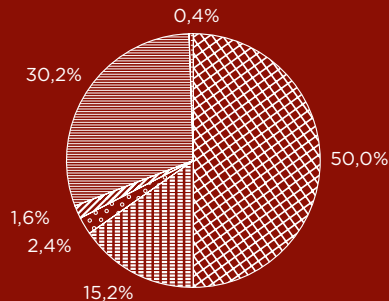
Expenditure in 2010

Total: 262,829.5 (thou. Lt)



Incomes of Vilnius University in 2010

Total: 260,739.4 (thou. Lt)



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