

# Bilateral Exchange



**Vilniaus  
universitetas**



# BILATERAL AGREEMENTS



- There are 70 bilateral agreements in 17 countries that allow student exchange;
- Guaranteed tuition free one semester or academic year studies;
- Possibilities to get financial support in some institutions;
- Possibility to get Erasmus+ monthly and travel stipend



Jiao Lake, China



*In the Amazonian  
Jungles, Columbia*



Noisy market in Thailand

# Possible exchange

- USA (MAUI, ISEP)
- Australia (AEN)
- Georgia
- Japan
- South Korea
- Brazil (Reari-RJ)
- Czech Republic
- Canada (BCI)
- Kazakhstan
- China
- Columbia
- Thailand
- Taiwan
- And many more!!



Royal National Park, Australia



Mt. Unzen, Japan

# The most active bilateral partners:

*Georgia – Tbilisi State*

*South Korea – Kyung Hee; Kyungpook; University of Seoul;*

*Japan – Ritsumeikan; Akita*

*Singapore – National University of Singapore;*

*Taiwan – National Taiwan, National Chengchi*

In some universities it possible to get Erasmus+ scholarship (Same application together with Bilateral exchange)



Singapore skyline



# Financial support schemes:

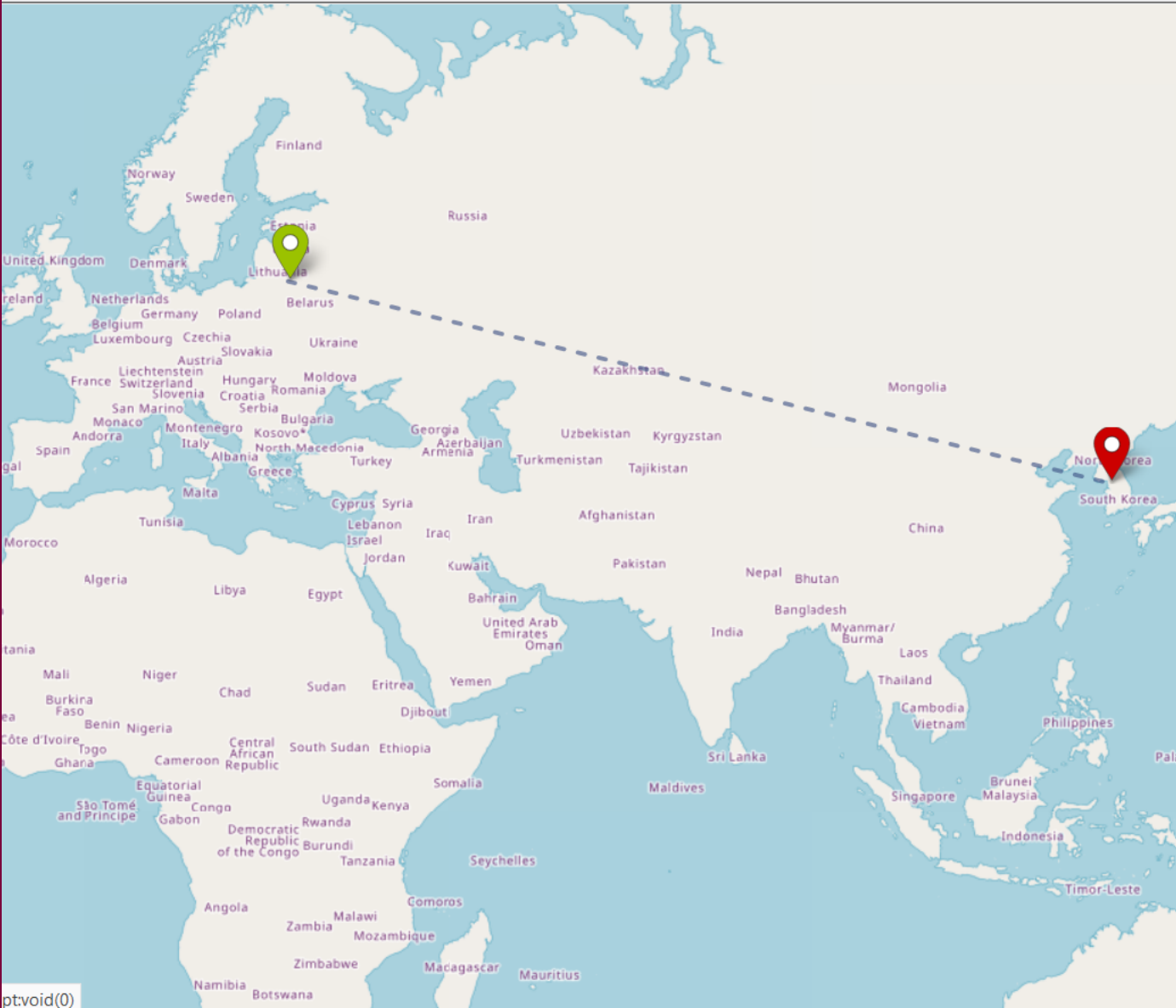
- Tuition-free studies;
- Erasmus+ scholarship 700 eur/month + travel allowance
- Free of charge accommodation:
  - *Hong Kong, Georgia, South Korea, ISEP Exchange, China*
- Scholarship schemes:
  - *Georgia, Singapore\*, South Korea\* (GKS or University Scholarship), Japan (JASSO or other Scholarships), ISEP Exchange*
  - *\* ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme*

# Travel allowance

Distance	Support for participant
from 10 to 99 km:	20 EUR
from 100 to 499 km:	180 EUR
from 500 to 1999 km:	275 EUR
from 2000 to 2999 km:	360 EUR
from 3000 to 3999 km:	530 EUR
from 4000 to 7999 km:	820 EUR
8000 km and more:	1500 EUR

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

## Example for travel



A world map with a light beige background and blue oceans. A dashed blue line connects a green location pin in Vilnius, Lithuania, to a red location pin in Seoul, South Korea. The map shows various countries and their names in a small, dark font. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation icons (home, zoom in, zoom out, pan, and full screen) and a panel on the right for calculating the distance.

### Calculate a distance

Vilnius, Lithuania

Seoul, South Korea

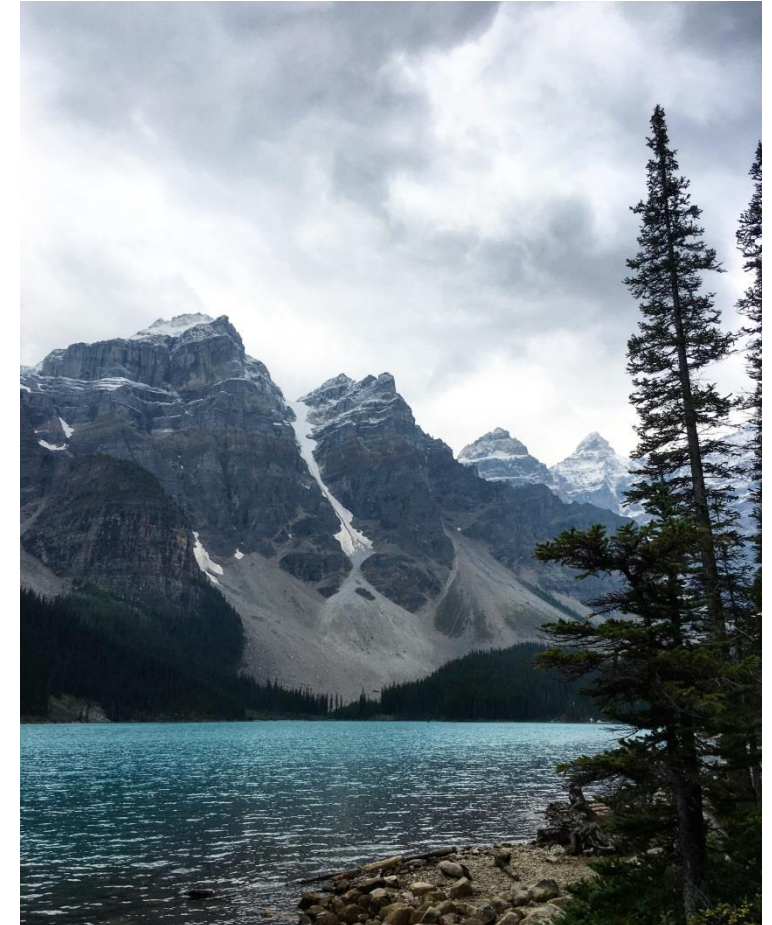
Distance  
in a straight line  
: 7353.55 km



# ISEP: studies in the USA or non-European countries



- o Studies in the USA: more than 120 universities in different states;
- o Studies in other countries: network is proud of its partners from 50 different countries (and expanding);
- o Guarantees **free tuition, accommodation** and **17 meals** a week;
- o Internal selection application announced in **November**;
- o More information:  
<https://www.isepstudyabroad.org>



From VU student in ISEP, Canada



# What is network?



- **BCI** (Canada) – a student selects one institution from the BCI partner list and apply online. **Most of the programmes are in French only!**
- **AEN** (Australia) or **MAUI** (USA) – a student chooses 3 institutions in order of priority from the partner list and participates in the international selection organized by Utrecht Network.
- **REARI-RJ** (Brazil) – Students apply using Utrecht Network, students chooses university from partners list. **Most of the programmes are in Portuguese language!**
- **Students are selected by the network coordinators.**



# Summer School Courses in Asian Partner Universities

1) Possible exchange for students not able to commit for longer exchange (3-4 weeks exchange)

2) Partners in South Korea, Taiwan

3) Possible financial support: tuition-free, accomodation\*, meals\*

\*depends on Partner institution

4) Application will be announced 2023 Spring on facebook, International Office News and shared with Faculty coordinators

5) Self-funded part: **flight tickets** and **personal expenses**



# Application for bilateral exchange



## Analyze partner institutions online!

- o Decide on the country/ies, where you want to go;
- o Financial support and your personal savings;
- o Analyze the academic offer at a particular institution;
- o Evaluate your language level.

## Internal selection!

- o 1) Application form (online)
- o 2) Transcript of Records (in English)
- o 3) Motivation Letter (in English or Lithuanian)
- o 4) Preliminary study plan for each institution indicated on the application form (approved of by the Faculty Coordinator)



Osaka castle

# HOW IS INTERNAL SELECTION ORGANISED?



- o 1) Students submit their application online.
- o 2) After the deadline selection committee is formed;
- o 3) Selection criteria: motivation, academic achievements, university choice.
- o 4) All students who apply are informed about the selection results;
- o 5) Selected students apply to a specific University.





# What is next?



- Wait for the acceptance package;
- Take care of visa matters and get ready for the trip;
- Before going abroad, discuss the final study programme with the Faculty coordinator;
- Check your email often to not miss any information!
- **FINALLY: do not forget to fill in Request Form for Studies Abroad!!**

(Prašymas dėl siuntimo dalinėms studijoms)

- Good luck for your exchange 😊!!



Joys and struggles in the mountains of Georgia



# For more information:



*English:*

[www.vu.lt/en](http://www.vu.lt/en) → studies → academic-info-for-students → studies abroad → study period abroad → **bilateral-agreements**

*Lietuviškai:*

[www.vu.lt](http://www.vu.lt) → Tarptautiniai ryšiai → Mainų galimybės → **Dvišalės sutartys**



Flower arrangement (Ikebana) in Japan



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# Any questions?



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