

Title of the study programme: Language for specific (legal) purposes
State code of the study programme: 621T93001
Study cycle: Second Cycle studies
Type of the study programme: Master studies

Study area: Humanities

Group of study fields: Philology
Study field (code): Philology (T900)
Branch of study field: Language for specific purposes (T930)

Qualification degree awarded: Master in Language for specific purposes

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: 760

Self-study hours: 2440

Language(s) of instruction: Lithuanian

Aim of the study programme: The programme aims to train highly qualified philologists, who would be prepared to work in a changing modern society, who would have sufficient legal and linguistic knowledge, aware of the peculiarities of language for specific purposes, equipped with the skills of spoken and written legal English/German and Lithuanian; able to analyse, interpret and draft legal texts of different types and styles in a foreign language (English or German) and in Lithuanian; to think critically, to cope with theoretical and practical problems and do discipline-specific and interdisciplinary research. The programme aims to foster the development of creative personalities, who would rely in their work on the values of humanism and democracy.

Study programme generic competencies developed: Generic competences: analytical and critical thinking; ability to work autonomously and in a team; learning orientation and quality orientation; ability to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in practice.

Study programme subject specific competencies developed: Subject-specific competences: comprehension of the legal systems of Lithuania and foreign countries; comprehension of the political, social and economic life of Lithuania and foreign countries; competencies of a researcher of languages for specific purposes; understanding and analysis of the English or German language systems; understanding and analysis of the Lithuanian language system; proficiency in English or German for general and specific purposes, translation; research competence.

Study programme learning outcomes: The graduates will be able to solve theoretical and practical problems using critical and logical thinking, to work independently and in a team, to use modern information technologies, compare and evaluate the regulation of social relations in different states, formal and informal communicative situations in political, social and economic life, to understand, analyse, report, draft and edit legal texts of different types and styles in a foreign language and in Lithuanian, to present their arguments in writing and orally in reports, presentations, discussions, to translate and interpret.

Content of the study programme: course unit groups: The study programme of Language for Legal Purposes is an interdisciplinary master study programme integrating the studies of linguistics, language for legal purposes and law. Students can specialise in the English or German languages and the main subject are taught in English or German. This programme includes subjects similar to the subjects in the programmes of linguistics and translation, and focuses on theoretical studies and scientific research. Compulsory subjects (LSP theory, terminology, the language for various legal purposes - criminal law, criminal process, civil law, civil process, labour and social security law, constitutional and administrative law, international and EU law, contrastive grammar, Standard Lithuanian) provide the knowledge and abilities needed by a legal language specialist (65 credits); the scientific research part comprises a term paper and a master thesis (30 credits). Optional subjects (contract law, legal argumentation, lexicography, linguistic pragmatics, IT in translation, etc.) allow students to individualise their

studies and acquire additional knowledge and abilities in law and linguistics.

Distinctive features of the study programme:	The programme integrates studies in linguistics, language for specific purposes (law) and law. It offers two distinct branches: English and German. Each of them takes the approach of content and language integrated learning, as the main courses are delivered either in English or German. The programme is similar to linguistics and translation programmes, but unique in focusing on a clearly defined field and partially in taking an interdisciplinary approach (orientation to the study of law). It is also unique in relying on the methodology and object of study of applied linguistics as a clearly defined branch of linguistics.
Teaching and learning methods:	Problem-solving, interactive teaching, group discussions, preparation of 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:	An MA final Thesis
Access to further studies:	Graduates can enrol in doctoral studies in philology
Employability:	Graduates will be able to work as interpreters and translators, consultants, personal assistants of officials in the EU and international institutions, national state and government institutions, lawyers' offices, notary offices, courts, translation bureaus or freelance.
Chair of the study Programme Committee:	Dr. Vaiva Žeimantiene