

**Vytautas Magnus**  
University

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Throughout its short and exciting history, Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) has been faithfully nurturing its distinguished traditions. What sets this university apart is its willingness to organize studies, scientific research, and life of the community in a different way. Intellectuals from Lithuania and abroad participated in the reestablishment of VMU and defined its goals, which remain unchanged today. At VMU, the forerunning principles are liberal and democratic and importance is placed on aesthetics, honesty, tolerance, and the ability to think independently. Through these ideals, creativity, progress and the development of national culture are all brought into sharp focus.

From the very first days of the university's re-establishment in 1989, the experiences of Western universities have been an important influence. Based on the model of universities like Harvard, VMU implemented a more modern approach to studies. In that respect, VMU differs from other Lithuanian universities in the freedom

it gives students to choose and design their own study schedule, while also being the first Lithuanian institution of higher education to offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree studies.

The VMU community - students, lecturers, graduates - is united in the idea of *artes liberales* – the classical university of liberal arts. With this as a base, warm, honest interaction and liberal humanist spirit follows and provides strength to the community.

Classical liberal arts universities are the labs of modern life, educating bold young people who are not afraid to experiment and are on their way to becoming professional contributors to the future. A classical university is not governed by pragmatic matters. Formulas do not apply here. This is the space for young people to become more open-minded and develop critical thinking skills, attributes which will stay with them for a lifetime.





# liberal studies environment

At Vytautas Magnus University, one of our most distinguishing features is a general, wide-ranging university education, which not only rewards the graduates with bachelor's or master's degrees, but also creates active and engaged members of society who are able to think independently and creatively. VMU alumni understand the benefit of continuing to learn and grow for their entire lives.

Local and international students have the opportunity to avail themselves of courses in more than 30 modern and classic languages, ranging from Ancient and Modern Greek to Turkish along with others, including Arabic, Catalan, Chinese, Danish, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Latvian,

Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. Additionally, we offer special courses for foreigners to learn our native language, Lithuanian.

The university's *Academia Cum Laude* programme provides the students with a unique system of individual studies, making it possible for them to choose subjects based on the principle of *artes liberales* and to work with professional, top-level scientists or renowned artists of their choice. These nationally unprecedented programmes allow students to decide for themselves how they want to study: by broadening or deepening their knowledge base.

## Students

- Over 7,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Over 220 doctoral students
- Around 500 international students coming every year
- Around 32,000 university graduates (since 1989)

## Academic staff

- 660 teaching staff
- 180 researchers

## liberal studies environment

### Study programmes

- Over 45 BA programmes
- Over 50 MA programmes
- Over 40 Minor programmes
- Integrated Legal Studies
- 15 postgraduate programmes
- Non-degree studies of Pedagogy

### Study Facilities

- Modern lecture rooms, computer classes and labs in 17 different buildings, all equipped with internal network and Wi-Fi zones
- Library holding over 280,000 books and other publications or texts
- Access to over 750,000 documents
- Access to 46 licensed Internet databases, containing almost 55,000 full-text books and 51,000 journals.
- Computer-assisted language learning lab SANA-KO LAB 300

### Structures

- 10 faculties
- 22 University faculty study and research centres
- Institute of Foreign Languages
- Institute of Innovative Studies

- Doctoral studies in 18 scientific fields
- Over 20 bachelor and master degree study programmes with over 500 Courses taught in English
- 2 joint degree and 5 double degree programmes with foreign partner universities (all of them taught in English)

- Accessibility-friendly studying environment: university spaces, lecture rooms, library and dorms are adapted for use by people of all needs. A special leisure room is available for students with different accessibility requirements
- Lecturers will individualise the learning process to accommodate the needs of the student
- 95% of university locations are free Wi-Fi (wireless Internet) zones
- Three dormitories (accommodation for more than 850 people)

- 6 University centres functioning to ensure favourable conditions for scientific research and studies
- Over 50 other laboratories and computer classes

## innovative research

Since 1989, the researchers of Vytautas Magnus University have accumulated solid experience in international scientific research and project management. They hold memberships in national and international associations of diverse scientific fields. Publications within the scientific presses of Lithuania and elsewhere are announced frequently.

The main strength of research at VMU is its ability to be flexible when responding to rapidly changing research

### Research priorities

Seeking to integrate research from a variety of fields, research at the university is performed by clusters, (i.e. groups of researchers and research centres). One of the objectives of VMU's "cluster strategy" is to rally groups of researchers, specifically in the priority fields of art

### Competence of the researchers

VMU researchers and teachers are highly qualified professionals whose competence has been recognized on both national and international levels, with memberships in the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, the Science Council of Lithuania, and various international organisations. You will find our colleagues working as experts in their fields and on the commissions of numerous competitions. The achievements of VMU researchers have also been honoured with a diverse ar-

ray of prizes and scholarships – not to mention being awarded honorary titles by foreign universities. At the national level, the potential of VMU research has received the highest evaluation scores among higher education institutions of Lithuania. VMU is a leading university in the fields of Humanities, Arts, and Social and Biomedical Sciences (MOSTA 2015).

fields and modes, which leads to the formation of new priorities, the emergence of relevant research topics, and the challenges of national and international programmes. Recently, VMU has been involved in various FP6, FP7, Horizon 2020, diverse COST and Erasmus+ activities, among others, as well as national ESF projects as project partner and coordinator.

and science, by developing and creating science/arts clusters and promoting interdisciplinary, inter-field, and inter-institutional research as well as artistic activities, which will engage young research fellows and artists.

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## doctoral studies

Vytautas Magnus University has a distinct advantage when it comes to its young, promising doctoral students. PhD studies at VMU open up unique possibilities for academic research and studies, which contribute to the development of future generations of highly qualified specialists. Graduates of doctoral studies at VMU

are capable of conducting internationally recognized, independent scientific research and advancing experimental (social, cultural) development, not to mention solving hot-button issues of interest to Lithuanian, European and global science.

### Fields of Study

Doctoral studies are provided jointly with 23 partner institutions in Lithuania and abroad. VMU is the leader in 15 doctoral consortiums and a partner/participant in 3 additional consortiums.

**Currently, Vytautas Magnus University offers doctoral studies in 4 science areas and 18 scientific fields:**

- Biomedical sciences: Biophysics, Biology, Ecology and Environmental Science;
- Physical sciences: Biochemistry, Informatics;
- Humanities: Ethnology, Philology, Philosophy, History, Art Criticism, Theology;
- Social sciences: Education Science, Economy, Political Sciences, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Management





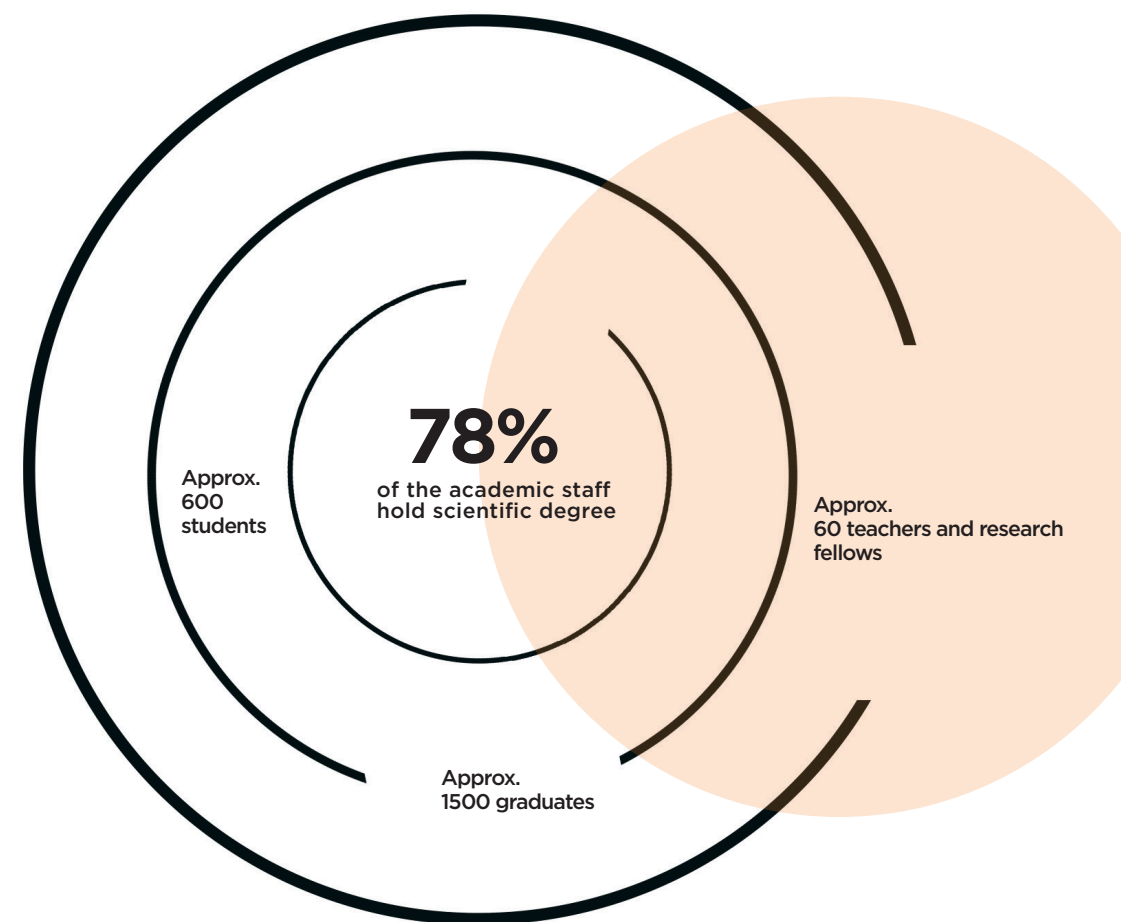


# the faculty of arts

The Faculty of Arts offers unique integrated studies of the Theory and History of Art, as well as innovative programmes of New Media Art, Acting and Creative Industries. Bachelors of Arts and Humanities Degrees are conferred by the Departments of Art History and Criticism, Theatre Studies, and Contemporary Arts. Additionally, continuing students can earn master's degrees in theatre studies and performing arts management, art history and critique, art curating, and be noted as experts of cultural heritage and creative industries. The faculty also offers two international bachelor degree programs organized jointly with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan, United Kingdom) – Fashion Design and Music Production.

Studies in the Faculty of Arts take place not only in lecture rooms but also in art laboratories and workshops, libraries, museums, theatres, cinemas and concert halls, all of which serve as venues for the examination of art objects and creative practices. For practical work, students will find media, sound, photography and video work rooms and laboratories, all of which are kept at the highest technological standards. Lectures in the faculty are read by working artists and experts in their fields.

The VMU Theatre is the first and only professional university theatre in Lithuania, providing a new theatrical space, dedicated to joint projects by prominent and promising young artists from Lithuania and abroad.

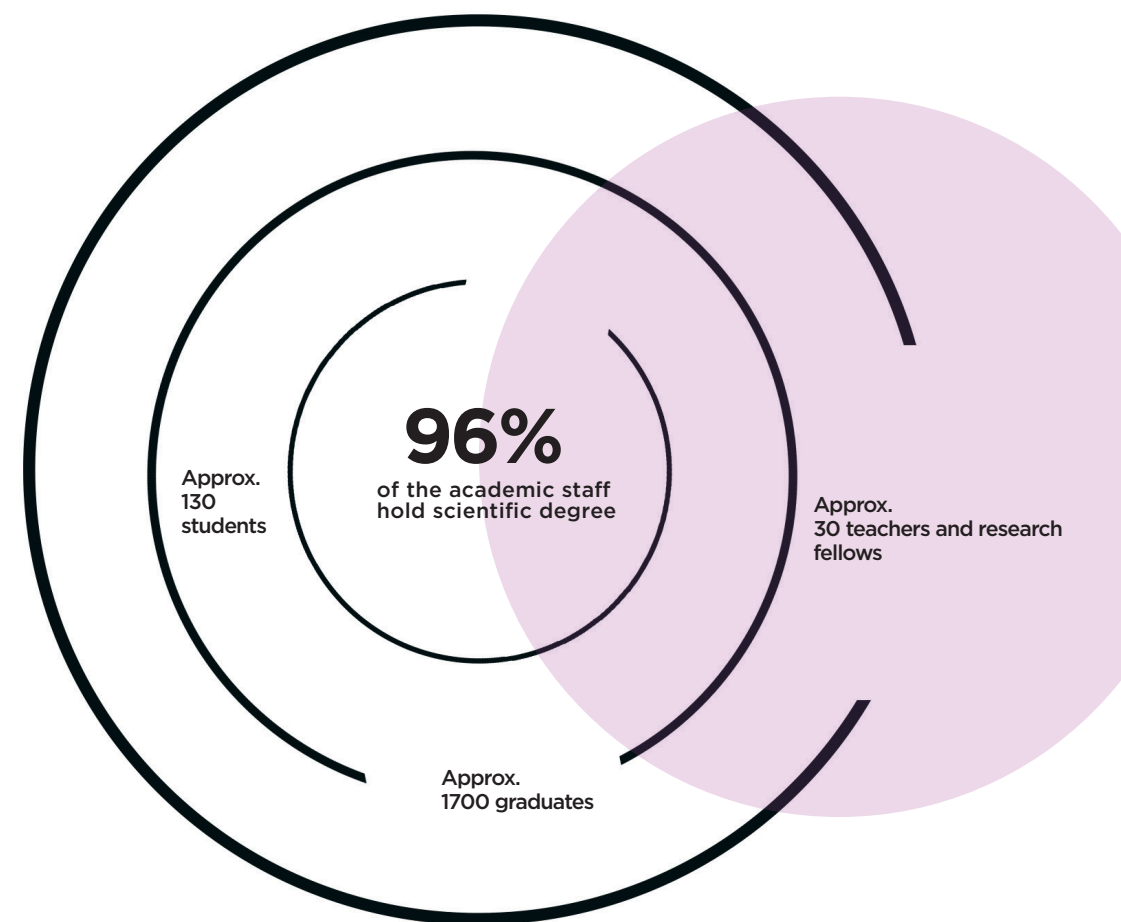




# the faculty of catholic theology

The Faculty of Catholic Theology is the only Lithuanian faculty approved by the Apostolic Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican for awarding not just civil but ecclesiastical degrees as well. While the studies here are attractive to future priests, the laity is also enthusiastically invited. The faculty welcomes any students who hold Christian values or plan on working in a church or public organization, solving socially relevant issues of morality, spirituality, and ethics, while responding to the fundamental needs of person, family, and society.

In the Faculty of Catholic Theology, exceptional attention is given to community life and the students' pastoral care. Students are provided with opportunities to work as volunteers with Catholic organizations, youth and family centres, initiatives of New Evangelization, and the radio station "Radio Maria", among others. Various conferences, courses ("Alfa", "Know Yourself") and seminars are an excellent setting for the students to discuss religion and life and look for ample solutions to relevant problems.



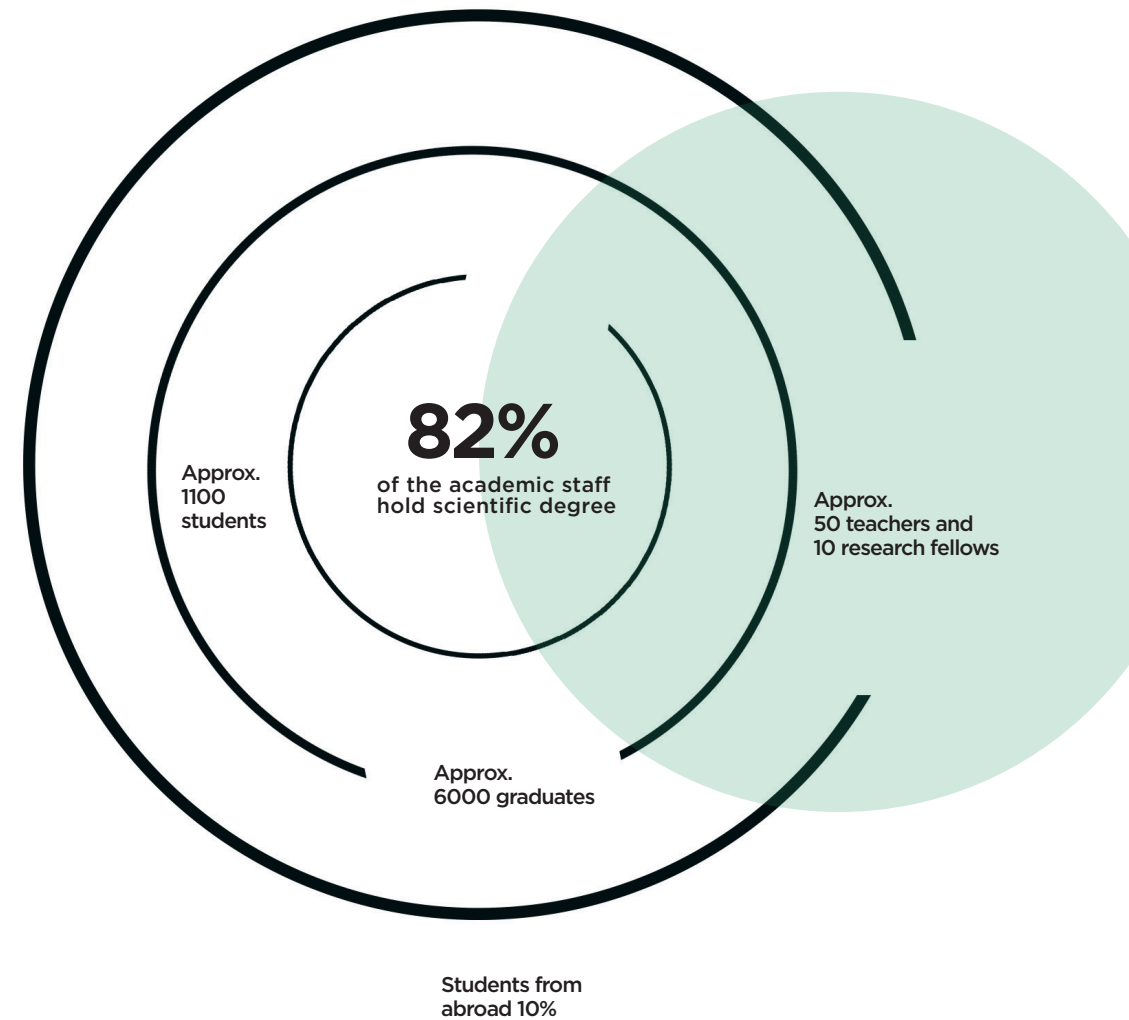
# the faculty of economics and management

The VMU Faculty of Economics and Management is one of the most internationally acclaimed schools of its type, recently ranked among the top 10% of business schools in the world. The international network of higher education schools, EDUNIVERSAL, carries out annual assessments of 7,000 business schools around the globe and in 2015, the VMU Faculty of Economics and Management received 3 Palmes of Excellence and a solid ranking of "Excellent", recognizing its high level of influence.

The Faculty of Economics and Management organises studies in the fields of Economics, Business Administration, Finance, and Marketing. Double Degree opportunities are offered with prestigious universities such as the University of Trento (Italy), the University of Aveiro (Portugal), the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) (Norway), and the Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium).

Master programmes in Marketing and Sales, and Marketing and International Commerce were rated in the top 20 master degree studies in Eastern Europe by EDUNIVERSAL.

Well-qualified faculty teachers contribute to the evolving responsibility, diligence, self-reliance and communicability of future graduates and student internships are given high priority at the faculty. Successful careers of the alumni at various Lithuanian and International business organizations, local branches of foreign companies, and governmental institutions serve as a testament that the studies offer enough universal and specialized knowledge to help students successfully integrate into the competitive world of business.



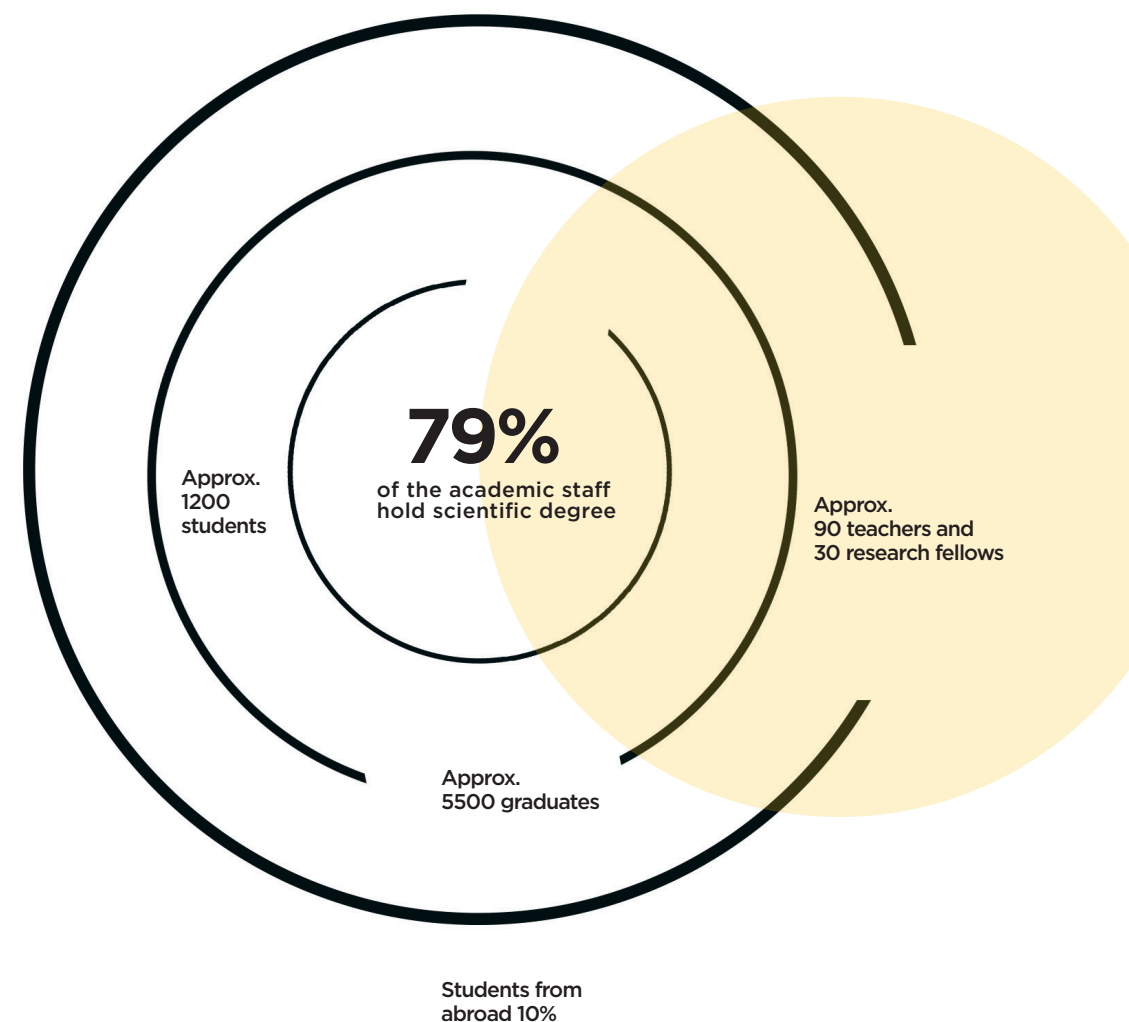
# the faculty of humanities

The humanities at Vytautas Magnus University are especially important, because, aside from high quality education, they also provide the student with the ability to explore and understand the world around us, use independent and critical thinking and develop an original and creative personality.

The faculty offers the following studies of the humanities: history, Lithuanian, English, German, French philology, as well as Italian studies and Romance languages, Scandinavian, East Asian cultures and languages. These programmes can be selected as the major track at BA, MA and PhD level studies. Every semester, various study subjects are taught by guest lecturers from all around the world.

What is more, the faculty offers international joint-degree study program Sociolinguistics and Multilingualism organised with Johannes-Gutenberg University (Germany), Stockholm University (Sweden), and the University of Tartu (Estonia) that provide students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge on certain European regions and the importance of multilingual and intercultural competences.

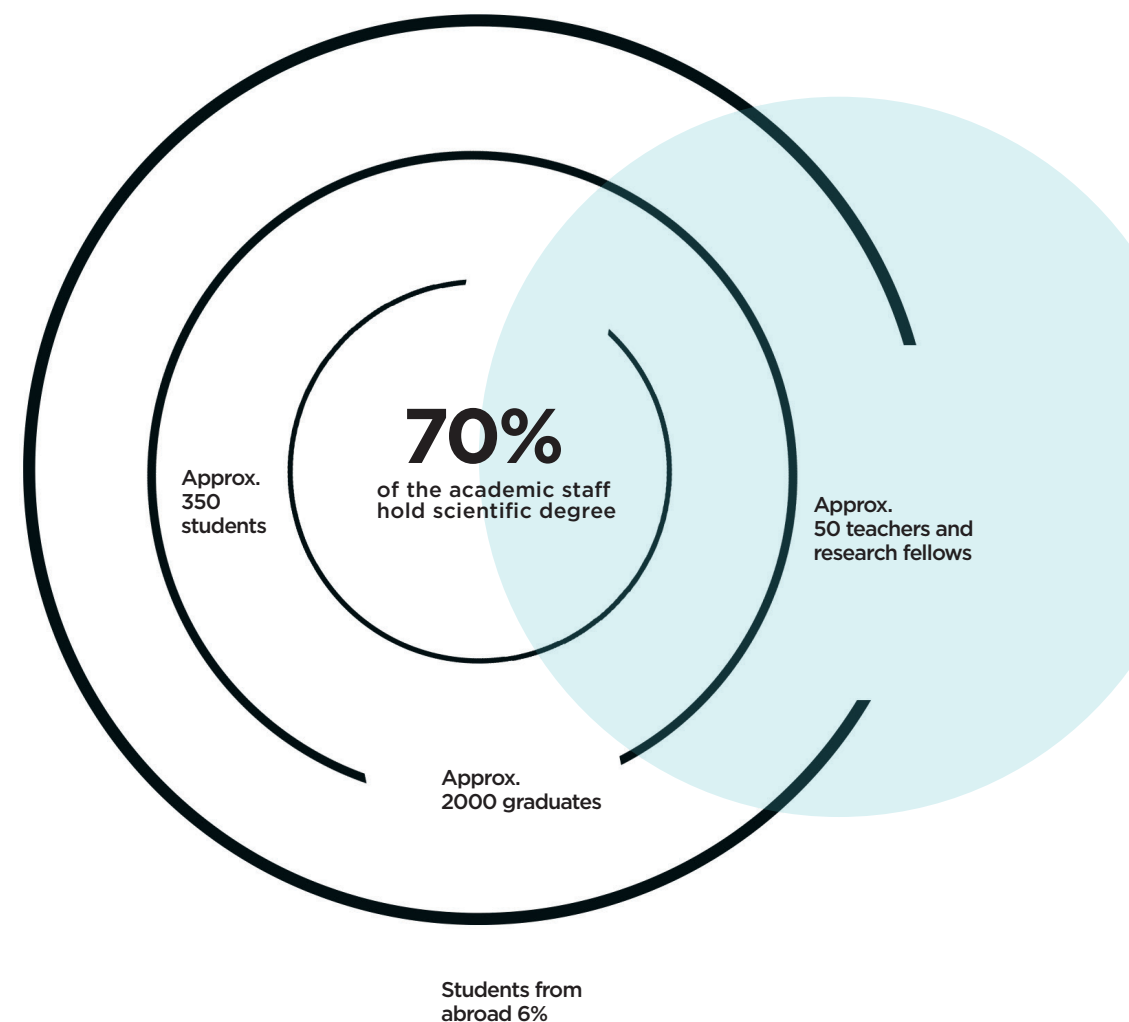
The driving force of the faculty's scientific research is in the research clusters and research centres of: Computational Linguistics, Culture Research, Prof. Bronius Vaškėlis' Literary Comparativistics, Kaunas' History, Intercultural Communication and Multilingualism, Lithuanian Emigration Institute, Centre For Asian Studies.



# the faculty of informatics

Looking to adapt students to the needs of modern society, The Faculty of Informatics offers both BSc and MSc degree study programmes. In addition to gaining up to date knowledge of informatics and mathematics, the students also learn to apply it while working towards business management solutions, designing services for users of modern networks, and creating virtual communities. Even more esoteric concepts, like language/text and sound/music analysis, computer imaging or even attempting to imitate the thought process itself, can also be explored. Dedicated, modern research labs are available for student use. In order to help facilitate studies and individual research, students can gain access to Computer

Controlled Systems, Audio-visual Technology, 3D modelling, Virtual Environments, and Neuroscience labs (run jointly with the Faculty of Natural Sciences), as well as the centres of Computer Linguistics and Energetic Security Research, amongst others. Laboratories are equipped with process modelling equipment, industrial controllers, 3D design and prototyping hardware and software, and sound and motion capture equipment with corresponding software. Data mining, as well as text and speech processing research, is done using server resources from the university's Private Cloud of Computational Resources.





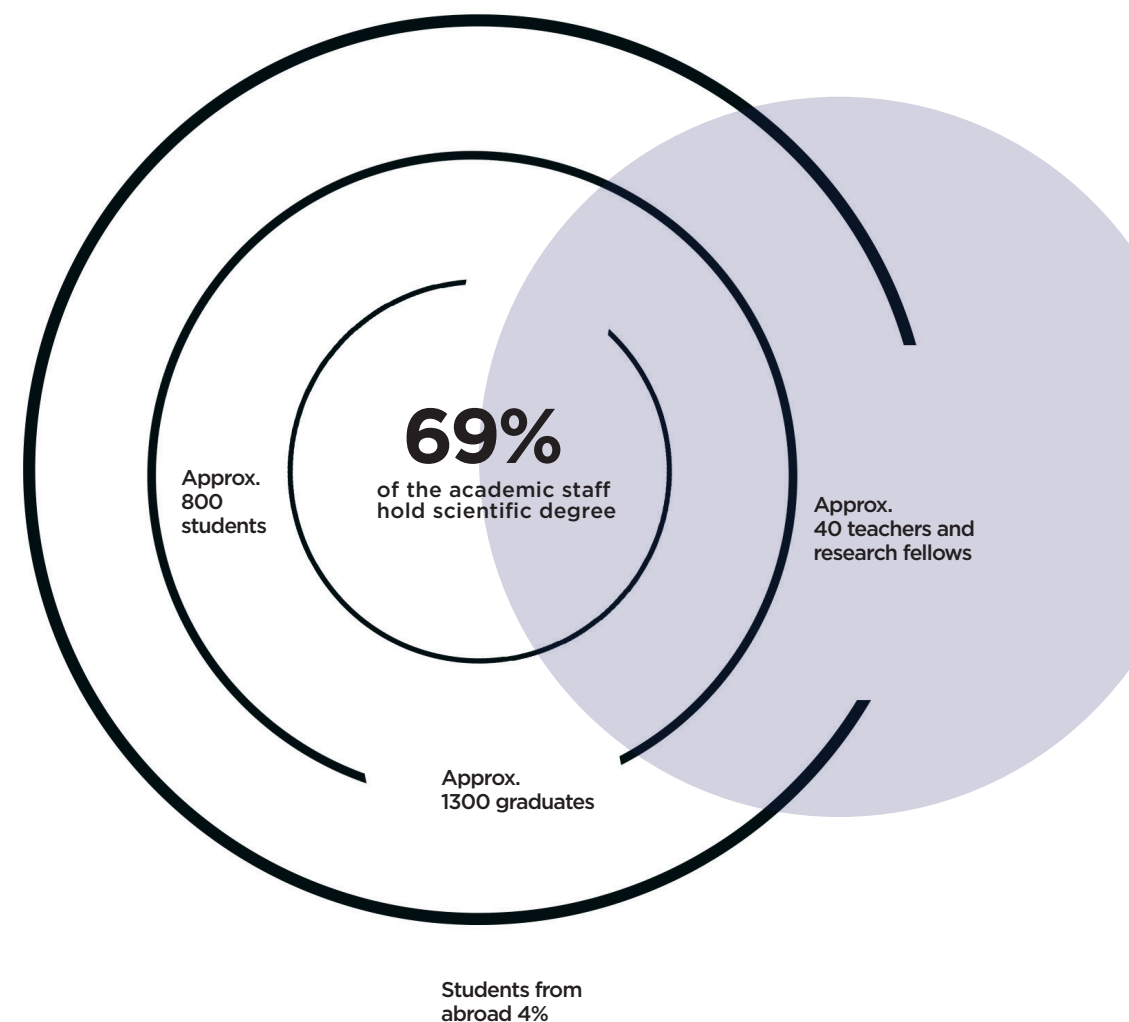
# the faculty of law

Legal studies at VMU were prepared according to the model of Western universities. This model was chosen due to the demand for highly qualified lawyers who would possess a wide, liberal education, fluency in legal English and the ability to work both in Lithuania and abroad. Currently, the faculty provides both bachelor's and master's studies of law, as well as an integrated study programme. Integrated studies encompass the complete bachelor's and master's level studies. Upon completion, the degree of Master of Law and the professional qualification of lawyer are awarded.

Students of the Faculty of Law have the opportunity to get the Michigan State University Certificate in Transnational Law in addition to their VMU master's degree diploma. The certificate testifies that the faculty's alumnus has passed the main courses of international law and has a good command of legal English. VMU is the first university in Lithuania, and one of the few in

Europe, to have signed an agreement of this kind with one of the most prestigious universities in the USA.

The Faculty of Law is unique in Lithuania due to its exceptional teaching methods, which promote the Socratic Method during lectures. Rather than having the teacher speak and the students take notes, an unconventional approach, practiced in the most prestigious American universities, is taken. During discussions and practical activities, the students analyse specific cases where legal regulations are applied and solve exercises of law by applying a Question & Answer format. Well qualified scientists and specialists of their fields (civil, criminal, administrative law and other legal areas) are teaching at the faculty, ensuring that the knowledge and skills required by professionally practicing lawyers are imparted to the students.



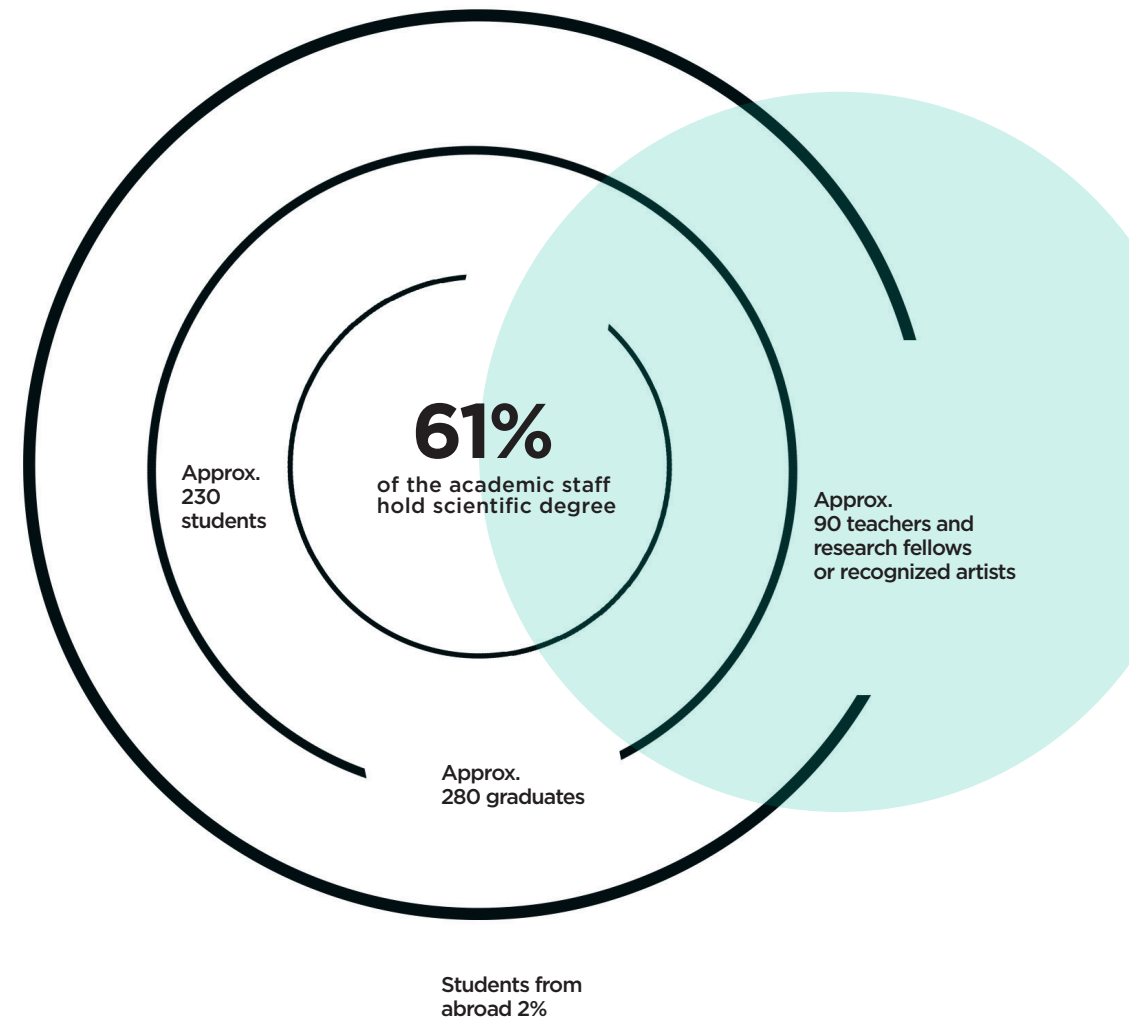
# the music academy

VMU Music Academy is a constantly changing, dynamic part of the university, where the best traditions of music education (mastery of the performing arts, lecturers sharing their professional experience directly, and teaching a particular specialty in a consistent manner) are balanced with a broad, general university education (studies of languages, the humanities and social sciences), helping to educate an individual who is intellectual and creative.

Students in the music academy focus on one of the following specializations: piano, strings (guitar, alto, double-bass, violin, cello), brass and woodwind (bassoon, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, French horn,

trumpet, baritone, trombone, tuba), percussion and jazz (bass guitar, singing, flute, piano, guitar, clarinet, percussion, saxophone, trumpet, trombone), stage genre singing, accompaniment, chamber ensemble (strings, woodwind, brass, piano and percussion), concert genre singing, or conducting.

The VMU Music Academy collaborates with the prestigious Juilliard School, which nurtures its traditions of musical education with the highest level of mastery and the latest interpretative pursuits. VMU's Music Academy is the first partner of the Juilliard School in Eastern Europe.



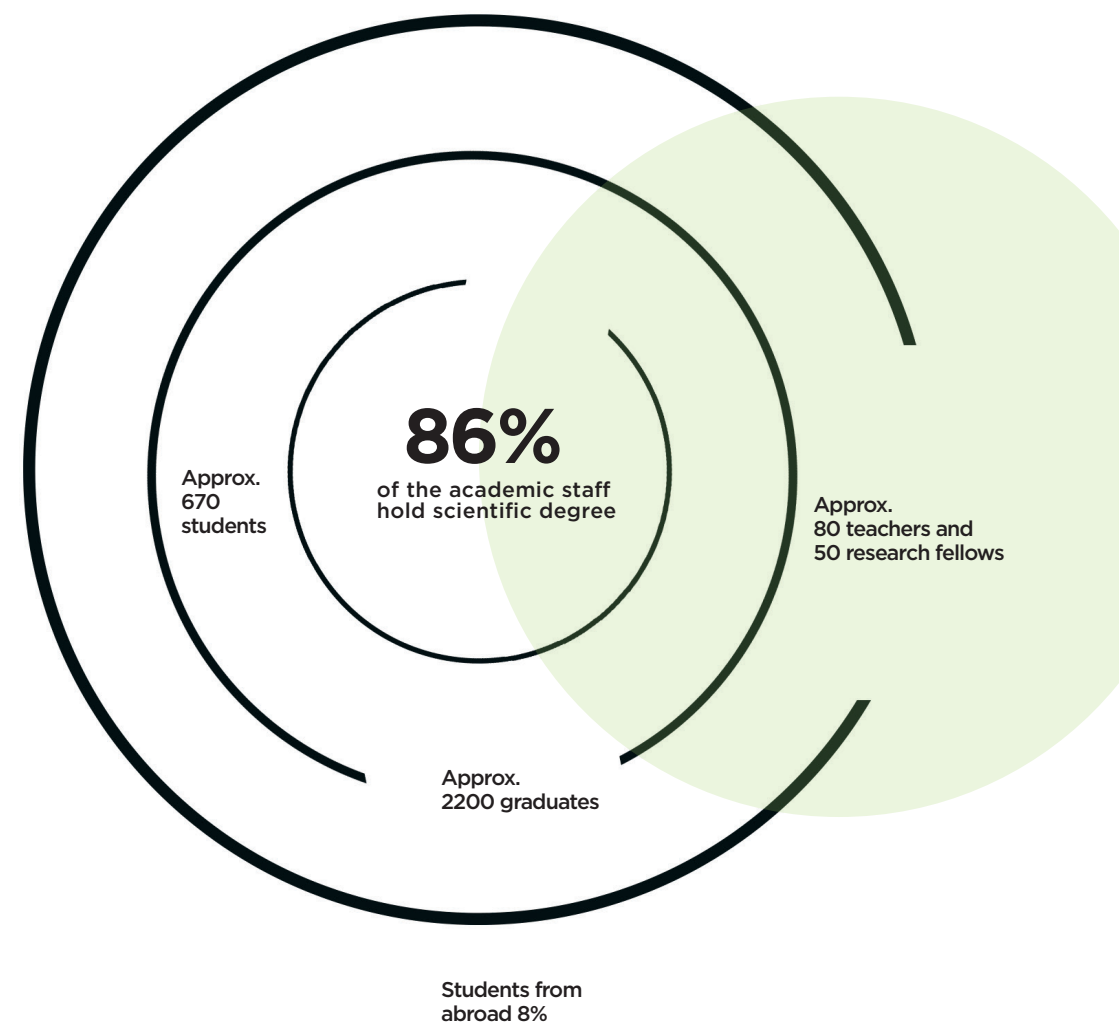
# the faculty of natural sciences

The Faculty of Natural Sciences is a modern centre of study and research. As the attention to biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, environmental protection, ecology, alternative energy sources, climate change and other issues keeps growing worldwide, the popularity of these study programmes has also grown.

Students undertake research not only in the modern labs at VMU, but in the research centres of other Lithuanian scientific and educational institutions as well. Postgraduate and doctoral students become integral

in contributing to the research projects carried out by their professors and the department.

Laboratories include: Microsynthesis laboratories, HPLC and UPLC, Laboratory of gas-chromatograph, Capillary electrophoresis laboratory, Laboratory for sample preparation, Microbiology lab, Miniaturised bioreaction, Biocromatography, Mass spectrometry, Spectrophotometry lab.



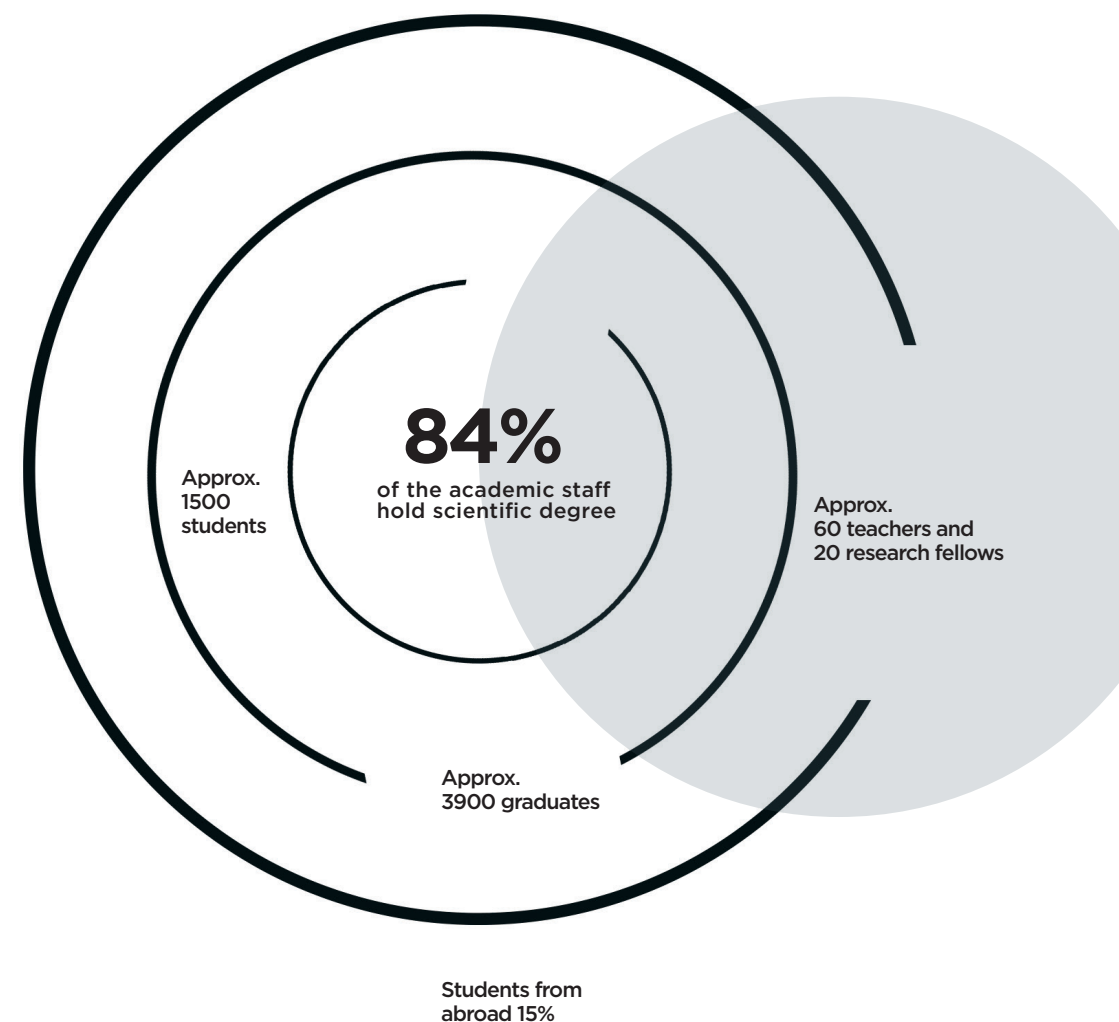
# the faculty of political science and diplomacy

The Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy at VMU is the leading Lithuanian centre for studies and research of political science, political philosophy, public administration, public communications, journalism, and regional studies. It offers modern international programmes of an interdisciplinary character that have proven to be popular among both local and foreign students.

Just like other divisions of VMU, this faculty nurtures the ideals of liberal arts, while its departments and centres maintain close collaborations. This leads to effective organization of studies, seminars, conferences and interdisciplinary scientific and applied research projects. The Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy is also involved in the implementation of the

Interdisciplinary Master's in East European Research and Studies (MIREES), a study programme launched in cooperation with three other European universities University of Bologna (Italy), St. Petersburg State University (Russian Federation) and Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary).

The lectures at the faculty are taught not only by local and visiting professors, but also by diplomats from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, heads of Lithuanian representations abroad, members of the European and Lithuanian Parliaments, specialists from various ministries, journalists, public organization leaders, and other experts.





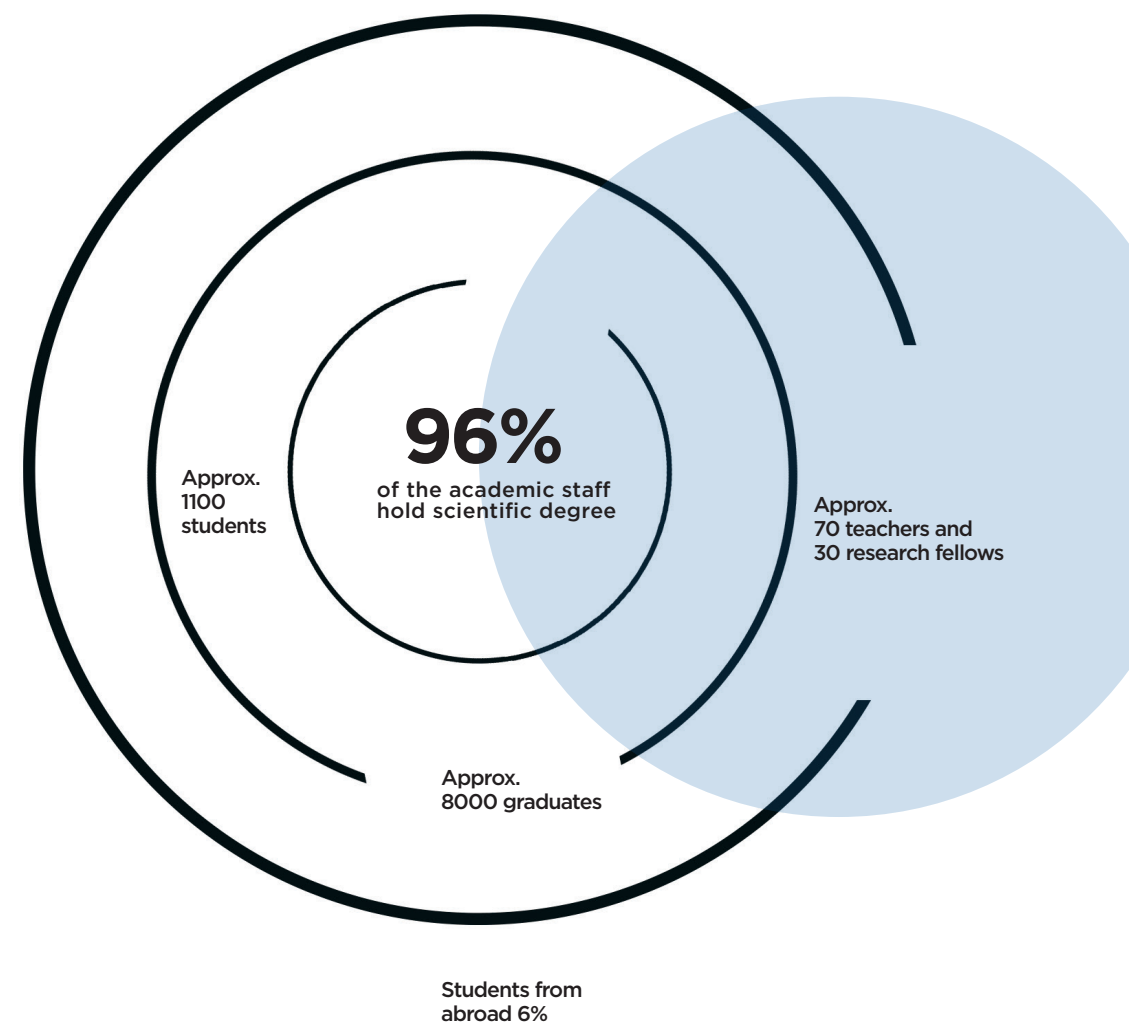
# the faculty of social sciences

In the Faculty of Social Sciences at Vytautas Magnus University, we focus on research and studies of the nature, behaviour and development of the individual, community and society.

The faculty offers unique opportunities for international, European, and transatlantic studies and research. A joint doctoral degree programme in Education has been established with the University of Aveiro (Portugal). Students working towards a Master's in Social Anthropology also obtain an Anthropology certificate from Southern Illinois University (USA) through another joint programme, while students in social work obtain an attendance certificate from Loyola University

Chicago (USA). Our "International Journal of Psychology: a Biopsychosocial approach", is published in collaboration with the University of Nebraska at Kearney (USA).

The studies are enriched through a thought-provoking academic life. Students are encouraged to express themselves and show initiative within student organizations and at various events, all while contributing to the management of the faculty through academic discussions and even have a say in departmental decision making.





# open to the world

Vytautas Magnus University has focused on international cooperation since the beginning of its re-establishment by Lithuanian and Diaspora scientists in 1989.

Today, VMU is collaborating with many universities and scientists around the world, carrying out projects, student and employee exchanges, and constantly improving the system of studying and research.

VMU has established double and joint degree international study programmes with European universities, joint module programmes with universities in the United States, and international doctoral and postdoctoral studies, all of which foster student mobility and utilize the multilingual opportunities offered by the university.

Since 1999, VMU has been participating in the inter-university student and teacher exchange programme Erasmus+, which allows VMU students to study abroad. Every year, large groups of international students, and several dozen teachers from various universities around the world, join the VMU community in accordance with international agreements. Meanwhile, VMU students can spend a semester or even a full academic year at universities throughout Europe, the Americas, South Korea, Japan or elsewhere.

Collaborations are determined by bilateral agreements, and ties with other countries are established by joining and participating in international organizations

and networks. Various international projects and programmes allow the university to expand its scope internationally.

Every year, Vytautas Magnus University also provides excellent opportunities to take part in various international summer schools, most of which follow in the footsteps of the Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Courses at VMU. As an example, the course taught at VMU is highly valued by foreign students, who spend four weeks improving their Lithuanian language skills, while getting to know a little about the Lithuanian lifestyle, visiting historical landmarks, and making new friends from around the globe.

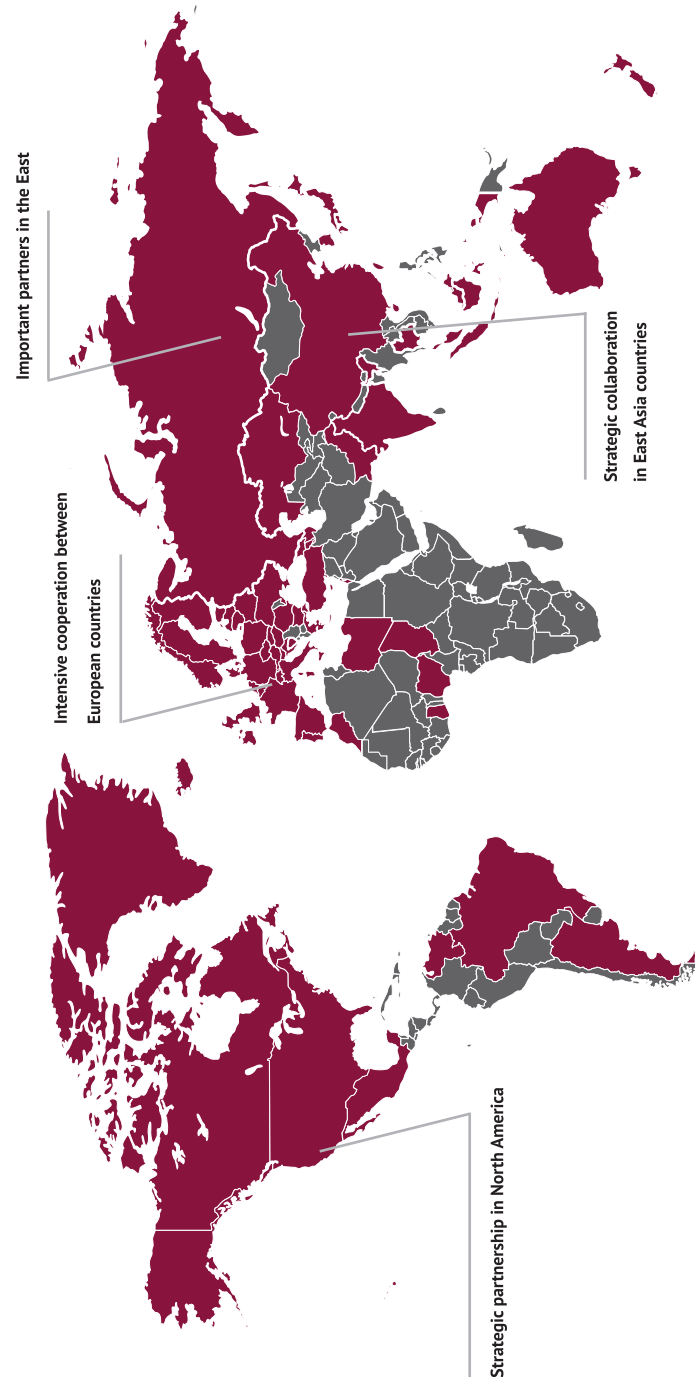
The University encourages its students develop their international competences while at the same time provides a welcoming atmosphere to incoming foreign lecturers, researchers and students to make their integration into university life as easy as possible. VMU understands the reciprocity of international collaboration and thus embraces partnerships from all over the world and in every field of university life. VMU's Mentor Program, which aims to facilitate the adaptation process of incoming international students, promotes volunteering and increases the positive international experience of the university's students.

## partnership

- EUA experts gave highly positive assessments of the liberal arts university vision, student and employee mobility, and decision-making culture propagated at VMU
- VMU is the leading Baltic university in teacher internationality (QS Ranking, 2015)
- Collaboration with 370 universities around the world
- Over 120 bilateral collaborative agreements with universities in 40 countries in Europe, Asia, North and South America
- Member of the Campus Europae network, which unites 19 universities
- 250 Erasmus+ partners from 29 countries
- Approximately 250 students and 150 employees of VMU participate in the Erasmus+ exchange programme each year
- VMU is a member of many international associations such as EUA, EUA-CDE, EAIE, ECOLAS, EDEN, AABS, BSRUN, GreenLight
- VMU partners include 14 colleges and more than 70 schools and high schools



# vmu bilateral collaborative and erasmus+ cooperations



# collaborations and partnerships

## Argentina

National Tres Febrero University  
Tocuat Di Tella University  
Universidad Siglo 21

## Australia

University of Canberra

## Austria

Anton Bruckner Private University  
IMC University of Applied Sciences  
Krems  
Johannes Kepler University Linz  
Mozarteum University of Salzburg  
University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria  
University of Innsbruck  
University of Music and Performing Arts Graz

## Azerbaijan

ADA University  
Khazar University

## Belarus

Belarusian State Pedagogical University named after Maxim Tank  
Magnitogorsk State University  
Republican Innovative Unitary Enterprise "Scientific and Technological Park BNTU"

## Belgium

Catholic University of Leuven  
Free University of Brussels  
Ghent University  
Institute for Higher Social Communication Studies (IHECS)  
KU Leuven  
Leuven Catholic University  
UCL – Louvain School of Management  
University of Antwerpen  
University of Liege

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

University of East Sarajevo  
University of Sarajevo

## Brazil

Federal University of Santa Caterina  
Pontifical Catholic University Minas de Gerais

## Bulgaria

Angel Kanchev University of Ruse  
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Sofia University St. Kliment Ochridski  
St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo

## Canada

University of Regina

## China

Hebei Foreign Studies University  
Minzu University of China  
Renmin University of China

## Croatia

University of Split  
University of Zadar  
University of Zagreb

## Cyprus

Eastern Mediterranean University  
European University Cyprus  
Girne American University  
University of Cyprus  
University of Nicosia

## Czech Republic

CEVRO Institute College  
Charles University in Prague  
Czech Technical University in Prague  
Masaryk University  
Palacky University, Olomouc  
University of Economics, Prague  
University of Ostrava  
University of Pardubice  
University of West Bohemia

## Denmark

Aarhus University  
University of Copenhagen  
University of Southern Denmark

## Estonia

Estonian Academy of Arts  
Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre  
Tallinn University  
Tallinn University of Technology  
University of Tartu

## Finland

HAAGA-HELIA University of Applied Science  
TAMK University of Applied Sciences  
Tampere University of Technology  
University of Eastern Finland  
University of Helsinki  
University of Jyväskylä  
University of Lapland  
University of Tampere  
University of Turku  
University of Vaasa

## France

ESC Rennes School of Business  
ISC Paris Business School  
Montpellier I University  
Regional Institute of Social Work  
School of Art and Design in Higher Education  
School of Environmental Management & Engineering Sciences Po Grenoble  
University Lumiere Lyon II  
University of Angers  
University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne  
University of Paris 13  
University of Paris 8 - Vincennes - Saint - Denis  
University of Paris Dauphine  
University of Poitiers  
University of Rouen  
University of Savoie  
University of South Brittany  
University of Strasbourg (EM Strasbourg)  
University of Western Brittany (UBO)



# collaborations and partnerships

## Georgia

Caucasus University  
Georgian Technical University  
Tbilisi State University

## Germany

Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative  
State University  
BITS Business and Information  
Technology School  
Bundeswehr University Munich  
European University Viadrina  
Folkwang University of the Arts  
Friedrich Schiller University Jena  
Goethe University Frankfurt am  
Main  
Hannover University of Music,  
Drama and Media  
Johannes Gutenberg University of  
Mainz  
Justus Liebig University Giessen  
Martin Luther University Halle-  
Wittenberg  
Nordhausen University of Applied  
Sciences  
Philipp University of Marburg  
Protestant University of Applied  
Sciences in Berlin  
Reutlingen University  
RheinMain University of Applied  
Sciences  
Trier University  
TU Dortmund University  
University of Applied Sciences Zit-  
tau/Goerlitz  
University of Bremen  
University of Cologne  
University of Kaiserslautern  
University of Konstanz  
University of Mannheim  
University of Munster  
University of Music Franz Liszt  
Weimar  
University of Music Lubeck  
University of Regensburg  
University of Siegen  
University of Vechta

University of Vechta  
University of Wurzburg

## Greece

Athens University of Economics  
and Business  
Eastern Macedonia and Thrace  
Institute of Technology  
University of Aegean  
University of Macedonia  
University of Piraeus

## Hong Kong

Lingnan University

## Hungary

Corvinus University of Budapest  
National University of Public  
Service  
Pazmany Peter Catholic University  
Szechenyl Istvan University  
University of Pecs  
University of Szeged

## Iceland

University of Akureyri

## India

Jawaharal Nehru University  
RUNGTA University

## Indonesia

Institut Teknologi Bandung

## Israel

Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya  
University of Haifa

## Ireland

Mary Immaculate College  
(University of Limerick)

## Italy

Biccoca University  
Bologna University  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Conservatory of Cosenza  
Conservatory of Music "F. Cilea"

Conservatory of Music 'Arrigo Boito'  
Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory of  
Music of Como  
Foreigners University of Siena  
G. d'Annunzio University of  
Chieti-Pescara  
Licinio Refice Conservatory of  
Music  
University of Bologna  
University of Cagliari  
University of Foggia  
University of Genoa  
University of Messina  
University of Milan  
University of Modena and Reggio  
Emilia  
University of Parma  
University of Pavia  
University of Perugia  
University of Pisa  
University of Salento  
University of Sassari  
University of Teramo  
University of Torino  
University of Trento  
University of Trieste  
University of Urbino „Carlo Bo“

## Japan

Akita International University  
Bunkyo University  
Chubu University  
Doshisha University  
Gifu University  
International Christian University  
Kanda University of International  
Studies  
Meiji University  
Osaka University  
Saga University  
Showa Women's University  
Showa Women's University  
Tokyo University of Foreign Lan-  
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University of International Studies  
Waseda University  
Yamaguchi University





# collaborations and partnerships

## Kazakhstan

Abay National Pedagogical University  
Eurasian National University  
Koshetau State University  
Pavlodar State University  
Suleyman Demirel University  
University of International Business

## Latvia

Daugavpils University  
Jazeps Vitols Latvian Academy of Music  
Latvia University of Agriculture  
Latvian Academy of Culture  
Liepaja University  
Rezekne Higher Education Institution  
University of Latvia  
Rezekne University of Applied Sciences  
Riga Higher Institute of Religious Sciences affiliated to the Pontifical Lateran University (RARZI)  
Riga Stradins University  
University of Latvia

## Luxembourg

University of Luxembourg

## Malta

University of Malta

## Malaysia

Linkogwing University of Creative Technologies

## Mexico

Juarez University of the State  
Durango

## Netherlands

Hanze University of Applied Sciences

## New Zealand

University of Canterbury

## Nigeria

University of Ibadan

## Norway

Lillehammer University College  
NHH Norwegian School of Economics  
Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences  
Telemark University College  
University of Bergen

## Pakistan

Institute of Business and Management

## Poland

Academy of Music in Krakow  
Academy of Music in Lodz  
Academy of Music in Wroclaw  
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan  
AGH University of Science and Technology  
Bialystok University of Technology  
Fryderyk Chopin University of Music  
General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military Academy of Land Forces  
Jagiellonian University in Krakow  
John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin  
Maria Curie Sklodowska University  
Nicolaus Copernicus University  
Radom Academy of Economics  
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin  
University of Bialystok  
University of Lodz  
University of Pedagogy in Bialystok  
University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn  
University of Warsaw  
University of Warsaw (Eastern Europe Studies)

## Portugal

Aveiro University

Catholic University of Portugal  
ESAD College of Art and Design  
ISG – Business and Economics School  
The Polytechnic Institute of Porto  
University of Algarve  
University of Aveiro  
University of Lisbon

## Republic of Macedonia

School of Journalism and Public Relations  
University American College Skopje

## Romania

Babes-Bolyai University  
Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu  
Romanian American University  
Transilvania University of Brasov  
University of Bucharest  
University of Craiova  
University of Oradea

## Russia

Kazan Federal University  
Pskov Polytechnic University  
Saint Petersburg University

## Serbia

University of Novi Sad

## Slovakia

Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava  
Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica  
Pavol Jozef Safarik University in Kosice  
Trnava University in Trnava  
University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava

## Slovenia

Environmental Protection College  
Jozef Stefan International Postgraduate School  
University of Ljubljana  
University of Maribor

# collaborations and partnerships

## South Korea

Chonnam National University  
Chung Ang University  
Dongguk University  
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies  
Kangwon National University  
Kyung Hee University  
Pusan National University  
Sungkyunwan University Soongsil University

## Spain

Carlos III University of Madrid  
CEU Cardenal Herrera University  
Madrid Royal Conservatory  
Polytechnic University of Valencia  
Rey Juan Carlos University  
Rovira i Virgili University  
University College of Financial Studies  
University of A Coruna  
University of Alcala  
University of Alicante  
University of Barcelona  
University of Cantabria  
University of Castilla-La Mancha  
University of Extremadura  
University of Girona  
University of Granada  
University of Oviedo  
University of Santiago de Compostela  
University of Seville  
University of the Basque Country  
University of Valencia  
University of Valladolid  
University of Vigo  
University of Zaragoza

## Sweden

Dalarna University  
Linkoping University  
Linnaeus University  
Lund University  
Orebro University  
Stockholm University

## Switzerland

University of Bern

University of Fribourg

## Taiwan

I-Shou University  
National Cheng Chi University  
Providence University

## Thailand

KhonKaen University

## Turkey

Adnan Menderes University  
Akdeniz University  
Aksaray University  
Anadolu University  
Ankara University  
Ataturk University  
Balikesir University  
BitlisEren University  
Cag University  
Cankaya University  
Cumhuriyet University  
Dogus University  
Gazi University  
Gediz University  
Hacettepe University  
Istanbul 29 Mayis University  
Istanbul Aydin University  
Istanbul Bilgi University  
Istanbul Kemerburgaz University  
Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University  
Izmir Katip Celebi University  
Yeditepe University  
Karabuk University  
Karadeniz Technical University  
Kilis 7 Aralik University  
Mugla Sitki Kocman University  
Namik Kemal University  
Ozyegin University  
Suleyman Demirel University  
TOBB University of Economics and Technology  
Trakya University  
Uskudar University

## Ukraine

Kharkiv National University of Economics  
Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European

National University  
National Mining University  
National University of Kyiv – Mohyla Academy  
Odessa National Polytechnic University  
South Ukrainian National Pedagogical University named after K. D. Ushynsky  
Sumy State University  
Uzhgorod National University  
Vasyl Stefanyk Subcarpathian National University  
Yaroslav the Wise Law Academy of Ukraine  
Zhytomyr State Technological University

## United Kingdom

Edinburg University  
Heriot-Watt University  
Napier University  
University Campus Suffolk  
University of Central Lancashire  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow  
University of Leeds  
University of Salford  
University of Stirling

## USA

Black Hills State University  
Gwinnet Georgia College  
Julliard School  
Michigan State University: School of Law  
NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Texas Tech University: School of Law  
Seattle Pacific University  
University of Texas at El Paso

## Uzbekistan

Termez State University

# world lithuanian university

Vytautas Magnus University, which, thanks to the joint efforts of Lithuanian and Diaspora scientists, was re-established more than a quarter-century ago, has become the academic and cultural centre of all Lithuanians around the world: the World Lithuanian University (WLU). With its activities, the WLU improves mutual collaboration and social connections between creators in Lithuania and the Diaspora. It brings together various initiatives by scientists and artists of Lithuania with the rest of the world in order to increase international recognition for joint research projects and to contribute to the spread of Lithuanian language, culture and achievements in arts and the academia all over the globe.

The World Lithuanian University cooperates with Lithuanian/Baltic centres around the world. Aside from fostering and developing relations with Diaspora communities, the WLU also holds seminars, conferences and publishes books on issues of Lithuanian emigration,

re-emigration, questions of identity change, and more. World Lithuanian University gathers and publishes information on opportunities to promote involvement of young scientists and researchers in the activities of VMU. It also organizes film viewings and exhibitions related to the Diaspora.

WLU provides opportunities for the best students and researchers of Vytautas Magnus University to study and complete internships abroad. The internships are funded by nominal scholarships established by the university's sponsors.

Activities managed by WLU also include a multitude of other scientific and educational projects, such as research on Lithuanian Diaspora heritage, migrantology studies and Lithuanian education.

The World Lithuanian University @ VMU aims to unite World Lithuanians, encourage mutual academic and cultural projects, and nurture the concept of a global Lithuania.

## wlu projects / summer programmes

### Law programme with Texas Tech University (TTU)

This is a joint programme of intensive lectures for VMU and TTU students, which provides a possibility of externship for TTU students in Lithuanian companies.

The Summer Law Program has been approved by the Accreditation Committee of the ABA Section on Legal Education.

### Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Courses

These courses foster the oldest traditions of all summer courses at the university and is highly valued by foreign students, who spend four weeks improving their Lithuanian language skills, while getting to know

a little about the Lithuanian lifestyle, visiting historical landmarks, and making new friends from around the globe.

### Learn English in the Baltics

This summer school is designed for students who would like to combine a high quality English language development programme with an intercultural experi-

ence. Classroom activities integrate listening, reading, speaking and writing skills at an appropriate level.

### Lithuanian International Student Services (LISS) and Summer Internship Program (SIP)

These Programmes offer a practical opportunity for students to gain professional knowledge of their chosen field, learn or improve Lithuanian language skills,

get to know the modern Lithuania and participate in professional internships in Lithuania's governmental institutions and private enterprises.







# socially responsible

Vytautas Magnus University has been implementing the model of an active and socially responsible university ever since its reestablishment. Upholding the values and principles of respect to the individual, society, and nature, the university works to solve social

and environmental issues, develops active cooperation and collaboration within both the academic community and with all stakeholder groups in society, business and government.

## Friendly for students with special needs

*Special needs are not an obstacle to becoming a member of the VMU community.* VMU has followed this philosophy in its daily activities since 1992. Ever since the university's reestablishment, it has aimed to consider individual needs and create equal conditions for all students. VMU was the first Lithuanian institution of higher education to launch a programme which inte-

grated people with special needs into society through higher education. Today, VMU continues to be known as friendly to people with special needs. We have continuously implemented disability-related policies and, as a socially responsible university, and have upheld similar values for more than two decades.

## Thinking Green

"VMU. Go Green!" is our motto. It defines the university's strategic direction of being ecologically friendly in order to bring together people who care about the environment. "Go Green!" encourages the entire university

community to preserve resources and to contribute to the conservation of nature and the environment both within the university and in the outside world.

## Promoting Arts and Creativity

Each member of the VMU academic community can find a place in the university where they can satisfy their need for relaxation, develop their personalities, expand their horizons and meet similarly minded people. Academic organizations and clubs at the university draw together students and teachers with diverse needs and interests, providing space for fruitful discussions and exchange of opinions and ideas.

**These are just some of the academic and student clubs bringing together fans and people with shared interests:**

- Civil society, tolerance and human rights – United Nations Student Club
- Eastern Culture – Diwan fan club
- Economics – VMU Economicus
- English language – The English Club
- International activities – ESN VMU
- Faith and life – Academic Soul Leading Group
- History – The History Club
- Humanist culture at VMU – Collegium Artes Liberales
- Humanist values – Studentų Santara Club
- Japanese culture – The Japanese club Hashi
- Law – the Scientific Law Association
- Literature – Academic Literate Club ALKAS
- Lithuanian and Latvian culture – Balts
- Music – The Aula Magna Music Association
- Nature – Modusas
- Political science – Academic Club of Political Scientists
- Philosophy – Agora
- Radio – The Radio Club
- Science and Christian morality – Signum
- Social welfare – Vesta
- Sociology and psychology – The Psychology Student Association
- Spanish culture and language – The Miguel de Cervantes Spanish Language and Culture Club
- Theatre – The Theatre Discussion Club
- Traditional Lithuanian culture – The Ethnology Club

The VMU Arts Centre supports and hosts creative activities for the university students as well as managing their initiatives in the visual and performance arts. Visual arts are represented by the student club Menu Virtuvė and Gallery 101, while, in addition to performance arts, the university offers its students opportunities to join a folklore ensemble, a folk-dance ensemble, a female chamber choir, the Academic Theatre of Movement, ERRO, the academic student theatre, or the dance group Indigo.

The Department of Theatre Studies also lends a helping hand to the Theatre Club, which unites fans of stage arts and art professionals not necessarily connected to VMU.

Every student or employee can fulfil their athletic ambitions at the VMU Sports Centre. The Centre provides space for lovers of basketball, football, track and field athletics, table tennis, and more. A training hall is available for those who are not interested in organized or team sports, but pursuing personal enrichment as a meaningful way to spend spare time.

# a glimpse of history

The original inception of Vytautas Magnus University is closely linked to the birth of Lithuanian statehood. Having declared the country's independence in February 1918, the key figures of the Lithuanian enlightenment considered it a high priority to establish a Lithuanian university. Four years later, in 1922, the University of Lithuania opened, as a result of reformation of the Higher Courses, and remained the only Lithuanian school of higher education during the interwar period. Since its beginning, it remained a vitally important hotbed for cultural, scientific and modern national ideas. When the 500th anniversary of the death of Grand Duke Vytautas Magnus was commemorated in 1930, the University of Lithuania was renamed "Vytautas Magnus University" to honour his name and the momentous occasion.

In 1950, almost three decades after its opening, the university was closed down by the Soviet government. Some of the VMU faculties, however, served as a foundation for other schools of higher education: Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Kaunas University of Technology and the Lithuania University of Health Sciences.

Thanks to emigrants, the academic tradition of VMU not only survived, but kept developing for a number of years until the restoration of independence. In 1989, the university was re-established through the collective efforts of Lithuanian and emigrant scientists. At the time, it was the only autonomous school of higher education in the country.

The Statute of University legitimized the principle of academic freedom and the unity of science and studies. It also introduced the principle of three level studies, recognized by bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, which were a novelty in Lithuania at the time. VMU was also separated from its counterparts within the country by its use of a Western studying concept based on the model established by Harvard University. This model, unusual for Lithuania and the region, gives preferences to a wide-spanning, general university education as opposed to narrow and heavily specialized studies. This results in an increased focus on universal, versatile education and the needs of modern society.

## Timeline of major events in VMU history

- 1922 – University of Lithuania is established in Kaunas.
- 1930 – University of Lithuania is granted the name of Vytautas Magnus.
- 1950 – Vytautas Magnus University is closed.
- 1989 – Vytautas Magnus University is re-established under the joint efforts of Lithuanian and Diaspora scientists.
- 2009 – Vytautas Magnus University marks 20th anniversary since its reestablishment.
- 2011 – Vytautas Magnus University celebrates the Czesław Miłosz Year.
- 2012 – Vytautas Magnus University celebrates the 90th anniversary since establishment.
- 2014 – Vytautas Magnus University celebrates the 25th anniversary since reestablishment



VMU honorary doctors and professors

Since the establishment of the university in 1922, 79 distinguished people have been awarded an Honorary Doctor's degrees. Honorary titles have been granted to presidents, signatories of the Independence Act, poets and writers, scientists, and other individuals who have greatly contributed to the history of Lithuania and the university. Since the opening of the university, 16 prominent persons have been awarded the title of Honorary Professor.

Some of our most prominent honorees



**Edward Lucas**

degree granted on 20 November 2014

The Central and Eastern Europe correspondent for *The Economist* and author of *The New Cold War*



**Bronisław Maria Karol Komorowski**

degree granted on 13 November 2013

A Polish politician and historian who served as the President of Poland from 2010 to 2015



**Ban Ki-moon**

degree granted on 13 November 2013

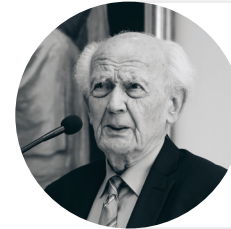
His Excellency, Secretary General of the United Nations



**Birutė Galdikas**

degree granted on 24 February 2010

A primatologist, conservationist, anthropologist, and author of several books relating to the endangered species the orang-utan, as well as the great apes and Tanjung Puting National Park



**Zygmunt Bauman**

degree granted on 18 April 2007

A Polish sociologist, one of the world's most eminent social theorists, who writes on issues as diverse as the Holocaust, postmodern consumerism, and liquid modernity



**Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**

degree granted on 18 December 2001

President of Latvia from 1999 to 2007, a professor and interdisciplinary scholar



**Valdas Adamkus**

degree granted on 18 December 2001

President of Lithuania from 1998 to 2003 and again from 2004 to 2009



**Jonas Mekas**

degree granted on 30 October 1997

A Lithuanian-American filmmaker, poet, and artist, and one of the best known propagators of avant-garde cinema



**Czesław Miłosz**

degree granted on 18 September 1991

Nobel Prize winner, a poet, writer, and literary scientist

Full list of VMU Honorary Doctors and Professors: [www.vdu.lt/honorary](http://www.vdu.lt/honorary)





# the vibrant city of kaunas

Most countries have at least one cosy city which has flourished after giving birth to a university. These cities develop a strong attraction because of their exceptionally creative and youthful academic atmosphere, exuding an aura of intellectuality. In the United Kingdom, Oxford and Cambridge are rare gems of academic spirit; likewise, Italy has Bologna, Poland has Kraków and Estonia has Tartu. Lithuania has Kaunas. Having served as the provisional capital during one of the most important periods of our country's history, Kaunas may also be dubbed the most academic city of Lithuania.

Boasting nearly 300 thousand inhabitants, Kaunas is one of the most significant cities of Lithuania. It is situated at the confluence of the Neris and Nemunas rivers, right in the heart of the country. Kaunas is the second largest city in Lithuania, located 100 km away from the capital Vilnius.

Kaunas is an attractive centre of business and industry as well as science, studies and culture. Famous music, dance, and visual art festivals are held in Kaunas. It is famous for its colourful history, peaceful parks, remarkable and wonderful Old Town, and an interwar spirit.

Kaunas remains an important historical and cultural Lithuanian city, known for its active, young and ambitious people. In 1408, Magdeburg rights were granted to the city of Kaunas by the privilege of Vytautas Magnus. In the early 20th century, Kaunas was the home of the Lithuanian Government and the capital of the country; this period is considered by many to be the golden age of the city. However, history tells us that even before this date, the city experienced many other periods of great prosperity and national importance.



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