

Title of the study programme: Lithuanian Philology and Foreign Language
State code of the study programme: 612U10002
Study cycle: First Cycle studies
Type of the study programme: Bachelor studies

Study area: Humanities

Group of study fields: Philology
Study field (code): Lithuanian philology (U100)

Qualification degree awarded: Bachelor in Lithuanian philology

Mode of studies: Full-time

Length of the study programme (in years): 4

Study programme volume in credits: 240

Total student's workload (in hours): 6400

Contact hours: 2376

Self-study hours: 4024

Language(s) of instruction: Lithuanian

Aim of the study programme: To train Bachelors in Lithuanian Philology with good foreign language skills and thorough knowledge of the culture, traditions, political and economic life of the foreign country; to introduce students to the main disciplines of Lithuanian Philology, history of language and script, main stages in the development of Lithuanian literature (from ancient times to the 21st century), contemporary issues in language and literature; to provide general philological knowledge, to develop the ability to independently analyse forms of linguistic and literary expression; to teach a new foreign language, to introduce culture, traditions, political and economic context of the foreign country; to teach the basics of translation and develop interpreting/translation skills; to develop students' independence, critical thinking and openness to other cultures.

Study programme generic competencies developed: Ability to work and study autonomously applying the gained knowledge in practice. Analytical and critical thinking. Proficiency in the national and in a second language. Intercultural competence and teamwork under application of ethical values. Learning orientation and quality orientation. Creativity.

Study programme subject specific competencies developed: Critical linguistic knowledge and skills. Understanding and analysing the system of Lithuanian and studied foreign language at different levels. Critical literary knowledge and skills. Understanding and analysing Lithuanian and studied foreign literature as a cultural process. Understanding and analysing Lithuanian folklore and mythology as a cultural process. Understanding and analysing development of Lithuanian as a cultural process. Understanding the culture and history of the country of studied foreign language. Studied foreign language communication skills (C1-C2). Ability to carry out linguistic/literary research. Ability to use philological knowledge and skills in practical situations in and outside the University.

Study programme learning outcomes: A graduate in Lithuanian Philology and a Foreign Language is able to communicate in different communicative situations, can compare, analyse and summarise various linguistic and cultural phenomena of the native and the foreign language, get insights into the similarities and interaction of Indo-European languages, carry out independent philological research, write professional and scholarly conclusions, apply in professional activity and develop interpreting/translation skills.

Content of the study programme: course unit groups: The degree programme, apart from the basics of the general philological education (obligatory and optional courses, 60 credits), of general University education courses (15 cr.), consists of courses directly related to the main study programme (Lithuanian philology; 60 cr.) and courses of the foreign language and culture study block (70 cr.). Studies include linguistics, language communication (understanding, writing and translating texts), literature and culture. The ability to carry out linguistic/literary research is developed by writing and defending the BA thesis (20 credits in total). The independent practice and work placement (15 credits in total) is available as the following options: translation, research-related practice (corpus linguistics), language teaching etc.

Distinctive features of the study programme:	The strengths of the degree programme are the all-round studies in Lithuanian philology that cover the Lithuanian language, linguistics, literature and culture at different levels (from theoretical knowledge to its application in practical situations, analysis, synthesis and evaluation) as well as research integration which ensures a solid education. Another distinctive feature includes the fact that the programme aims to attract motivated candidates who know exactly before enrolment what foreign language as a minor study field (Estonian, Latvian, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Polish, Finnish, German, Turkish) they are going to choose. Another foreign language and culture skills may enhance the employment chances.
Teaching and learning methods:	The curriculum includes lectures, seminars, practical classes, internship and professional placement, as well as independent work. Apart from classical lectures, active learning methods are used, including interactive lectures, problem-solving, etc. Seminars and practical classes are given to small groups (about 16 students) using student-oriented methods such as brainstorming, group discussions, presentations and reading (individual and in pairs). A lot of attention is devoted to independent studies: essay and term paper writing, using IT, feedback and peer-review. Students have internship at the university and professional placement outside the university (in translation bureaus, publishing houses, editorial offices, schools, etc.). A report is submitted at the end of the work placement period. The preparation of the final thesis includes empirical linguistic or literary research.
Assessment methods:	The main form of evaluation is an examination. However, courses units may be evaluated by the pass/fail evaluation as well. Every course unit is concluded with either a written or written-oral examination or pass/fail evaluation. Student's knowledge and general performance during the exam are evaluated using grading scale from 1(very poor) to 10(excellent), or by pass or fail evaluation in the cases when pass/fail evaluation is foreseen as a final evaluation of the course unit.
Graduation thesis or/and final examinations:	The study programme is concluded by the defence of a BA thesis.
Access to further studies:	After completing the study programme in Lithuanian Philology and a Foreign Language (Croatian, Finnish, German, Italian, Latvian, Modern Greek, Spanish, Turkish, etc.), Bachelors in Philology may enroll in MA studies: Linguistics, Literature, Interpreting/Translation or Educology, and obtain a Master's degree and a respective professional qualification.
Employability:	A graduate can work as an interpreter/ translator, personal assistant, editor in the areas of culture, education, mass media, book publishing where good knowledge of Lithuanian philology and foreign language skills are required.
Chair of the study Programme Committee:	Dr. Birutė Kabašinskaitė