

STUDY REGULATIONS IN BRIEF

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The types of studies:
degree and non-degree

- Degree studies are aimed at gaining a university degree and (or) qualification;
- Non-degree studies are aimed at improving skills of the already possessed qualification and getting certificate;
- Other studies (supplementary, part or informal).

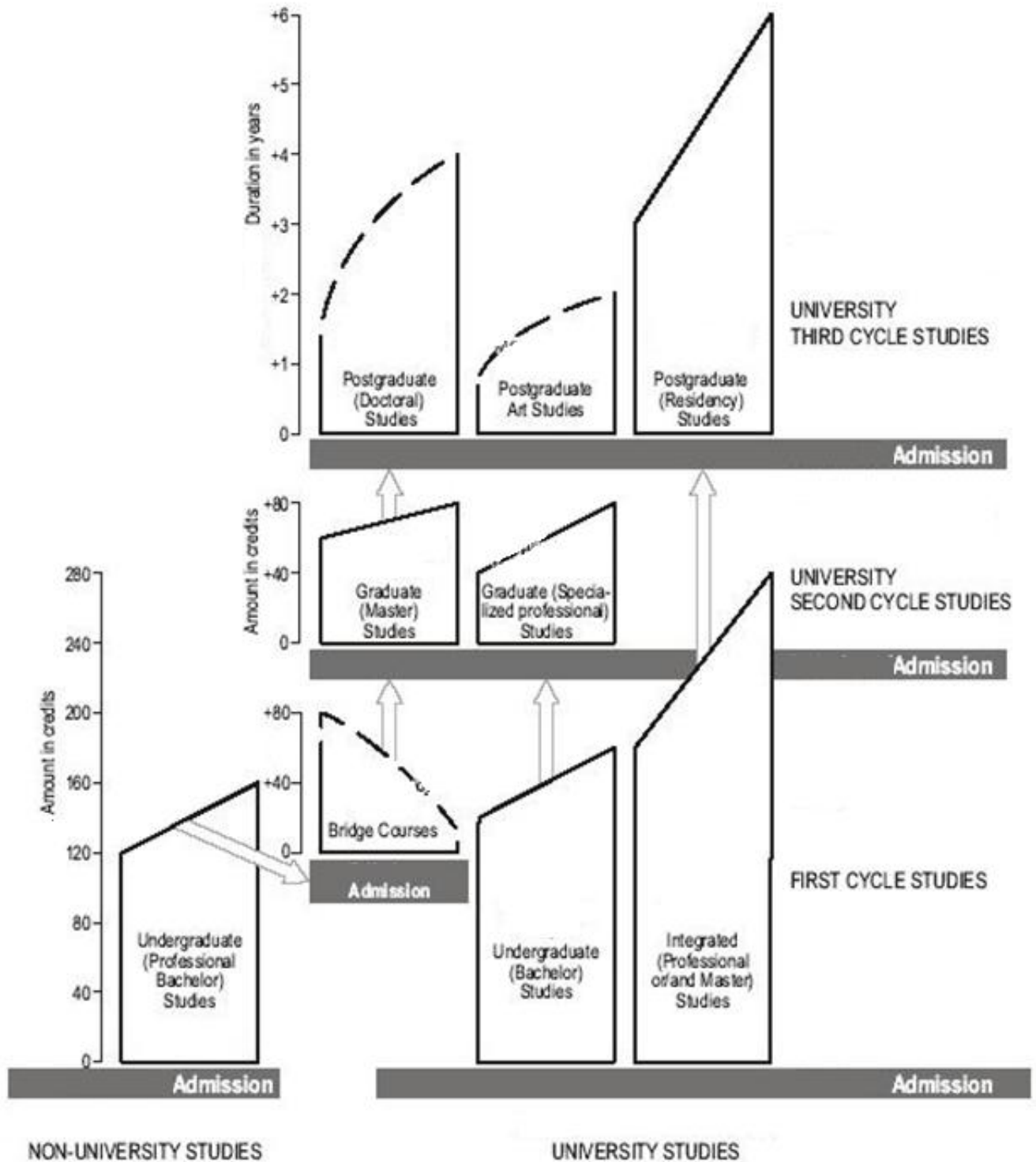
Vilnius University offers
undergraduate, graduate and
postgraduate studies of:

- HUMANITIES
- PHYSICAL SCIENCES
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- SOCIAL SCIENCES

Admission

- At the **undergraduate** level of studies persons are admitted with at least secondary education.
- At the **graduate** level of studies persons are admitted with university education (Bachelor).
- At the **postgraduate** level of studies persons are admitted with Master or an equivalent degree (university higher education diploma).

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Duration of studies

- The extent of Undergraduate level of studies is not less than 210 ECTS credits and not more than 240 ECTS credits.
- The extent of Master's Degree studies is at least 90 ECTS credits and not more than 120 ECTS credits.
- Integrated studies volume - at least 300 ECTS (some granted only to professional qualifications) and not more than 360 ECTS credits.
- The extent of Postgraduate studies is determined in Doctoral regulations.
- Non-degree studies: 30 – 120 ECTS credits

The forms of studies:

Full time and part time

- **Full time** - 60 ECTS credits during one academic year (equal to 1600 hours);
- **Part time** – not longer than 1,5 times compared to full time studies and not more than 45 ECTS credits a year).

Study programme

Study programme consist of subjects/modules (one or several subjects with specific purpose, oriented towards the results of studies).

The subjects/modules are divided to:

main (basic, general) subjects;
specialisation subjects.

STUDY PROCESS

Language:

The main language of teaching is Lithuanian. Part or all subjects may be taught in other languages.

STUDY PROCESS

Academic calendar

Study year begins September 1, ends
– August 31.

Two semesters:

- Autumn – September 1* – January 26;
- Spring – February 4* – June 30.

* - two first weeks are given to eliminate debts

STUDY PROCESS

Academic calendar

The semester lasts for 20 weeks, 4 of them are exam session* – taking exams and receiving credits.

Christmas holidays: December 25 – January 1. Usually the session of exams start before Christmas.

Easter holidays are usually before Easter (Spring semester).

Some students may have an internship within the summer holiday time, however one month of holidays is a must.

* - the exact dates are determined by the concord of students and lecturer

Registration for semester courses/modules (I)

- Before each semester, students are registered for the semester studies according to the regulations settled by the Faculty Council.
- Students are registered automatically for semester studies, if they have no academic debts or their session is not extended.

Registration for semester courses/modules (II)

- At the end of the semester, students must register for the next semester's selected and optional subjects/modules.
- Deadline for selected courses for spring semester is December 1 and for the autumn semester - May 1.
- First semester students must register for the selected courses within the first two weeks of the semester.

Registration for semester courses/modules (III)

- After the final timetable of lectures is published, students have a right to change the selected courses and choose others, but not later than within the first two weeks of the semester.
- It is permitted to sign out of the selected courses and switch to other ones:
 - because of incompatibility of schedule;
 - when the intended student quota for the chosen subject is overfilled;
 - when the administration of the Faculties cancels the chosen course.

Registration for adjacent studies (if available)

- Adjacent studies – study programme that consists of 60 ECTS credits of subjects/modules of another programme and this way gives a double qualification.
- The decision to take adjacent studies must be made one semester before the start of adjacent studies.

Studies according to the timetables

- **Day time studies:** usually 8:00 – 20:00 on weekdays;
- **Evening time studies:** 16:00 – 20:00 weekdays and 8:00 – 14:00 Saturdays;
- **Session time studies:** usually a month of intensive learning and exams; 8:00 – 20:00 weekdays, 8:00 – 14:00 Saturdays.

Assessment of study results (I)

- During the first lecture, the lecturer of a subject/module must provide you a detailed programme. It must reflect the way the lecturer will evaluate during the semester and during the session, the main methods of evaluation and requirements.
- The results are graded in a scale 1 to 10.
- Some subjects may be evaluated in a scale of pass/fail.

Assessment of study results (II)

- Every course unit is concluded with either a written or written-oral examination.
- The final grade may be a result of several intermediate results (eg. attendance, colloquiums,...). The proportions are also to be provided within the programme of subject/module.

Assessment of study results

(III)

- Study results are evaluated by the teacher who is the head of the course or by the commission of experts of a special range, consisting of the teacher who is the head of the course.
- If the teacher can not evaluate study results because of valid reasons, the Head of the Department should appoint another teacher or a commission of experts for the evaluation of study results.
- Commission for the evaluation of study results can also be constituted for other cases upon the request of students after explaining the reasons for such request.

Assessment of study results (III)

- Exams and credit tests are taken at the specified time. The student who is unable to take the examination because of the illness or other valid reason may apply to the Faculty Dean for taking examinations at different times during the session or for extending the examination period.
- A student who does not agree with the examination procedure and (or) with the examination results has a right to apply with request to the Faculty Examination Appeals Board not later than **five work days** after the publication of final results. All disclaims of the procedures of exams/defence of thesis must be given **in one work day**.

Academic debts and liquidation (I)

- The first fail to pass is treated as a debt.
- Student having debts may resit the examination once within the first two weeks of the new semester and if the exam session was extended - within two weeks after the extended deadline.
- During the resited or extended examination session the student's failed exams are treated as **academic debts**.

Academic debts and liquidation (II)

- At the end of the period for resitting exams, the Dean of the Faculty may allow the students with two failed subjects/15 ECTS credits to repeat the courses (or take an equivalency examination) and continue the study programme.
- Students having more than two academic debts/15 ECTS credits after examination resitting period as well as the students having one or two academic debts and who were not allowed to repeat the studies of these courses, are expelled from the University.

STUDY TERMINATION

Studies are terminated:

- after the fulfilment of contract
- at the request of the student;
- when the student is expelled;
- when the student changes study programme;
- when studies become not available because of some other objective reasons.

Having submitted appropriate documentary evidence academic leave is given for the student who is temporarily unable to continue to study because of a disease or pregnancy and infant care at his/her request.

GRADUATION

- The person who has fulfilled all the requirements of the selected study program is considered to have graduated from University.
- On graduation of the University students get a degree diploma.
- Students who have accomplished study programs of the first and the second levels of studies exceptionally well get a special diploma CUM LAUDE.
- Students who have accomplished study programs of the Graduate level or integrated study programs of studies exceptionally well and with distinguished scientific abilities, get a special diploma MAGNA CUM LAUDE.

Few important details (I)

- Some subjects/modules may be essential so that they can not be resitted.
- Defence of the final thesis or (and) taking the final exam(s) can be allowed only if all the requirements of the study programme are fulfilled.
- Students can develop an individual study programme. The procedure of development of an individual study programmes is formed and confirmed by a Dean.

Few important details (II)

- Student may change the selected study program if all the requirements of the new study program (of the first semester of both Undergraduate and Graduate levels of studies) are substantially fulfilled.
- Classroom work proceeds in accordance with schedules.

Thank you for your
attention 😊

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