Title of the study programme:	General Linguistics
State code of the study programme:	621Q13001
Study cycle:	Second Cycle studies
Type of the study programme:	Master studies
Study area:	Humanities
Group of study fields:	Philology
Study field (code):	Linguistics (Q100)
Branch of study field:	General linguistics (Q130)
Qualification degree awarded:	Master in General linguistics
Mode of studies:	Full-time
Length of the study programme (in years):	2
Study programme volume in credits:	120
Total student's workload (in hours):	3200
Contact hours:	516
Self-study hours:	2684
Language(s) of instruction:	Lithuanian

Aim of the study programme:

To train highly qualified specialists in linguistics, who can meet the needs of society, by systematically and methodically strengthening the students' philological competence acquired in the first cycle of university studies.Classical and fundamental curriculum of the Master's study programme in General Linguistics is aimed at modern general linguistics.

Study programme generic competencies developed:

Post-graduates will have knowledge about the fields and branches of General linguistics and their development, modern theories put forward by different schools of linguistics, modern methods of linguistic analysis and areas of their application. They will be able to apply the acquired knowledge by doing independent research, participating in research projects and working in other areas related to linguistics. They will be able to identify and name problems in linguistic or interdisciplinary contexts, choose appropriate problem-solving methods and carry out independent research. They will be aware of their civil responsibility and duty to work creatively not only for implementing personal aims, but for fostering the wellfare of multilingual and multicultural society. Post-graduates will be able to present their knowledge and research results for specialist and lay audiences: linguists, politicians, students, pupils, and the general public. They will be able to identify their research interests and research areas, plan their activities, continue studying and upgrading the acquired knowledge and skills and acquire new abilities, plan their study process and choose study subjects and their combinations according to their professional needs and interests.

Study programme learning outcomes:

Post-graduates 1) will gain knowledge about the fields and branches of general linguistics, modern theories and research methods and their application; 2) will be able to apply the acquired knowledge in doing independent research, participating in research projects and other professional activities related to linguistics; 3) will be able to identify problems in linguistic and interdisciplinary contexts, choose appropriate problem-solving methods, do independent research, will be aware of their civil responsibility to work creatively not only for achieving personal goals, but for the welfare of multilingual and multinational society; 4) will be able to present their knowledge and research results to specialist and lay audiences; 5) will be able to identify their research interests, regularly upgrade their knowledge and skills and acquire new abilities, plan their study process, choose study subjects and their combinations according to their professional needs and interests.

Content of the study programme: course unit groups:

General linguistics is an academic discipline which studies language and languages, universal features of languages and their realisation in particular language systems, the role of language in the development of an individual and language functions in society, the use of language in relation to social change, and the application of linguistic knowledge in information technologies. The curriculum consists of two blocks: - compulsory subjects: Modern trends and methods in linguistics, General phonology, General morphology, General syntax, Semantics and linguistic pragmatics, Language typology, Research paper;

- optional subjects: Etymology, Stylistics and rhetoric, Theory of grammar, Morphonology, Language development and change, Terminology, Lexicography, Ethnolinguistics, Language variation.

Teaching and learning methods:	Teaching and learning methods: Active lectures, group discussions, demostration, analytical papers and presentations.
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 studies are completed after the preparation and defence of a Master's thesis.
Access to further studies:	After completing the programme and defending their Master's thesis students will be conferred a Master in Linguistics degree and will be able to continue their studies in humanities at a PhD level, carry out fundamental research by applying modern methods of general linguistics and using modern technologies in research institutions in Lithuania and abroad.
Employability:	Post-graduates will be able to do research in higher education institutions and research institutes, work in different educational and cultural institutions and apply the acquired knowledge in other professional areas, e.g. publishing, textology, forensic linguistics.
Chair of the study Programme Committee:	Dr. Vytautas Kardelis