



## Faculty of Law



In 2024, the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University strengthened its international profile with high-level events, new partnerships, and innovations in the field of teaching. It was a year full of achievements through cooperation.

For the first time, students at the University were offered a minor study programme 'Legal Protection of Individuals in a Global World'. Having been assessed by international experts and recognised for their quality, the study programmes in the field of law were granted accreditation for the maximum possible period of seven years. At the end of the year, a cooperation agreement was signed with the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy on the double-diploma Master study programme. In order to enhance international opportunities, the rules were approved for the participation of students competing in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Significant research achievements include securing funding through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe, the European Union's framework programme for research and innovation, granted to the postdoctoral fellowship project 'Investigating Gender-Based Discrimination: Unveiling the Underlying Mechanisms (UnveilGBD)' (implemented by Dr Giulia Lausi, Supervisor – Assoc. Prof. Dr Ilona Michailovič). Important scientific works were published: Commentary on the Republic of Lithuania Law on Copyright and Related Rights (authors: R. Birštonas, J. Liaukšminaitė, V. Mizaras); prestigious international publishing house 'Hart Publishing' featured an article by Dr Irmantas Jarukaitis titled 'Defining a Notion of Judicial Authority in the Context of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice' in the volume 'Shaping a Genuine Area of Freedom, Security and Justice'.

2024 was a special year for the Faculty – high-level international conferences were organised, two of which were dedicated to key anniversaries of the Republic of Lithuania – 20 years of Lithuania's membership in NATO and the European Union. This year, the Faculty also contributed to organising the annual conference of the European Society of International Law, which was held in Vilnius for the first time. Continuing our membership in the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law, we also held a conference for young legal researchers.

In 2024, the challenges posed by artificial intelligence were discussed at an international conference, and the possibilities offered by this technology in the teaching process were tested – AI knowledge avatars, also known as lecturers' digital twins, were presented.

Last year, to strengthen its international experience and prestige, the Faculty became a member of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) and cooperation with the Research Service of the Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada) was started.

We can also celebrate the honourable accolades at the Faculty – Anna Pikulska-Radomska, Professor of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Łódź, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by being granted the academic title of Doctor Honoris Causa of Vilnius University for her longstanding partnership and academic fellowship, while Prof. Dr Ramūnas Birštonas was awarded the Rector's Science Award for his significant research achievements in 2024.

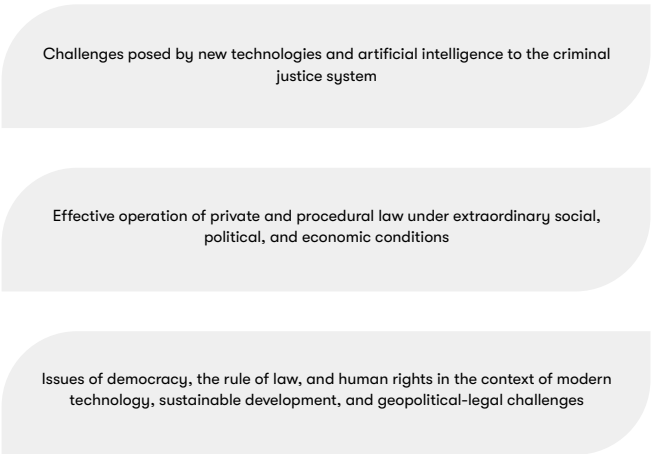
The Faculty is actively involved in improving the knowledge of Lithuanian legal specialists and in promoting legal scholarship among school pupils. In 2024, training sessions were delivered for lawyers providing secondary legal aid, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Lithuania, notaries public, the Lithuanian Chamber of Insolvency Administrators, and the National Audit Office of Lithuania. Legal education among the youth was promoted by developing legal lessons (available in Lithuanian) for pupils for independent learning.

The year 2024 was full of new initiatives and ongoing work for the Faculty of Law community, which will provide the impetus for the implementation of our future goals and realise our long-term vision.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr Haroldas Šinkūnas, Dean**

# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

## Areas of research interest



## Study portfolio in 2024

	Integrated studies	Master studies
Total number of programmes implemented	1	2
Programmes implemented in a foreign language	-	1
Double-diploma programmes	-	1
	Doctoral studies	
Number of science fields	1 (Law)	

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

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

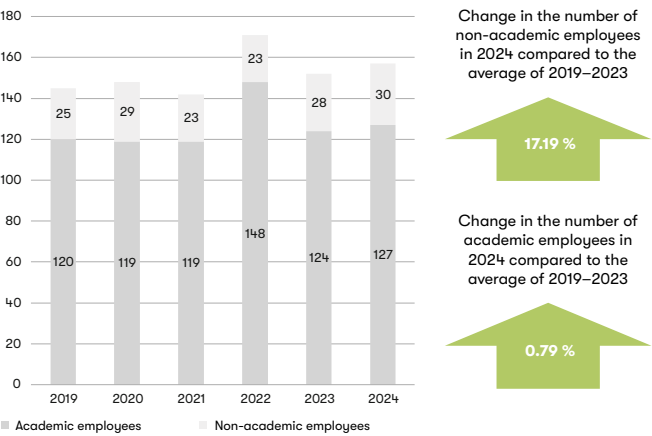


## Number of foreign nationals employed in 2023–2024

	Academic employees	Non-academic employees	Total
2024	8	0	8
2023	10	0	10

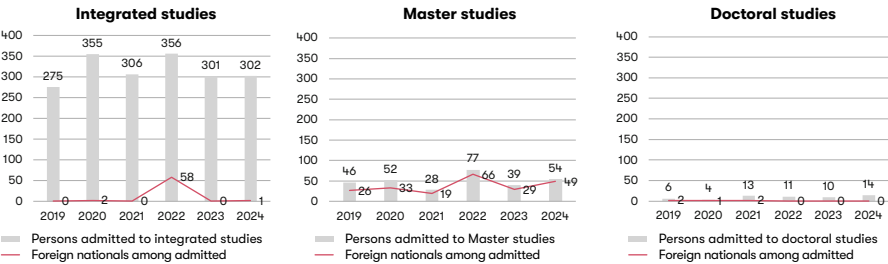
Based on the data of 31 December.

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



Based on the data of 31 December.

## Admissions to studies, 2019–2024

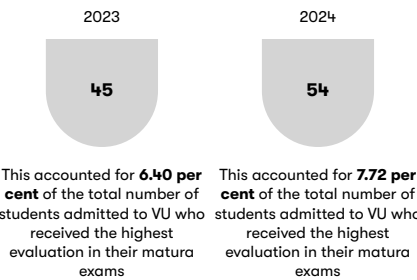


## Change in the number of admitted persons in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023



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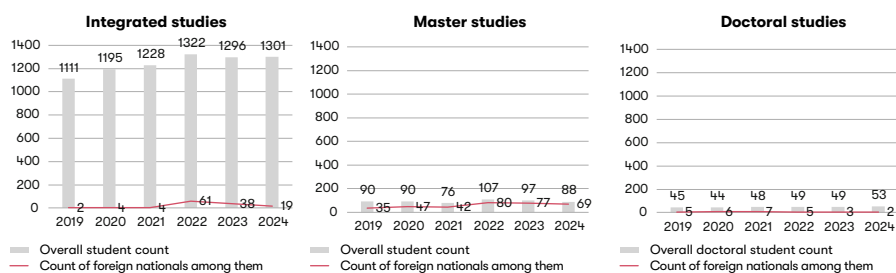
## Number of admitted students who received the highest evaluation in their matura exams in 2023–2024



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## Number of students, 2019–2024

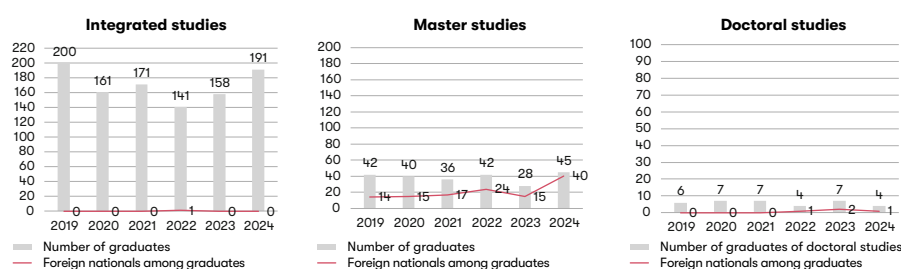


Change in the number of students in 2024 compared to the average of 2019–2023



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## Number of graduates, 2019–2024



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

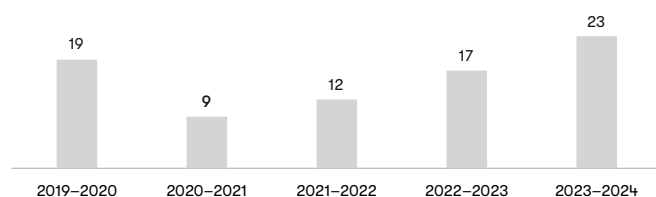


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## Mobility of students, doctoral students and employees, 2019–2024

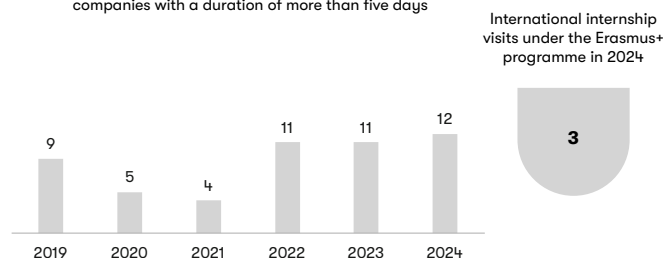
### Bachelor studies

Partial study visits under bilateral university agreements, Erasmus+, and ISEP exchange programmes



### Doctoral studies

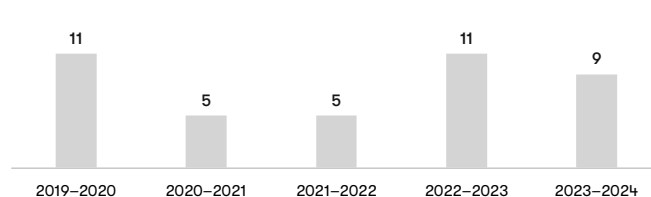
Doctoral study visits to higher education institutions and companies with a duration of more than five days



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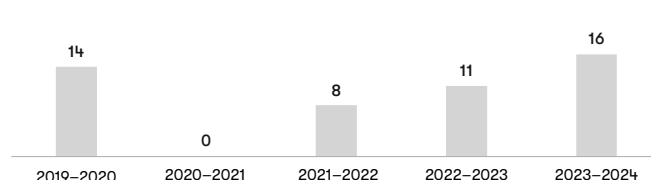
### Master studies

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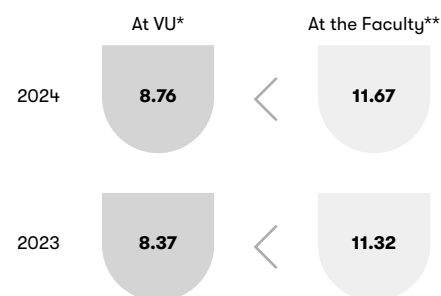
### Academic and non-academic employees

Visits under the Erasmus+ programme for teaching and learning purposes\*



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

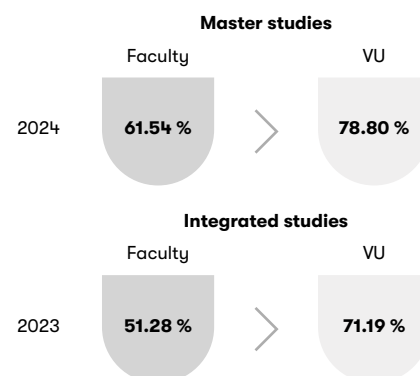
## Student–faculty ratio, 2023–2024



\* 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.

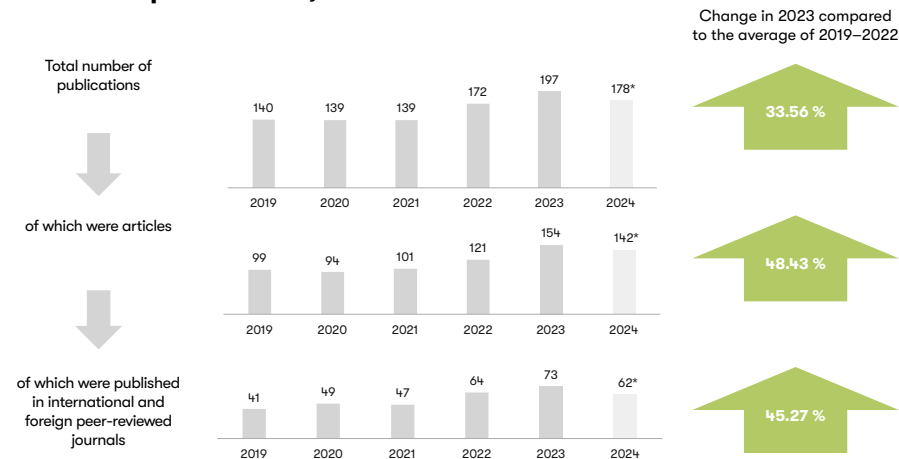
\*\* Calculated by dividing the total number of Faculty students in the second cycle and integrated studies on 1 October by the number of Faculty teaching staff on 31 December.

## Graduate career success in 2024



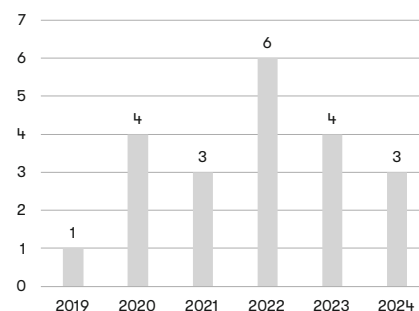
Target outcome → the level of highly qualified graduates and/or graduates continuing their studies in a higher cycle growing at least 1 per cent annually, but no lower than 60 per cent. Based on the data of 1 October.

## 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.

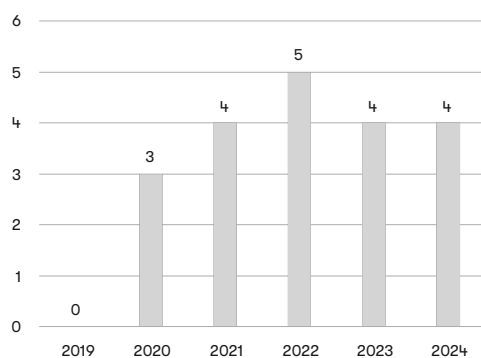
## Successfully defended dissertations, 2019–2024



The total number of successfully defended dissertations during the period of 2019–2024 is 21

Based on the data of 31 December.

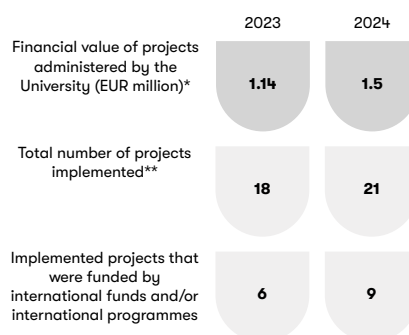
## Number of postdoctoral trainees at the University, 2019–2024



Average number of postdoctoral trainees per year is 3.33

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

### Protecting Working Conditions in the Platform Economy: Moldovan-Lithuanian Social Dialogue. Horizon Europe Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines (JWCPW)

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 231,552.39. The project is funded by the European Union under the Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines programme of the European Commission (Project No. 101126470). Project manager – Prof. Dr Tomas Davulis.

### Digitising EU Uncontested Claim Enforcement (DEUCE)

The value of the project administered by the University is EUR 25,133.00. The project is funded by the European Union, the E-Justice programme (Project No. 101138437). Project manager – Prof. Dr Rimantas Simaitis.

### Digital Forensic, Open Data Source and Artificial Intelligence for International Criminal Liability: the Case of Russian War Crimes in Ukraine

The value of the project amounts to EUR 125,556.56. The project is funded by the European Union, the MSCA4Ukraine programme (Project No. 1233018). Supervisor of the postdoctoral fellowship – Prof. Dr Gabrielė Juodkaitė-Granskienė, postdoctoral trainee – Senior Lecturer Dr Kateryna Latysh.

### International Research Project Investigating Gender-Based Discrimination: Unveiling the Underlying Mechanisms (UnveilGBD)

The value of the project amounts to EUR 142,757.76. The project is funded by the European Union, the ERA Fellowship (HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF). Supervisor of the postdoctoral fellowship – Assoc. Prof. Dr Ilona Michailovič, postdoctoral trainee – Senior Researcher Dr Giulia Lausi.

### Health Innovation Next Generation Payment & Pricing Models (HI-PRIX)

The project is implemented with the Faculty of Medicine. The total value of the project is EUR 3,962,457.50, the value of the project administered by the University is EUR 89,377.50. The project is funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe programme (Project No. 101095593). Project manager – Prof. Dr Liubovė Muraukienė.