



ENGLISH PHILOLOGY

Programme type	Bachelor studies (university)
Field of study	Humanities
Study area	Philology by language
Degree	Bachelor in Humanities
Duration	4 years (8 semesters)
Workload	240 ECTS
Language of instruction	English
Location	Vilnius, Lithuania
Starting date	September 1 st
Tuition fee EU students	2951 Eur/year

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The objective

The programme offers the student solid written and spoken communication skills for workplace success in English (C1–C2), fundamentals in (general and applied) linguistics, literature and culture of English-speaking countries. The curriculum in English Philology includes a diverse range of courses designed to help students to develop their language skills, to teach slow reading, advanced research and writing skills needed for young people to become successful. The students get an opportunity to cultivate their analytical thinking skills to enhance their solution capabilities, their rhetorical skills of argument and analysis, to gain knowledge of culture and history, which will allow them to understand the complex modern world today.

Career opportunities

A degree in English Philology can lead to successful careers in a wide variety of fields:

Our graduates will be able to find employment in translation, public relations, journalism, teaching, research, literary and film criticism, content editing, marketing, law, economics, working for foreign embassies, government and European Union institutions etc. They can take leading positions in both – private and public sectors.

English major can also work as a private tutor or a secondary school teacher, provided he/she holds a teacher's professional qualification acquired after completing a Minor or a post-diploma study programme in subject pedagogy (ESL).

Access to further studies

Upon completion of the English Philology programme, graduates will have developed necessary skills to pursue their Master's degree in Arts, Humanities and Social sciences which offer options in the field of psychology, education, political science, international relations, history, fine arts, design, sociology, and so many more, with further specific areas of specialization available.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of English Philology are able to:

- analyse, synthesise, summarise and discuss the main principles underlying the structure and use of language;
- show awareness of different frameworks of literary and cultural theory and apply them in literary text analysis;
- interpret the historical and cultural background of English-speaking countries;
- communicate in English at an advanced level (C1–C2) as well as use ESP (English for Specific Purposes) and EAP (Academic English) skills (writing reports, reviews, research papers and other genres) and apply their skills in translation;
- carry out linguistic/ literary research.

COURSE INFORMATION

The programme has the following structure:

Course Type	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
Compulsory course units	Modern English I (5 ECTS)	Modern English II (5 ECTS)	Modern English III (5 ECTS)	Modern English IV (5 ECTS)
	English Phonetics and Presentations (5 ECTS)	English Lexicology and Lexicography (5 ECTS)	Contemporary Linguistics: Theories and Research Methods (5 ECTS)	
	English Grammar I (5 ECTS)	English Grammar II (5 ECTS)	English Grammar III (5 ECTS)	
	Introduction to Linguistics (5 ECTS)	Introduction to Literary Theory (5 ECTS)		
	British History (5 ECTS)			
	Ancient Literature (5 ECTS)			
Optional course units		General Education Studies (GUS) (10 ECTS)	20 th c. Anglo-American Poetry: Figures, Movements, Modes / English Stylistics / Introduction to Germanic Philology etc. (15 ECTS)	American Short Story / Theory of Metaphor / Introduction to Sociolinguistics / Novel of Ideas: Utopia and Dystopia / History of English etc. (25 ECTS)

Course Type	5th Semester	6th Semester	7th Semester	8th Semester
Compulsory course units	Literary Theory and Practice (5 ECTS)	History of the 18 th -19 th century English Literature (5 ECTS)	English Literary History of the 20 th century (5 ECTS)	Final Bachelor Thesis (15 ECTS)
	Introduction to Semantics (5 ECTS)		Writing a BA Research Paper (5 ECTS)	
Optional course units	Business English / Insights into Academic Discourse / Gothic and Horror Literature and Film / Introduction to Psycholinguistics etc. (15 ECTS)	Author Stance and Modality in a Cross-Linguistic Perspective / Fictional Texts, Theoretical Models, Figurative Language / Introduction to Pragmatics / Media Discourse / World Englishes etc. (25 ECTS)	20th Century Drama / Accents and Dialects of English in Great Britain / Dimensions of Evaluation in Discourse / Shakespeare Seminar / Texts, Bodies, and Things in Literature etc. (20 ECTS)	Internship: Translation / English as a foreign language teaching / Corpus Linguistics / Intercultural Communication (15 ECTS)
	General Education Studies (GUS) (5 ECTS)			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor degree (240 ECTS) requires at least 120 ECTS of a student's major subject (English Philology) including an internship (15 ECTS) and a bachelor thesis (20 ECTS) as well as several GUS course units (at least 15 ECTS). A BA paper is written in linguistics, culture studies or English-language literature.

The remaining 105 ECTS can be collected through choosing freely from a range of courses offered by the Faculty and the University, in order to meet your individual needs and talents, and to broaden your experience beyond your specific area of study.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Teaching methods include (interactive and classical) lectures, seminars, group work, peer assisted learning, tutorials, and workshops. Seminars are taught to groups of 15-20 students using the student-centred approach to learning such as mind mapping /brainstorming, group discussions, group projects, and student portfolios as well as presentations (individual, paired and group). A lot of attention is given to independent studies: essay and term paper writing, using IT, individual feedback and peer-review. Students have internship at the university and professional placement outside the university (in translation bureaus, publishing houses, editorial offices, schools etc.). The preparation of the final thesis paper includes empirical linguistic or literary research.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The main form of assessment is an examination. Every course unit is concluded with a written or written-oral examination. Students' language proficiency, subject content knowledge and general performance during the examination are assessed by using the grading scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). Oral presentations, take-home essays, active participation in seminars and projects are also used to measure your performance throughout the course.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Matura (school leaving) certificate;

English proficiency not lower than level B2 according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), prior to admission, all applicants will need to provide certified copies of their academic CAE, PET, IELTS, TOEFL Ibt, TOEIC, LRN or IELCA results.

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WHY ENGLISH PHILOLOGY AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY?

The distinctive feature of the English Philology programme is the flexibility of the study programme providing the opportunity for students to individualize their studies in a way that best suits their interests and abilities. The programme allows students 1) to specialise in different aspects of English linguistics, literature and culture; 2) to choose a minor study programme of a different field/ subject offered at Vilnius University; or 3) to combine different courses of their main field and general university courses offered at Vilnius University. The English Philology programme is committed to teaching comprehensive research skills; individualized instruction and feedback; it also provides an opportunity to choose from three options of internship and professional placement, including translation, teaching, and corpus linguistics/ research. The English Philology programme is a student-centred programme which fosters their learning motivation, develops competencies necessary for the student in order to meet the needs of social and personal development, and local and global labour market, it also helps students to acquire competences compatible with their bachelor's degree and be prepared for further studies or work in a certain area.

Vilnius University is a classical university with 440 years of academic traditions and the widest range of study programmes in Lithuania. The university offers an academic environment focused on excellence in research and teaching. Vilnius University is 1st in Lithuania according to national ranking. It is also among 1.5 percent of top universities and among the best 250 universities in the world in the field of linguistics according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Geographically Lithuania is located at the crossroads between East and West. Both Vilnius and Vilnius University from the very first days of their foundation have been multinational and multilingual. Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is a multicultural city, the centre of political, economic, cultural and intellectual importance. The Vilnius Old Town is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in recognition of its universal value and originality, as one of the most beautiful cities of the Old Continent with the largest Baroque old town in Eastern and Central Europe.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Students can participate in ERASMUS+ mobility programme which gives an opportunity to study at VU's Partner University for 1 or 2 semesters or to do internship abroad.