

## **Study abroad in Lithuania**

### **Summer School of International Law Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas, Lithuania**

**Program Dates: May 7 - June 15**

**Deadline for applications: April 1**

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### **The Program**

In the geographical centre of Europe you will find Lithuania – a country, with beautiful sights of nature and historical heritage, a tradition of the cohabitation of different nationalities and cultures, friendly and freedom-loving people. Lithuania was the first former republic of the Soviet Union which declared independence, this way legally started the collapse of this totalitarian monster, and firmly turned to the path of the implementation of democracy, development of the rule of law, and the advancement of modern socio-economic formations. This exceptional status and experience of the country turns the program offered by Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas into the unique study and research opportunity for the legal scholars and students from the United States of

America. The program and its course composition provides a perfect platform for the development of knowledge and skills necessary to master the transformed and ever transforming legal, political and economic environment in this part of Europe, especially as taken into the wider comparative context of the European Union and the United States of America.

Courses offered in summer 2012 include: Free expression law, Biosecurity law, International public law, Professional responsibility, European Tort law, Comparative constitutional law, Products liability.

Students are required to choose no less than 3 courses from the list offered.

## Educational Objectives

The summer program of 2012 aims at the development of skills necessary to analyze the status and the complex and multilayer interaction of the divergent legal environments of the United States of America, the European Union and some of its Member States (with a special focus on Lithuania) in selected relevant fields of law, and to assess the perspectives of the development of the aforementioned processes.

Significantly, students will gain more than subject matter exposure. Students will be exposed to university life in Lithuania. Moreover, they will be exposed to the cultural, historical and architectural wonders of Kaunas and other cities of Lithuania.

A key aspect of the program is the integration of European (mainly Lithuanian) and American students in the classes. By including students from different educational backgrounds, all students will enrich their understanding of other legal systems and cultures.

## The Curriculum

All courses are intensive (provided in a 2 week period), are taught in the Socratic method (which is commonly used in American law schools).

The following courses will be offered in Summer 2012:

### **From 7 of May to 16 of May**

#### **10.00 – 13.00**

#### **Comparative Free Expression (4 ECTS credits) (Prof. Kevin Saunders):**

Free expression is essential to democracy, yet equally democratic countries take different approaches to a variety of free expression issues. This course will examine a number of those different positions on such topics as advocacy of crime, hate speech, holocaust denial, limits on political campaigns and political parties, obscenity, defamation, attacks on personal dignity, children and free expression, commercial speech, and communicative conduct such as flag burning.

The examination will be through the reading of selected cases drawn from a number of countries on *The Economist's* list of fully functioning democracies.

## **18.00 – 21.00**

### **Biosecurity law (Prof. Vickie Sutton):**

Biosecurity law is broadly defined here as laws and regulations intended to limit, control, penalize or to make safe biological activities and products and those biological events, which are naturally emerging or intentionally planned, causing injury or death to humans, plants or animals, in the context of warfare or domestic terrorism or warfare, or other human or environmental activities. The term also encompasses civil penalties, criminal codes and penalties and other forms of social controls in response to violations of these laws and regulations. Biosecurity law includes U.S. domestic law, domestic laws of other countries and regions, and international approaches in law and biosecurity. Laws concerning bioterrorism, agroterrorism and countermeasures for bioterrorism, agroterrorism and emerging infectious diseases are also encompassed in the term, biosecurity law. Additionally, laws and regulations concerning the use, possession and storage of certain biological agents and laws and regulations concerning the facilities in which they are used, are also within the scope of biosecurity law.

Other areas of law which are examined as important sources of law in biosecurity law include constitutional law, international law, state law and tribal law, emergency public health law, public health law, environmental law, administrative law, criminal law, tort law, human rights law, refugee law and disaster law.

This course will begin with an examination of international history in biodefense law including major treaties in biosecurity and biosafety law, the Biological Weapons Convention and the Cartagena Protocol. Biosecurity regulations and legal frameworks in other countries will also be examined. International law and public health as well as regulatory approaches of the World Health Organization will be examined in their role in protecting global health through regulatory and process approaches. Biodiplomacy and the role of Interpol in biocrimes, will also be considered. The course will have no final examination but will require a written paper that may be submitted for credit for the advanced writing requirement.

### **International public law (Prof. Jorge Ramirez):**

This course introduces students to the Law of Nations, the law that is burdened with maintaining order and civility among the diverse nations, peoples and cultures of the world. The course explores the development and evolution of international law and the concomitant rights and remedies that flow from its existence and violation. Among other things, students will learn how international law is created, interpreted and enforced among the community of nations; how to define and recognize nations and foreign governments as legitimate sovereigns; how to apply international rights of self-determination; how to analyse international boundary disputes and acquisition of territorial sovereignty; how to define, interpret, enforce, modify and terminate international treaties; and finally, how to wage and conduct war under rules established by our international legal regime. Twenty-first century methods of communications and travel will succeed in making our world a smaller place than it already is, and a new generation of attorneys will increasingly come face to face with the law that governs this international society.

**From 28 of May to 1 of June**

**10:00 – 14:10**

**European Tort law** (Prof. K. Oliphant):

This course will address the emerging legal category of European Tort Law in the context of EC, ECHR and national tort laws, as well as the harmonization projects (the Principles of European Tort Law and the Draft Common Frame of Reference). The course will include lectures on the following topics: (1) Introduction to European Tort Law, including the basic concepts of tort law in national systems; (2) Harmonization of Tort Law in Europe; (3) Scope of Protection; (4) Fault and Wrongfulness; (5) Causation and Damage; (6) Stricter Liabilities; (7) Liability of Public Authorities; (8) The Future of European Tort Law. The course will be taught in English, and students will be expected to read and comment on English-language materials including court judgments and relevant Code provisions. Answer will be by way of a short-answer examination.

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**From 21 of May to 30 of May:**

**18.00 – 21.00**

**Professional responsibility** (Prof. T. Brown):

This course is a study of legal ethics and the rules governing the practice of law. We will address a variety of issues that arise from a lawyer's duty to clients, the legal system, and society. We will also address issues dealing with judicial ethics. While we closely explore the rules governing the legal profession, we will also address some broader ethical issues that are raised by those rules and aspects of the legal profession generally.

This course will focus on the American Bar Association (–ABA) Model Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant Federal statutes governing attorney and judicial conduct, and related case law.

The objectives of this course are as follows: (1) illustrate the tensions and difference between professional ethics and morality; (2) illustrate the difficulties facing lawyers in practice; (3) illustrate the tensions between the needs of the legal profession, society, self, and those of the client; (4) illustrate the importance of malpractice issues, and the interrelationship between malpractice, the rules of ethics, and other –norms; (5) illustrate the difference between the rules of ethics and the rules of evidence, especially the difference between the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality; and (6) illustrate the significance of –diversity within the profession and the presence of bias toward and against certain groups.

This course involves a lot of class discussion and a final exam.

## **From 4 of June to 13 of June**

### **10.00 – 13.00**

#### **Comparative constitutional law** (Prof. P. Pucilo).

This course provides a comparative study of constitutional law and structure, with emphasis placed on the leading common-law traditions (the United States and the United Kingdom) and the French civilian tradition. Specific topics will include separation of powers, federalism and the principle of subsidiarity, judicial review and other methods of constitutional review, and the identification and enforcement of fundamental individual rights.

### **18.00 – 21.00**

#### **Products liability** (Prof. N.Wittner).

This course will focus on the fundamentals of product liability law practical skills. It examines cutting edge issues that product liability trial lawyers deal with every day in litigation including automotive, pharmaceutical, medical device, consumer products, and toxic tort cases, with an emphasis on automotive design defect litigation that forms a major part of the law. Real-life, current major cases in litigation will be used so that students will be exposed to how product liability litigation is managed. Students will analyze federal legislation and recent case law, including U.S. Supreme Court decisions, learn about regulatory agencies such as NHTSA, FDA and the CPSC, and consider how regulatory agency rules and regulations have a substantial impact on product development and litigation. Students will develop expertise in important topics including expert witness testimony; complex demonstrative exhibits like accident reconstruction, biomechanics, and crash testing; federal preemption; and punitive damages. The course will also cover what companies must do to promote product safety and avoid potential civil and criminal liability. This course provides the perspective of a professor experienced in international product liability law who managed high-exposure litigation and advised clients about liability prevention during product development. The course will equip students with the skills needed to prosecute or defend product liability litigation and also to counsel manufactures to avoid help litigation. The class uses an interactive discussion and is highlighted by distinguished guest speakers and the use of high-technology classroom capabilities, including video-conferences with the co-authors of the course textbook and the Restatement Third of Product Liability, and actual expert witnesses.

## **Program Faculty**

**Professor Kevin Saunders**, Professor, Michigan State University College of Law. Professor Kevin Saunders graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Law School in 1984, then clerked for the Honorable Kenneth Starr, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He followed with assistant professorships at the University of Arkansas and the University of Oklahoma. During his 16-year tenure at Oklahoma, he rose through the ranks to become a full professor and to serve on the faculties of the graduate school, the College of Liberal Studies, and Film and Video Studies. He was the recipient of four awards at that institution, including the 2001 Regents' Award for Superior Accomplishment in Research and Creative Activity. He also served as Visiting James Madison Chair and Interim Director of the Constitutional Law Center at Drake University. Professor Saunders is the author of two books —Violence as Obscenity: Limiting the Media's First Amendment Protection and Saving Our Children from the First Amendment. He has authored dozens of book chapters, law review articles, and commentaries in legal and popular periodicals. He teaches a variety of courses and seminars on topics in Constitutional Law. Professor Saunders is a member of the Order of the Coif.

**Professor Victoria Sutton** is a Paul Whitfield Horn Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy, the only center at a law school in the U.S. to focus solely on issues of law and biodefense, biosecurity and bioterrorism. She established the Law and Science Certificate Program with unanimous support of the faculty, and directs the JD/MS Program in Environmental Toxicology, Biotechnology and Plant and Soil Sciences. Recently, Prof Sutton was on leave from her faculty position to serve as a political appointee for Pres. George W. Bush, as the Chief Counsel for the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. From September 2005 until January 2007. Prof. Sutton was a Visiting Lecturer at Yale University in Fall 2004.

**Professor Jorge Ramirez** is a professor of Law, Director of International Programs of School of Law in Texas Tech University. Professor Ramírez has lectured and written, both in the United States and Mexico, on various topics including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), international environmental issues, and farm worker law. He has also served as a visiting professor in a graduate program on comparative law at the Universidad Autónoma de Asunción Paraguay, and visiting professor of law at the United Nations Mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica. In 2009, the U.S. military invited Ramírez to teach at a series of seminars on Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law presented at three Bolivian military academies located throughout the country of Bolivia. The seminars were intended to promote relations between the U.S. and Bolivian militaries, and to foster continued cooperation in the area of International Law.

**Professor Ken Oliphant** is Director of the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, on extended leave from the University of Bristol where he is Professor of Tort Law. He has also held faculty positions at King's College London (1988-99) and Cardiff University (1999-2006). He has written extensively in the fields of English and European tort law and compensation for incapacity. He is the joint author of *Tort Law: Text & Materials*, 4th edn, Oxford University Press, 2010 (with Mark Lunney) and *Torts*, 4th edn, Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming (with Alastair Mullis), general editor of the practitioners' reference work *Tort Law* (2nd edn, 2007) in the Butterworths Common Law Series, and editor of *Aggregation and Divisibility of Damage* (2009), *Tort and Insurance Law*, vol 26. He also undertook the revision and updating of the title on Tort for Halsbury's *Laws of England*, 5th edn, 2010, and in 2011 chaired an independent working group of leading academic experts responding to Lord Justice Jackson's proposals for reform of civil litigation costs. His association with learned journals includes the *Journal of European Tort Law* (founding General Editor), the *Torts Law Journal* (UK correspondent), the *Journal of Professional Negligence*, the *Journal of Law and Society* and the *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review* (all editorial advisory board). He is a member of the European Group on Tort Law and in 2009 was elected to membership of the American Law Institute, becoming its only member in Austria.

**Professor Troy Brown** joined the faculty of Michigan State University College of Law in July 2009. He was most recently an attorney at McGuireWoods, LLP, in Atlanta, Georgia where he practiced intellectual property and complex commercial litigation and represented franchisors, Fortune 500 companies, and major financial institutions in a broad range of litigation matters. He is a member of several professional legal groups including the American Bar Association and the Gate City Bar American. Professor Brown's research interests lie in governmental responses to crises, law and policy, and law and economics. He will be teaching Professional Responsibility and Conflict of Laws at the Law College.

**Professor Philip A. Pucillo** comes to Michigan State University College of Law from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he taught Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law as a visiting professor during the 2009-10 academic year. He spent the previous academic year teaching Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Constitutional Litigation, and Federal Courts at Tulane University Law School. Prior to those appointments, he served on the faculty of Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was awarded tenure. Before he began teaching law, Professor Pucillo practiced as a litigation associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He also completed several judicial clerkships, including one with Judge Ronald Lee Gilman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Professor Pucillo's primary area of scholarly interest is federal jurisdiction and procedure, especially in the appellate realm. His most recent publications have appeared in the Tulane Law Review, the Rutgers Law Review, and the Oklahoma Law Review.

**Professor Nicholas Wittner** served for 20 years as an assistant general counsel for the Nissan North America Legal Department. He headed the Legal Department's Product Group, which is responsible for the management of product liability litigation, product-related class actions, safety and environmental regulatory compliance matters, and patent litigation. He also advised engineers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Japan on safety compliance, as well as product safety and liability prevention. Before his work at Nissan, Professor Wittner was an executive attorney at General Motors for 11 years, where he managed complex multi-district product liability litigation. He is one of the nation's leading experts on preemption in product liability cases. His professional activities have included leadership positions with the ABA Section of Litigation, including co-chair of the ABA's Products Liability Committee. He is a member of the American Law Institute. Professor Wittner served on the Members Consultative Group for and was deeply involved in ALI's Restatement Third on Products Liability. He also was the Chair of the Product Liability Advisory Council. Professor Wittner has been a frequent speaker at ABA and other professional association conferences and authored numerous professional publications. Professor Wittner also is a member of the Board of Advisers for the Bureau of National Affairs' Product and Safety Liability Reporter, the Class Action Reporter, and Leaders' Product Liability Law and Strategy. He earned his undergraduate degree, with high honors, from Michigan State University, and graduated cum laude from Wayne State University Law School, where he was a member of the Wayne Law Review. Professor Wittner teaches Product Liability Law and practice. He also teaches Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers in the Law College's LL.M Program.

## Student Eligibility

Students must have completed one year of law study. Enrollment is limited to 30 students.

## Program Costs

2012 tuition \$500.

In addition students may choose to pay a \$400 activity fee. This activity fee will cover excursions to various cities and museums. This fee must be paid in cash at the beginning of the program.

## Housing And Living Expenses

Program housing is located in dormitory near the Vytautas Magnus University in the city center.

Single and double rooms are available, as are three-person rooms. All feature typical American dormitory conveniences. Pricing starts at 200 LT, equivalent to about \$80, per month.

## Health Insurance

Students are responsible to buy Health Insurance themselves in their home country.

## Cancellation Policy

Vytautas Magnus University reserves the right to cancel the Program (or some courses or time of courses) in the unlikely event of insufficient enrollment or other reasons which are not dependent upon the faculty. Applicants will be notified of cancellation as soon as possible. In the unlikely event of such cancellation, there will be a full refund of tuition and activity fees.

## Travel

Students are expected to make their own air travel arrangements. Booking airfare early helps lower costs, and it may be worthwhile to check student travel sites as they often offer discounted airfare. The closest airport is Kaunas Airport, approximately a twenty minute trip by bus. Another option is to fly to Vilnius international airport and to take a train to Kaunas. It takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to get to Kaunas. Most flights from foreign countries are to Vilnius.

A valid passport (with at least six months remaining until expiration) must be provided for entry into Lithuania. Students who are U.S. citizens, citizens of EU member countries do not need a visa to visit Lithuania. The requirements for non-U.S. citizens may vary, so students who are not U.S. citizens should investigate the parameters of entrance to Lithuania for travelers from their home country.

List of Countries, Whose Citizens do not Require Visas to Enter the Republic of Lithuania:  
<http://www.urm.lt/index.php?1210410095>

## Program Accreditation

The Program is not approved by the American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

## Application

Application forms will be sent upon request. Individual requests for an application form should be sent to the following email address: [c.szymanski@tf.vdu.lt](mailto:c.szymanski@tf.vdu.lt).

## The Location

The International Summer Law School Program in Lithuania will be based in the lovely city of Kaunas, located about 80 miles from the country's capital city - Vilnius.

Classes will be held at the Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Law. Students will also have access to the vibrant academic and legal community at the University.

Students may use the Faculty Library's reading room which guarantees access to variety of sources in English, Internet and the assistance of library staff.

In addition, there is a restaurant/cafeteria in the Faculty of Law's basement.

## About Lithuania

Lithuania is an attractive multifaceted country lying at the crossroads of West and East. Its history and past has enriched both Europe and the rest of the world. The country was first mentioned in historic manuscripts nearly a thousand years ago in 1009, and since then has lived through a dramatic history of establishing its independence and statehood. The country may boast about the longest tradition of statehood among the Baltic States, and what is more, in the Middle Ages it was the largest state in Eastern Europe. Nowadays Lithuania is a new and active Member State of the European Union (since 1 May 2004) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (since 29 March 2004).

In terms of culture, Lithuania has attracted creative personalities of international repute, thus, the country may boast about a cultural field of distinctive gravity. Prominent artists of Polish, Russian, Jewish, German and other descent have loved this country and produced their creative work here. Modern Lithuanian culture is a peerless reflection of the meeting between Western and Eastern Europe and their sociocultural developments. Post-communist experience provides the creators of our culture with a deep understanding of occupation, manipulation and political censorship as well as resources for unconstrained improvisation, original artistic output and the formation of individual social environment.

### **For more information see:**

- Unseen Lithuania : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OStISjdmmSI>
- Lithuania in Brief: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJAE\\_gJpDHE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJAE_gJpDHE)
- [www.travel.lt](http://www.travel.lt)

## About Kaunas

Kaunas, with nearly 400 thousand inhabitants, is one of the most significant cities of Lithuania. It is a fast-growing modern city with 6 universities, 2 academies and 3 affiliates of other universities which are based in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania.

Kaunas is also an attractive centre of business and industry as well as science, studies and culture. Famous music, dance, visual art festivals and outstanding projects are held in Kaunas. Kaunas – the provisional capital of Lithuania – is famous for its history, cozy parks, remarkable and wonderful Old Town, interwar spirit as well as active, young and ambitious people. Kaunas was and still is an important historical and cultural city in Lithuania.

In 1408, Magdeburg rights were granted to the city of Kaunas by the privilege of Vytautas the Great. During the early 20th century, Kaunas was the home of the Lithuanian Government and the capital of the country; a period considered by many as 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.

### **Main Facts**

- Kaunas is situated in the centre of Lithuania, at the confluence of the rivers Neris and Nemunas, 100 km far from the capital Vilnius. It is the second largest city in Lithuania.
- Kaunas is presently one of the most significant cities of the country. It is not only a city of old traditions, but also a large centre of business and industry.
- Kaunas is a city of youth with 35 thousand students studying at 6 universities in Kaunas.

### **For more information visit:**

- <http://visit.kaunas.lt/>
- <http://www.inyourpocket.com/city/kaunas>
- <http://www.kaunas.lt/>

## **Vytautas Magnus university**

Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), established in 1922 (re-established in 1989) is one of the most liberal and modern universities in Lithuania, having liberal studies policy, seeking and establishing successful international relations with other universities all over the world. It is an open university where traditions and innovations meet and complement each other.

### **Special Features of VMU**

- The University is proud of its creative and enthusiastic community – students and academics who feel free to communicate on an equal status. This allows both students and faculty to cooperate and not only share what they know, but also to generate new knowledge.
- Graduates with a broad humanistic orientation for Lithuania's needs in research, culture, education and economy.
- Academic freedom as one of the most important principles of the University's activity.
- Languages. Students are offered the opportunity to learn up to 25 languages, including Latvian, Japanese, Turkish, Ancient Greek, Norwegian, Finnish, Portuguese, etc.
- Studying at VMU also gives students a great opportunity to learn the Lithuanian language, become acquainted with Lithuanian culture, literature, art, history and politics. To this end, the university has offered a Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Course for foreign students since 1998.
- Establishing successful international relations.

### **Mentor's Programme at VMU**

In order to make the adaptation process of incoming students at our University much more easier the Mentor Programme was established.

A mentor is a student of Vytautas Magnus University who has already studied abroad (or perhaps is planning to study in the future), has international and intercultural experience and volunteers to help incoming foreign students. A mentor is moreover a person who:

- Meets the new foreign students upon their arrival and accompanies them to the dormitory;
- Assists foreign students in orienting themselves at the University and in Kaunas during the study period;
- Helps them to find the library and computer classrooms, and to register for courses;
- Supports them in making new friends among Lithuanian students, etc.
- The Mentors' Programme at VMU aims to help incoming students to adapt and socialize themselves in the new academic, social and culture environment. The International Office at VMU coordinates the Programme.

### **Vytautas Magnus University in Outline**

- About 7000 Bachelor & 2000 Master students;
- Over 250 PhD students;
- About 100 Professional development students;
- Over 550 scholars and researches;
- 70 BA and MA study programs;
- 8 MA degree programs and over 500 courses in English;
- Up to 25 foreign languages courses;
- 10 faculties: Arts, Catholic Theology, Economics and Management, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Political Science and Diplomacy, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences (with the Institute of Social Welfare), Music Academy;
- Over 200 partner universities around the world;
- Member of 9 international organizations & associations;
- Member of Campus Europae university network.

**For more information see:** <http://www.vdu.lt/>

### **Number of Credits**

All courses are measured in credits. ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) is introduced to all faculties of the university.

60 ECTS credits represent the workload of an academic year of study and usually 30 ECTS credits for a semester. One ECTS credit equals approximately 27 hours of studying in the form of lectures, workshops, seminars, practical training, independent research, group studies or written reports.

### **Grading Scale**

VMU grading system in comparison with ECTS:

Lithuanian Grade	Evaluation	ECTS grade	Level of knowledge %
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10	Excellent: outstanding performance with only minor mistakes.	A	> 96
9	Very good: above the average standards, but with some errors.	B	86 – 95
8	Good: generally sound work with number of notable errors.	C	76 – 85
7-6	Satisfactory: fair but with significant shortcomings.	D	66 – 75
5	Sufficient: performance meets the minimum criteria.	E	56 – 65
4*	Very weak: Considerable further work is required.	F/FX	50 – 55
3*	Unsatisfactory	F/FX	40 – 49
2*	Bad	F/FX	30 – 39
1*	Unfair behaviour or failure to appear for evaluation.	F/FX	0 – 29

\* Grades from 1 to 4 means that the exam was not passed.

An absolute ten-point grading scale is used to assess the knowledge of the university students. The mark indicates the level of knowledge expressed as a percentage from the intended volume of the programme. The ten-point grading system is applied for the assessment of examinations, projects, homework, tests and other tasks. The examination assessed by negative marks is considered to be failing and this subject must be retaken for a second time.

Sufficient level of knowledge is indicated by these marks:

Positive marks: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5;

Negative marks: 4, 3, 2 and 1.

## Check – List for Incoming Students

### KEY DATA ON THE INSTITUTION

<b>Full legal name of Institution in English and local language</b>	Vytautas Magnus University Vytauto Didžiojo universitetas
<b>Institution Website</b>	<a href="http://www.vdu.lt">www.vdu.lt</a>

### INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

<b>Postal Address</b>	K. Donelaičio g. 58 LT-44248 Kaunas, Lithuania
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<b>Fax</b>	(+370) 37 327 989
<b>E-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:office@trt.vdu.lt">office@trt.vdu.lt</a>
<b>Visiting hours</b>	I – V 8:00 – 12:00
<b>Website for incoming students</b>	<a href="http://www.trt.vdu.lt">www.trt.vdu.lt</a>

## **CONTACT PERSONS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS**

<b>Person</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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<b>Ms Eglė Šalnaitė</b>	Degree studies	<a href="mailto:E.Salnaite@trt.vdu.lt">E.Salnaite@trt.vdu.lt</a>
<b>Mr. Charles Szymanski</b>	Law programme	<a href="mailto:c.szymanski@tf.vdu.lt">c.szymanski@tf.vdu.lt</a>

### **Before your studies at Vytautas Magnus University:**

1. Please send to the International Office at VMU (Mailing address: K. Donelaičio g. 58, LT-44248 Kaunas, Lithuania) all required documents in a timely manner (deadline April 1).
2. Be sure that your traveling document (passport or ID card) **is valid!**
3. Obtain a health insurance policy (in Lithuania, the European Health Insurance Card is also valid). **Note:** health insurance is compulsory for all students!
4. Contact your mentor at Vytautas Magnus University and inform him/her about your arrival date if you want to be met in the bus/railway station or at the airport.
5. If you have any questions or problems do not hesitate to contact your coordinator or mentor at Vytautas Magnus University.

### **After your arrival at Vytautas Magnus University:**

1. Get the key to your dormitory room (dormitory address: Vytauto pr. 71, Kaunas), sign the contract, register in the dormitory (for registration you'll need: your passport or ID card and 2 photos) and pay your rent before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
2. Please fill in the Registration Form (**compulsory!!!**) in the International Office (S. Daukanto g. 27, rooms 305, 308, 309), leave the copy of your passport (or your ID card) and a copy of your health insurance.
3. Make registration for Lithuanian Student Card or International Student Card (more information is available contacting LSC coordinator (S. Daukanto g. 27, room 212).
4. Get your ID and password to use internet at the university (you will get ID and password for internet from your coordinator in the International Office at VMU).
5. Within 10 days after your arrival to Lithuania you must to apply for the Temporary Residence Permit – TRP (something similar to a Visa ). To obtain a TRP you need to deliver the following documents to the Kaunas Migration Office: passport or ID card and it's copy, Application Form, an Official letter from the university, a copy of Rector's order regarding your acceptance for studies, (get more information about all procedures and documents during the orientation meeting).
6. Give the original version of your signed Learning Agreement to your coordinator at VMU as soon as possible. If you need to make changes in the Learning Agreement, you have to fill in the form –Changes to Learning Agreement which you can get from International Office.
7. When a course begins, you have to register to it at the department where it is provided: put your signature twice on the course attendance list.  
**Note:** students may drop classes and add classes to their programmes of study during the first two weeks of semester. After the registration period, the university expects students to attend and complete all courses in which they are enrolled. Regular class attendance is

necessary for maximum success in the university. If students do not attend courses in which they are enrolled, at the end of semester student will not be able to pass the exam (and to get a positive mark): instead, a negative mark will appear in students' Transcript of Records.

**Each student is responsible for the program of courses listed at registration.**

8. If you have any questions or problems, do not hesitate to contact your coordinator or mentor at Vytautas Magnus University.

### **Before you leave:**

1. Be sure that you have returned all books to the library and paid all taxes/charges for the dormitory.
2. Inform your coordinator about all required documents. All documents will be sent to your home coordinator in one-month period after completing your studies at Vytautas Magnus University.
3. Please fill in the -Exchange Student Report and return it back to the International Office.

<p><b>Important:</b> please follow all the indicated procedures step by step. In case you do not pay attention to the required regulations, the International Office will not be able to send you the official Transcript of Records after the completion of your studies at Vytautas Magnus University.</p>
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## Useful Links

[www.vocalproject.eu](http://www.vocalproject.eu) → The VOCAL project (Vocationally Oriented Culture And Language) - find out more about the language and the culture online with the help of web-based language materials.

[www.skvc.lt](http://www.skvc.lt) → Center of Quality Assessment in Higher Education (Lithuania) - find out more about the legalization of educational documents.

[www.urm.lt](http://www.urm.lt) → Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania - find out more about the consular issues.

[www.migracija.lt](http://www.migracija.lt) → Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania - find out more information about the temporary residence permit for studies in Lithuania.

[www.isic.lt](http://www.isic.lt) → find out more about the international student identity card (ISIC).

[www.visit.kaunas.lt](http://www.visit.kaunas.lt) → Kaunas region tourism information centre - find out more about the City of Kaunas.

[www.travel.lt](http://www.travel.lt) → find more about Lithuania.

[http://ltcourses.vdu.lt/?pg=134&lang=1&menu\\_id=111](http://ltcourses.vdu.lt/?pg=134&lang=1&menu_id=111) → find more information about Lithuanian language and culture summer course at VMU.