



ENGLISH STUDIES (Literature, Linguistics, Culture)

Programme type	Master's degree (university)
Field of study	Philology
Study area	Humanities
Degree	Master in Humanities
Duration	2 years (4 semesters)
Workload	120
Language of instruction	English
Location	Vilnius, Lithuania
Starting date	1 st of September
Tuition fee	4234 Eur/year

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The *English Studies* programme is unique in the Baltic States.

It covers three aspects of study: English linguistics, literatures written in the English language, and culture of English-speaking countries.

The three components are interrelated; however, students are provided with a selection of optional courses, which helps them narrow down their area of study to one aspect, if they are inclined to do so.

The objective

The *English Studies* programme is designed to prepare qualified, independent and creative specialists in English linguistics, literature, and culture, having competences suitable for jobs related to language, literature and culture in the fields of public communication (e.g. the media, publishing industry and cultural institutions). Graduates are expected to acquire professional skills in research in educational and research institutions and to become life-long learners. The programme offers students opportunities for developing their ability to reflect on cultural traditions and to critically evaluate cultural diversity and emerging trends in modern society.

Career opportunities

There is a wide range of opportunities for professional activities. Graduates of the *English Studies* programme may look for employment not only in the academic field (research in literature, culture and linguistics and teaching literary and language courses at higher education institutions), but also in other diverse areas (editing, translation, lexicography, proofreading and publishing activities, work in literary archives and museums, and various other public institutions and organizations), in which practical application of the acquired knowledge is required.

The qualifications acquired by the graduates of the programme can also be applied in broader areas, including employment in publishing houses specialising in literature for the general public, career in the media focused on scientific, professional and cultural issues, as well as work as translators of fictional and scientific texts. Graduates meet the expectations of employers in the broader labour market by demonstrating their analytical and interpretative skills and knowledge of the contemporary and historical contexts of literature and culture. They also show their wide erudition, ability of critical thinking as well as various subject-specific competences acquired during the studies (e.g. the ability to create scientific and professional texts).

Access to further studies

Graduates who successfully complete the study programme are entitled to apply for a PhD in the Humanities or choose other second-cycle studies in the same field.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates will:

- be able to analyse, synthesise and critically evaluate trends in linguistics, culture and literature in the social and research environments;
- be able to solve theoretical and practical issues critically and logically, generate ideas and suggest new solutions to problems, efficiently communicate and cooperate when working individually or in a team;
- learn to apply digital information technologies in their research (data collection and analysis);
- be able to predict problem-solving strategies and suggest possible solutions;
- develop their independent research skills: to study literature, to analyse and synthesise theoretical frameworks, to collect and classify empirical data, and to conduct medium and large-scale research projects;
- be able to compare trends in literature, language and thought of different cultural epochs and social groups;
- be able to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in the future professional career or further research activities.

COURSE INFORMATION

The programme has the following structure:

Course Type	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
Obligatory Course Units	The Victorian Novel and its Contemporary Transformations (5 ECTS)	20th Century English Novel from Modernism to Post-postmodernism (10 ECTS)	Subjectivity across Languages, Varieties, Discourses and Genres (5 ECTS)	Final Thesis (30 ECTS)
	Cultural Studies (5 ECTS)	Research Methodology (5 ECTS)	Multiculturalism in Literature: Theory and Fiction (10 ECTS)	
	Semantics (10 ECTS)	British Cultural Studies (5 ECTS)	Effective Scientific Discourse (5 ECTS)	
Optional Course Units	2 courses (10 ECTS)	2 courses (10 ECTS)	2 courses (10 ECTS)	
	Linguistic Pragmatics (5 ECTS)	Media Studies and the Text (5 ECTS)	Linguistic Pragmatics (5 ECTS)	
	Postcolonial Studies and Literature (5 ECTS)	Contrastive Grammar: Modality (5 ECTS)	Postcolonial Studies and Literature (5 ECTS)	
	Literature and Philosophy: Madness (5 ECTS)	20th century Anglo-American Poetry: Figures, Movements, Modes (5 ECTS)	Literature and Philosophy: Madness (5 ECTS)	
	Theory of Language for Specific Purposes (5 ECTS)		Theory of Language for Specific Purposes (5 ECTS)	
	Graduate Research Paper Writing (5 ECTS)			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to obtain the Master's Degree in Humanities, all candidates must successfully complete 16 courses (10 compulsory courses: 90 ECTS and 6 optional courses: 30 ECTS), submit a Master's thesis written under the supervision of a member of the academic staff of the Department which is followed by the viva voce examination. Thus, to qualify for the Master's Degree, a student must acquire a total of 120 ECTS credits. Credits and marks are awarded for all successfully completed and passed courses. The *English Studies* programme is deemed completed after the viva of the thesis which is prepared during the entire period of study. In order to defend a thesis, a Board is established which is comprised of scholars from the relevant fields.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Bachelor in Humanities (philology, linguistics, literature, culture) or an equivalent qualification obtained at the institutions of Higher Education or

Bachelor in Humanities (other study fields) or in Social Sciences provided that the curriculum included at least 15 ECTS of compulsory or elective subjects in linguistics, literature or culture.

1. If you apply for admission as an EU citizen whose first language is not English and whose primary language of instruction of their Bachelor's programme completed was not English are required to prove proficiency in English by submitting the results:

IELTS score: 7

TOEFL score: 560 (paper based) or 90 (iBT Internet-based test)

CAE certificate (Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English)

CPE certificate (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency)

2. If you apply for admission as a non-EU Citizen, you must be able to demonstrate proficiency in English by means of an internationally recognized test, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or the equivalent:

IELTS score: 7

TOEFL score: 560 (paper based) or 90 (iBT Internet-based test)

CAE certificate (Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English)

CPE certificate (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency)

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Every course unit is concluded with either a written or written-oral examination or pass/fail evaluation. Students' knowledge and general performance during the examination are assessed by using a grading scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). [More information](#).

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WHY ENGLISH STUDIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY?

The *English Studies* programme provides an excellent opportunity to acquire a specialist qualification in English literature, culture studies and linguistics. It is a broad interdisciplinary programme concerned with both the theoretical and empirical analysis of the role of the English language, culture and literature in modern society. The programme consists of three equally balanced blocks of general and subject-specific courses in linguistics, literature and culture.

The programme does not only develop students' subject-specific competences, but also provides them with competences necessary to specialise in other fields.

Studies are closely related to the individualisation and differentiation of the study process, development of social skills, principles of study content integration, application of relevant modern methods of teaching and learning.

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 in the world according to the QS World University Ranking and among the best 250 universities in the world in the field of linguistics according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject.

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. Geographically Lithuania is located at the crossroads between East and West.

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.