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# VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

## 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 nearly 24,000 students and over 1,500 teaching and research staff. The University has 14 faculties, 6 institutes, 3 university hospitals and 10 study and research centres. It has one of the richest libraries in Europe, an astronomical observatory, a botanical garden, the Centre of Information Technology Development, 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, which celebrates its 430-year anniversary in 2009, remains young, dynamic, progressive and open to the world's cultural and scientific values.

# STUDIES

## Do you know, that...

*Vilnius University is the most popular higher education establishment among Lithuanian secondary school graduates, being chosen as the first request by most.*

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

*The Career Centre of Vilnius University offers you advice and support for the future.*

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

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 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 programmes aimed at increasing qualification or re-qualification of specialists as well as expanding general or professional knowledge of citizens.

# STUDENT NUMBERS

(2009 01 01)

Undergraduate	18 163
Graduate	4 425
Postgraduate	1 322
<i>Doctoral students</i>	710
<i>MD's in residency</i>	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 910</b>

## Study programmes by study areas



Humanities



Physical Sciences



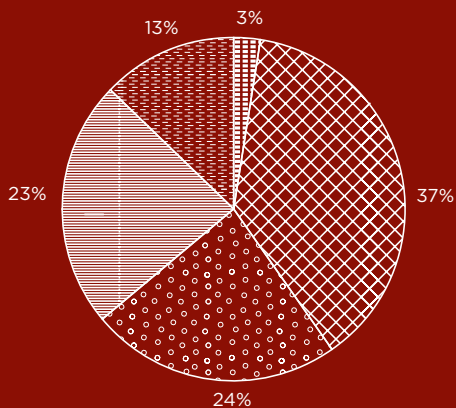
Social Sciences



Technological Sciences



Biomedical Sciences





# 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 1,500 teaching and research staff, of them nearly 70 percent holding research degrees and/or academic titles.

The researchers at Vilnius University are increasingly engaged in the Lithuanian, EU, NATO 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

## Do you know, that...

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

*During the last five years, 24 research works of Vilnius University were awarded highest scientific award of the state, the Lithuanian science prize, and 43 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.*



centre is functioning on 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...**

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

*Vilnius University signed  
303 Erasmus cooperation  
agreements.*

*In 2009/2010 there are 514  
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. However 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.

Vilnius University has taken upon itself the goal to promote science and culture among young people. These include the Children University activities, a collaboration with over 50 secondary schools all over Lithuania (13 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. 10 University museums, some of them departmental, have accumulated valuable artefacts, and some of them are open to the public upon request, visited by schoolchildren.









# 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 are scattered all over the city, in other four 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.*

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

# PERSONNEL

(2009 01 01)

Total	2941
Of them: <i>Dr. Hab. (HP included)</i>	245
<i>Doctors</i>	936
Academic staff	1309
Professors	197
Docents	545
Research fellows	219
Dr. Hab. (HP included)	29
Doctors	136

# 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.)*



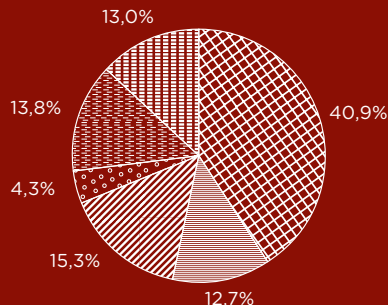
Assigned resources



Donations

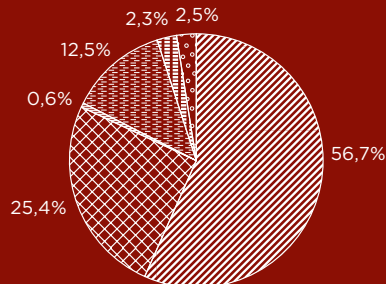
## Expenditure in 2008

Total: 254,244.4 (thou. Lt)



## Incomes in 2008

Total: 256,746.3 (thou. Lt)



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