

Title of the study programme:	German Philology
State code of the study programme:	612R20002
Study cycle:	First Cycle studies
Type of the study programme:	Bachelor studies
Study area:	Humanities
Group of study fields:	Philology
Study field (code):	Germanic philology (R200)
Qualification degree awarded:	Bachelor in Germanic 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:	2266
Self-study hours:	4134
Language(s) of instruction:	Lithuanian
Aim of the study programme:	The programme aims at providing solid fundamentals in linguistics and literary theory, communication skills in German (C1-C2), ability to understand the culture of German-speaking countries as well as analyze phenomena of German language and literature in some broader linguistic and literary context. It also includes basic skills in critical thinking, autonomous learning, communicating and working in a multilingual environment. During the internship the students acquire basic skills in translation and/or interpretation, research skills or skills in teaching German as a foreign language.
Study programme generic competencies developed:	Ability to work and study autonomously applying the gained knowledge in practical situations. 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 German at different levels. Critical literary knowledge and skills. Understanding and analysing German literature. Understanding the culture of the German-speaking countries. German language communication skills (C1-C2). Proficiency in the Lithuanian language. 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:	Graduates will be able to understand linguistic and literary concepts, carry out philological research, analyze the system of German at different levels (Phonetics, Grammar, Lexicology, Pragmatics etc.), establish comparisons between German and Lithuanian, analyze and interpret German, Austrian and Swiss literature in a broader literary and cultural context, understand the culture of German-speaking countries and compare it to Lithuanian culture, communicate in German (C1-C2) and Lithuanian in different situations, understand, skim, create and edit texts of various genres in German, translate and interpret from/to German and will demonstrate basic skills in teaching German as a foreign language and using IT to process language. Other skills include autonomous and team learning and work; analyzing, systematizing and evaluating information; communicating and working in an intercultural environment; creative generating ideas, critical self-evaluation and continuous learning.
Content of the study programme: course unit groups:	The degree programme consists of German philology as the major study field (at least 165 credits) and general university education (at least 15 credits). German philology 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), teaching German as a foreign language. Optional courses in the German language, linguistic and literature (at least 35 per cent of the major study field) as well as general university education enable the

students to individualise their studies. In addition, the students have the opportunity to choose a minor study field (60 credits) starting in their second year and obtain a double degree or study various course units (in the major or other study fields as well as general university education) according to their fields of interests.

Distinctive features of the study programme:

The strengths of the degree programme are the all-round studies in German philology that cover the German 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 is provided by the three-fold opportunity to individualise the studies (up to 50 per cent of the programme) according to one's motivation and interests by choosing: 1) course units covering various aspects of the German language, linguistics and literature; 2) a minor study field from the list of minor programmes offered at Vilnius University (including subject pedagogy resulting in the teacher's professional qualification); 3) various course units (in the major or other study fields as well as general university education).

Teaching and learning methods:

The studies are student-oriented. Contact hours make approximately 35 per cent of the total student's workload. 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:

Written (or written and oral) examination, continuous and cumulative assessment (of essays, presentations, research papers and other assignments), assessment of the submitted work placement report, assessment of the presentation on the final thesis and its defense. The student's achievements are assessed using the grading scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent).

Graduation thesis or/and final examinations:

The study programme is concluded by the defence of a BA thesis. While writing the BA thesis, linguistic or literary research is carried out.

Access to further studies:

Graduates of the German Philology programme can continue their studies in a variety of second-cycle degree programmes in humanities, first of all, specialising in philology: Legal German, translation/interpreting, general/applied linguistics, literary anthropology and culture, intermedial literary studies, semiotics etc. as well as some master programmes in the field of social sciences.

Employability:

Graduates are highly-qualified philologists, able to meet the modern society's needs by working in translation bureaus, editorial offices, publishing houses, travel agencies, consular offices, other institutions and companies where excellent command of German, interpersonal and intercultural skills are required.

Chair of the study Programme Committee:

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