



## Faculty of Philosophy



For the Faculty of Philosophy of Vilnius University, 2024 was the year of anniversaries. We celebrated the 445th anniversary of the establishment of the Faculty of Philosophy alongside the founding of the University, as well as 35 years since the Faculty's re-establishment in independent Lithuania. In addition, 2024 also marked 55 years since the emergence of the 'Psychology' study programme at the University and 50 years since the first diplomas were awarded to graduates of these studies. To mark these milestones, a series of open lectures titled 'Apie žmogų įvairiai' ('Reflections on Humanity') was organised and delivered by the Faculty's researchers. These public events provided an opportunity not only to remember and reflect on the development of the humanities and social sciences and studies at the University, but also to look towards the future and encourage the community to actively contribute to shaping the further development of the ongoing history.

Last year, the Senate of Vilnius University approved a new international study programme developed by the Faculty: 'Sustainability and Future Societies', which will be conducted in English. The main objective of this programme is to train specialists in social sustainability and change who can apply their knowledge of social responsibility and equal opportunities, urban and community development, and public policy and development cooperation. Using methodological tools and social theories, these professionals will be equipped to analyse societal development and demographic changes, propose data-driven practical solutions, and create social innovations that contribute to the development of the sustainable and empowered societies of the future. Admissions to this programme will open in 2025.

Funding was secured for the development of the international Master study programme in criminology, 'Executive Master in Cross-Border Criminology' (Erasmus Mundus Design Measures, No. 101180379), in cooperation with Utrecht University, the University of Porto, and the University of Warsaw. Financial support was also received for the international project 'Empowering Pre- and In-Service Teachers to Harness the Potential of AI for Designing Creative and Ethical Digital Education Ecosystems' (EmpowerAId) under the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies programme, coordinated by the Institute of Educational Sciences of the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics.

The results of the activities carried out by the Institute of Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy were significant: in 2024, upon securing State support, Lithuania became a full member of the most extensive European international study on ageing, the 'Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe' (SHARE-ERIC). The research in Lithuania is conducted by a consortium headed by scholars from the Faculty of Philosophy of Vilnius University in cooperation with Kaunas University of Technology, the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, and Vytautas Magnus University.

In 2024, three new international research projects were granted funding: research project 'FLOW: Foster Long-Term Well-Being in Pre-Adolescent Children and Their Families' of the CHANCE-NORFACE programme, project 'Who Takes Care of the Elderly When We Leave? Negotiating Care in Transnational Families in the Nordic-Baltic Region and Beyond' (TransCareNet) of the NORDFORSK programme, and the project 'Love Across Borders: Unveiling Cultural Dynamics of Love Over 100 Countries Worldwide' under the Lithuanian-Polish DAINA programme.

The Faculty continues to implement projects under the Horizon Europe programme, 'Addressing Mental Health Vulnerabilities from Adolescence to Older Age: Innovating Prevention Science for Times of Change' (No. 101080323, ADVANCE) and 'PS – Prevent & Protect Through Support' (No. 101073949), as well as the project 'Critical Thinking Development Platform for General Education Settings' of the EUROSTAR3 programme (No. S-E3-23-17, E! 3336 CuRiosiTy).

In 2024, the national programmes for improving teacher training were successfully accredited by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. Five proposals were submitted to and funded by the National Agency for Education to implement these programmes.

On the initiative of the Faculty, the University signed cooperation agreements with the Supreme Court of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Probation Service. Five new national scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) agreements were signed with the Institute of Hygiene, 'Sostinės vaikų ir jaunimo centras' VšĮ, the Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior, and Klaipėda City Municipality. In addition, activities were implemented under 12 agreements for commissioned work and bilateral cooperation, aimed at strengthening partnerships with the public and business sectors through SR&ED activities and the delivery of commissioned scientific research and expert knowledge-based services.

The monograph 'Immaginazione. Al di là dell'Antropocene' (Rome: Lit Edizioni s.a.s.) by Professor Kristupas Sabolius from the Institute of Philosophy of the Faculty was published in Italy.

The Faculty community is constantly growing and renewing itself by expanding its activities both in depth and breadth. In 2024, the Government transferred a building on Islandijos Street to Vilnius University under a contract of loan for use to improve the teacher training infrastructure at the University. In the near future, this is expected to help solve infrastructural challenges and inspire further work.

**Prof. Dr Jonas Dagys, Dean**

# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

## Areas of research interest

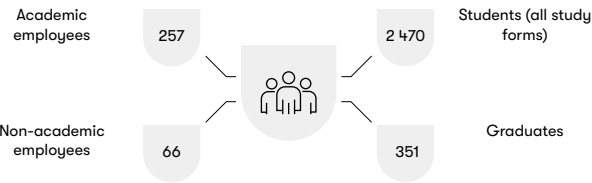
The Faculty's research interests include the humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary research – anthropology, Asian studies, education, ethnology, philosophy, criminology, pedagogy, psychology, social work, social policy, and sociology.

## Study portfolio in 2024

	Bachelor studies	Master studies	Professional (pedagogy) studies
Total number of programmes implemented	9	13	1
Number of new programmes	1	-	-
	Doctoral studies		
Number of science fields	5 (Sociology, Psychology, Education, Philosophy, Ethnology)		

The figures for the study programmes are based on the data of 1 October.

## Number of employees, students, and graduates in 2024

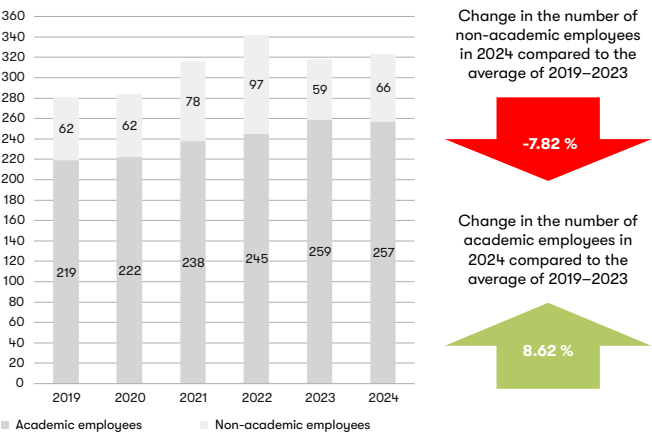


## Number of foreign nationals employed in 2023–2024

	Academic employees	Non-academic employees	Total
2024	8	0	8
2023	7	0	7

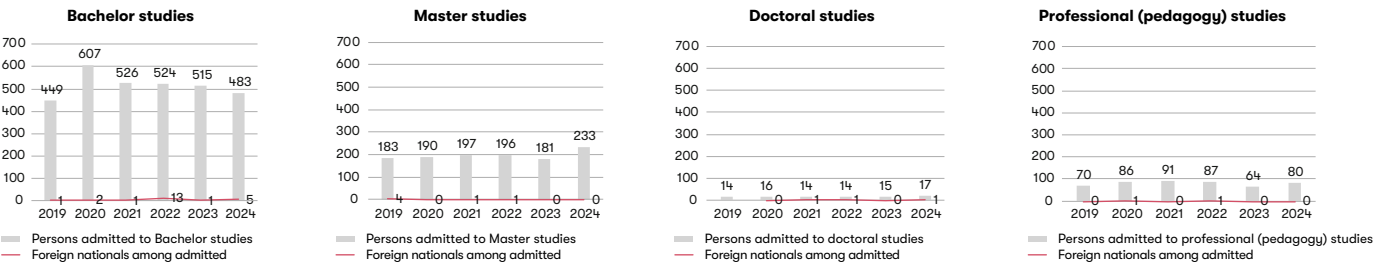
Based on the data of 31 December.

## Changes in the number of employees, 2019–2024



Based on the data of 31 December.

## Admissions to studies, 2019–2024



## Change in the number of admitted persons by study cycle in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023

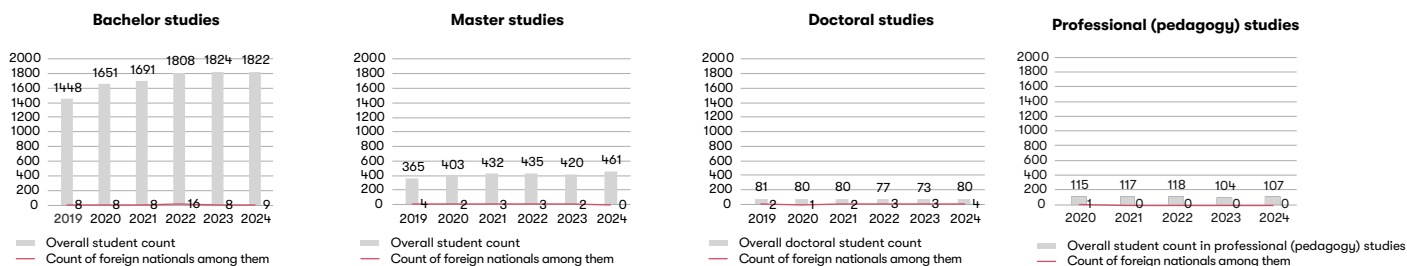


The first cycle and the second cycle indicators were calculated on the basis of the data of 1 October, and the third cycle indicators were calculated on the basis of the data of 31 December.

## Change in the number of admitted persons in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023

Based on the data of 1 October.

## Number of students, 2019–2024



Change in the number of students by study cycle in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023



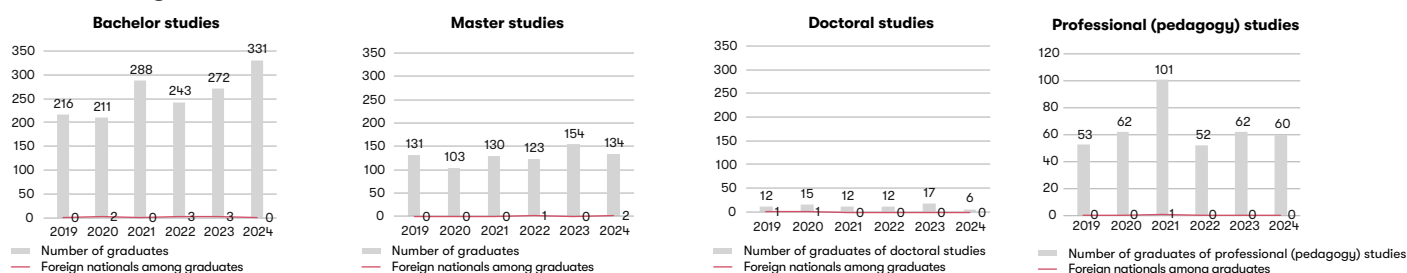
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Change in the number of students in 2024 compared to the average of 2020–2023

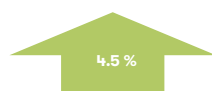


Based on the data of 1 October.

## Number of graduates, 2019–2024



Change in the number of graduates by cycle in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023

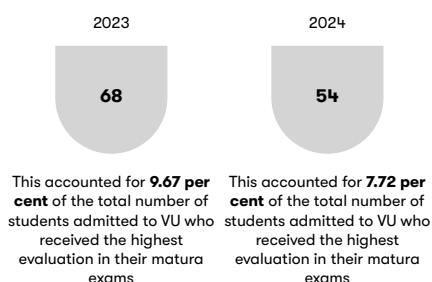


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Change in the number of graduates in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023

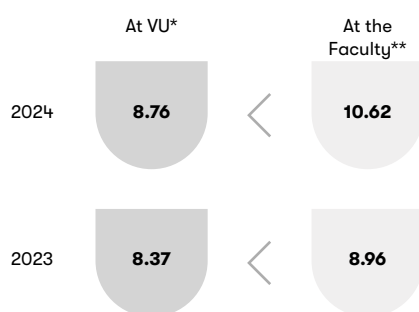
Based on the data of 1 September.

## Number of admitted students who received the highest evaluation in their matura exams in 2023–2024



Based on the data of 1 October.

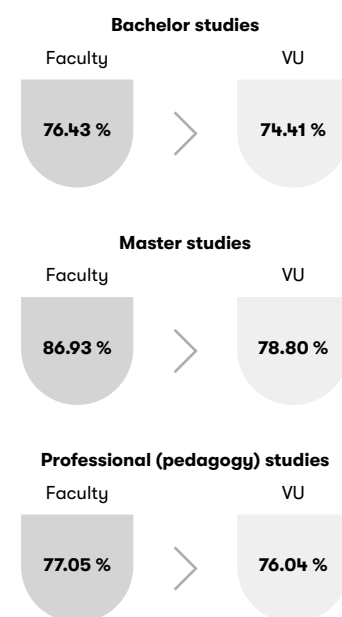
## Student–faculty ratio, 2023–2024



\*Calculated by dividing the total number of VU students in the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies on 1 October by the total number of VU teaching staff on 31 December.

\*\*Calculated by dividing the total number of Faculty students in the first cycle, second cycle, and professional (pedagogy) studies on 1 October by the number of Faculty teaching staff on 31 December.

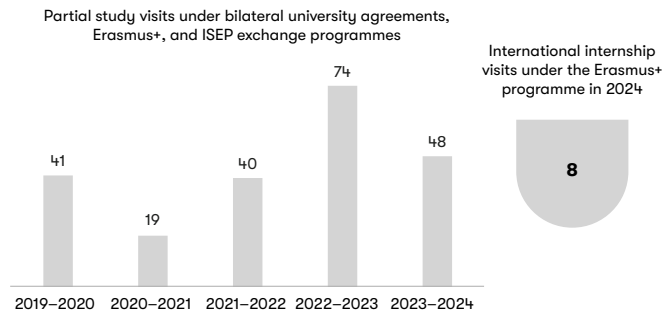
## Graduate career success in 2024



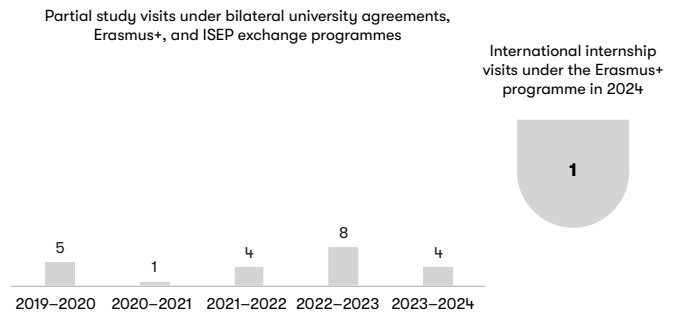
Target outcome → the level of highly qualified graduates and/or graduates continuing their studies in a higher cycle growing at least 1 per cent annually, but no lower than 60 per cent. Based on the data of 1 October.

## Mobility of students, doctoral students and employees, 2019–2024

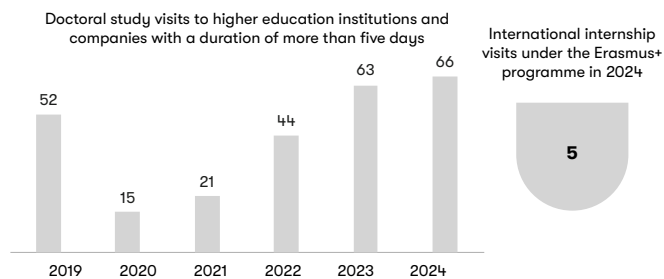
### Bachelor studies



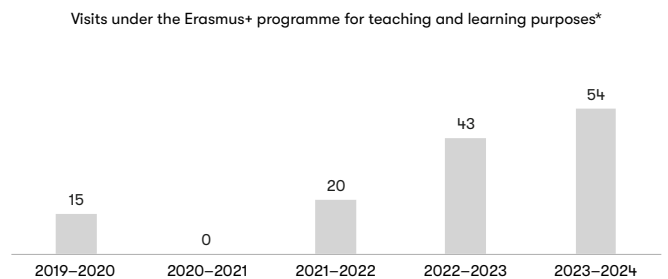
### Master studies



### Doctoral studies



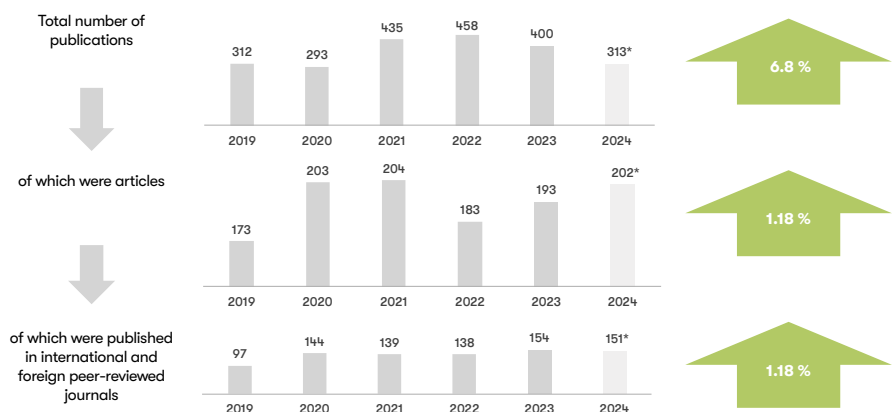
### Academic and non-academic employees



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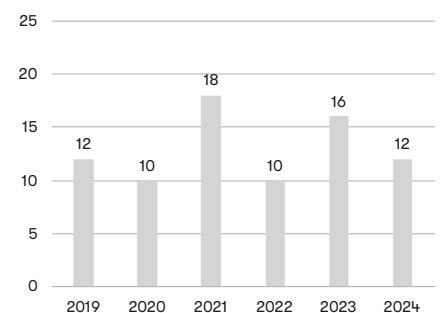
\*The statistics on employee mobility do not include secondments and work placements carried out under mobility forms and programmes other than Erasmus+.

## Number of publications, 2019–2024



\* The publication figures for 2024 are based on the data of 10 February 2024 and are not exhaustive, as the registration of publications was still ongoing at that time. The publication figures for 2024 are not included in the calculations.

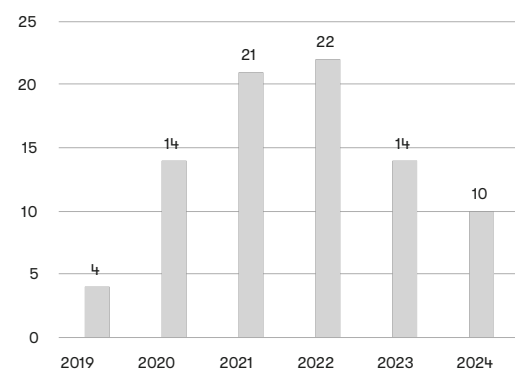
## Successfully defended dissertations, 2019–2024



The total number of successfully defended dissertations during the period of 2019–2024 is 78

Based on the data of 31 December.

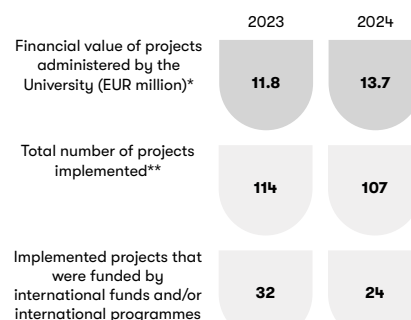
## Number of postdoctoral trainees at the University, 2019–2024



Average number of postdoctoral trainees per year is 14.16

Based on the data of 31 December.

## Projects, 2023–2024



\* The value of projects implemented in a given year is presented.

\*\* The total number of projects include projects whose activities were in the implementation phase during the given year. In the case of internal partnership at VU, i.e. when several faculties participated in one project, the project was accounted only once and assigned only to the unit that owned the project.

## Key projects in 2024

### **Addressing Mental Health Vulnerabilities from Adolescence to Older Age: Innovating Prevention Science for Times of Change (ADVANCE)**

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 631,862.50. The project is funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe programme (Project No. 101080323). Project manager – Prof. Dr Evaldas Kazlauskas.

### **2PS – Prevent & Protect Through Support (2PS)**

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 83,455. The project is funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe programme (Project No. 101073949). Project manager – Prof. Dr Ilona Laurinaitytė.

### **Quantitative Data About Societal and Economic Transformations in the Regions of the Three Baltic States During the Last Hundred Years for the Analysis of Historical Transformations and the Overcoming of Future Challenges (BALTIC100)**

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 304,194.40. The project is funded by the State Education Development Agency of the Republic of Latvia under the Baltic Programme (Project No. EEA-RESEARCH-174). Project manager – Prof. Dr Zenonas Norkus.

### **Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe and Membership in SHARE-ERIC**

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 2,229,864. The project is funded by the Research Council of Lithuania (Contract No. VS-18). Project manager – Prof. Dr Antanas Kairys.

### **Critical Thinking Development Platform for General Education Settings, E! 3336 CuRiosiTy**

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 121,325.68. The project is co-funded by the Research Council of Lithuania under the joint programme Eurostars 3 (Project No. S-E3-23-17). Project manager – Assoc. Prof. Dr Irena Žukauskaitė.