

### Let me introduce myself!

### I work with:

- International alumni
- Student Ambassadors representatives of their study programmes, education fairs, social media posts about student experiences, etc.
- Student Integration



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# CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENTS



# A WORKSHOP FOR VMU STUDENTS AND GRADUATES: "INSIDER TIPS FOR LANDING ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS"

Recent graduates and current students are facing numerous challenges when attempting to secure jobs in entry-level positions. They feel uncertain about their degree or what comes next after graduation and are struggling to find summer employment that aligns with their studies and passions. A coupl...



## JOIN OUR WORKSHOP "HOW TO TAILOR YOUR EXPERIENCE FOR A SPECIFIC JOB-APPLICATION?"

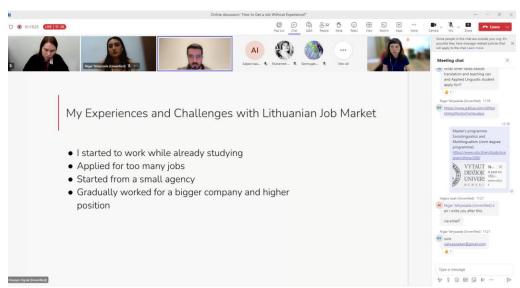
Are you feeling frustrated by the lack of response to your job applications? Struggling to showcase your achievements and skills effectively on your CV and cover letter? Perhaps you're doubting your suitability for positions due to limited experience or considering a switch to a different field?



# ONLINE DISCUSSION FOR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES "HOW TO GET A JOB WITHOUT EXPERIENCE?"

Recent graduates and current students are facing many challenges when trying to find a job in their desired field. Among the most crucial ones are limited or no professional experience, high competition where entry-level positions attract many applicants, making it tough to stand out, and not know...





## UNIBUDDY AMBASSADORS

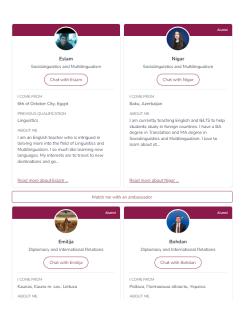
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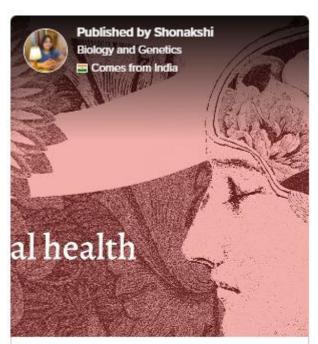






## UNIBUDDY BLOG

## https://www.vdu.lt/en/studie s/meet-our-students/



#### "Mental Health Wellness: Tips for

Hello everyone, I am Shonakshi from India, a VMU alumna from the Biology and Genetics program. I will share my opinio...

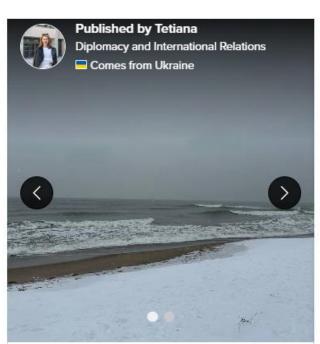
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#### My recommendations for attractions in

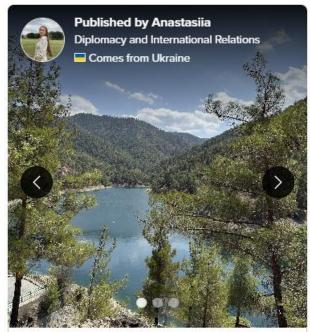
Hello everyone, my name is Jiayi Liu, and I am from China. I graduated from the Master's programme in "Perf...

② Aug 28, 2024 @ 1 ③ 2 mins



#### A day trip to Klaipeda: selection of the

If you can't imagine your life without the sea, then you should go to Klaipeda for at least one day! This city will b...



## My experience of "Erasmus+" traineeships in Cyprus: tips and the

Most universities have internships for students during their undergraduate studies...

@ Aug 16, 2024 @ 7 @ 2 mins

## UNIBUDDY BLOG

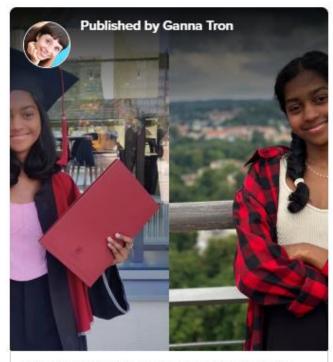
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#### Motivational letter: it should be about

One of the requirements for admission is to provide the motivational letter. How to write it and about what?The main ...

@ Oct 5, 2022 @ 104 @ 1 min



## What current students must undertake now to become more employable in the

Learn these tips to boost your future career in Lithuania!Rakshana Alexander from ...

@ Jul 11, 2023 @ 12 @ 1 min



### VMU alumna: "After graduating from SoMu, job hunting in Berlin was like a

Samra Mustafayeva, VMU alumna 2022 (Master's programme Sociolinguistics and Multil...

② Jun 22, 2023 ② 23 ③ 2 mins

## Your Action Plan For This Semester

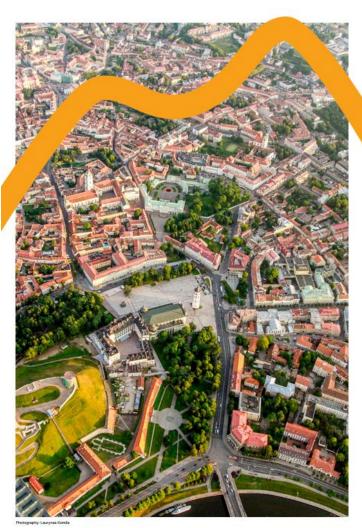
- Be curious
- Ask
- Discover
- Make memories



## GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

https://studyin.lt/live-like-a-local/

Live Like a Local  Practical Guide for International Students in Lithuania
Study in LT



#### Contents

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## DISCOVER KAUNAS

### https://kaunasin.lt/relokacijos-gidas/



### KAUNAS RELOCATION GUIDE Kaunas

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#### RENTING A HOME

When looking for a property to rent in Kaunas, there are multiple platforms you can search on. Explore popular websites like <u>aruodas.lt</u> and <u>domoplius.lt</u>. <u>Homerental.lt</u> offers a tailored experience ensuring reliability and landlord readiness for foreign tenants.

Expect landlords to request a deposit equivalent to 1-3 months' rent, refundable upon lease completion if all terms are met.

Utilities are typically separate from rent and may include maintenance fees for apartment buildings. Before signing the agreement and planning your budget, familiarize yourself with utility costs, which may vary with seasons. Requesting previous bills for insight can help with budget planning. Ensure clarity on utilities provided and those you are responsible for, such as internet, cable TV and electricity. Review the tenancy agreement thoroughly, verifying details like address, number of rooms, rental period, utility costs, an inventory list, deposit amount and acceptable payment methods. Contracts should be in both Lithuanian and English before any deposit payment is made. Students can explore dedicated accommodations online or through university resources.

When collecting your keys, conduct a walkthrough with the landlord to document any existing issues. You should also ask about the house rules and shared amenities, including waste management, quiet hours, waste sorting, bike storage, and more.



### IMMERSE YOURSELF INTO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES!

- Traveling
- Sport
- Volunteering
- Languages
- Communities
- Sharing is caring
- Take care of yourself





### Explore Lithuania by foot, by bus, by train, by car





Holidays and festive days

Note: look at the <u>Academic Calendar</u>

and National Holidays

Visit museums in Lithuania for free: every last Sunday of each month (Kaunas, Vilnius)

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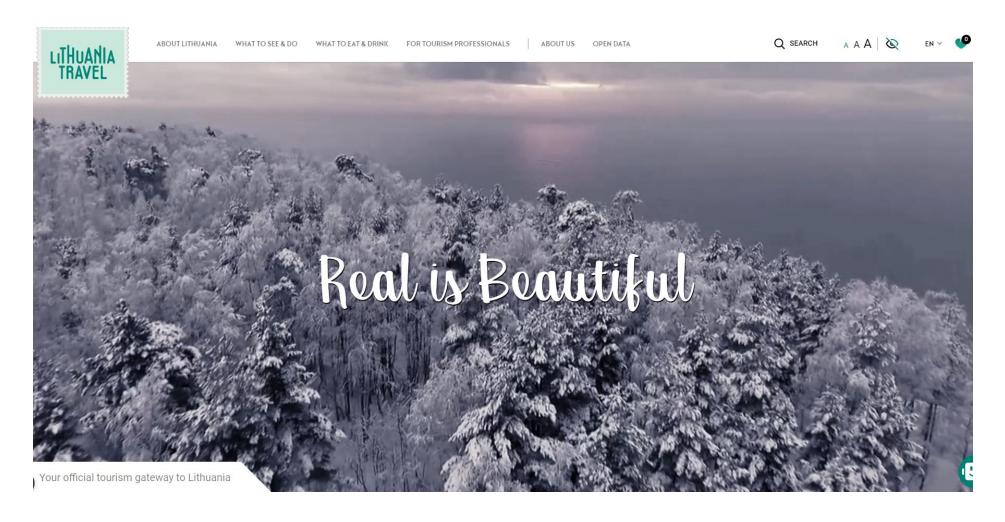
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### https://kaunastika.lt/map/wallographers-notes





### https://www.lithuania.travel/en/





### https://www.lithuania.travel/en/



WHAT TO EAT & DRINK FOR TOURISM PROFESSIONALS

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#### What to see & do

Places >	Art & culture >	Nature >	Leisure >
Urban tourism	Museums	Undiscovered places	Active recreation
Top sites	Architecture	Nature's Wonders	Family tourism
UNESCO heritage	Contemporary art	Lithuanian seaside	Water activities
Unknown towns	Theatres	Educational hiking trails	Traditional holidays
Ethnographic regions		Landscape observation	Where to stay
European Destinations of Excellence		Observation towers	
Religious tourism		Ecotourism	
		Birdwatching	
		Places for nature outings	
		Water recreation	
		Nature reserves	
Health tourism >	Tourist routes >	Souvenirs from Lithuania >	Tourism information centers
Medical & wellness SPA resorts	Romantic Panemunė	Lithuanian design and boutiques	
All resorts & resort areas	Amber Road at the Lithuanian	Unique Lithuanian products	
Natural remedies	seaside		
Health tourism guide	Routes across sacral Lithuania		
	Cycling routes		



### https://www.lithuania.travel/en/

### What to Eat & Drink

Modern cuisine >	Lithuanian cuisine >	Lithuanian products >
Restaurants	National cuisine	Honey
Street food	Culinary traditions and experiences	Šakotis
Vegetarian and vegan	Traditional holiday table	Black bread
Superfood	Regional cuisine	Apple cheese
	Manor cuisine	Skilandis
	Ethnic minority cuisine	Cottage cheese
	Beverage traditions	

Many cheap tickets from Kaunas or Vilnius just for weekend

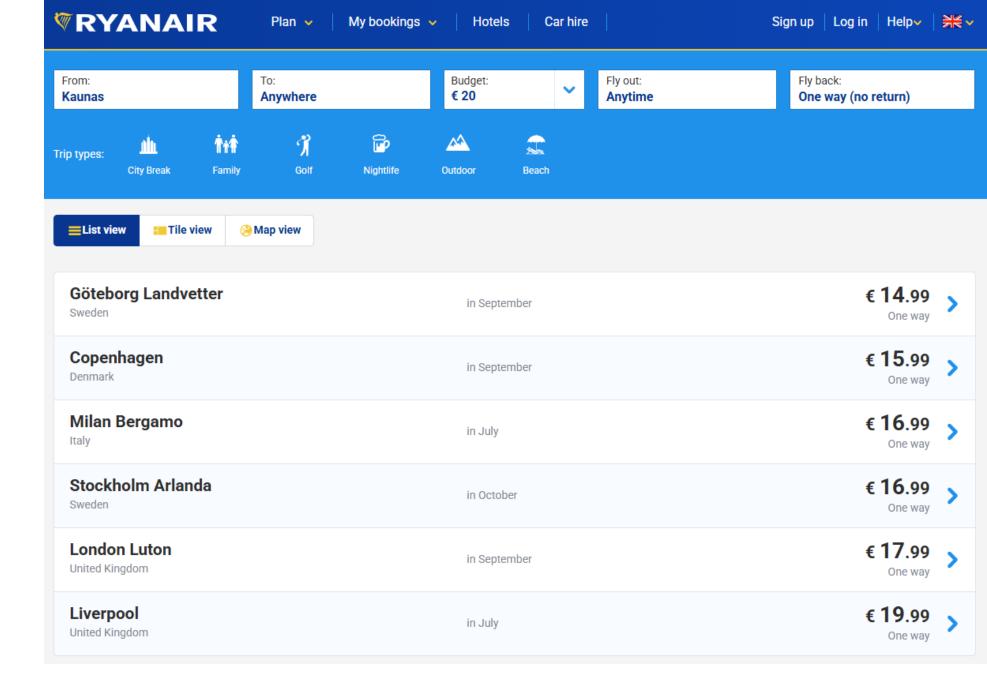
Use airport express
<a href="https://www.ollex.lt/en">https://www.ollex.lt/en</a> if
your flights are at night
from Vilnius



Check Ryanair, Wizzair

Check from Kaunas or Vilnius

For example,
<a href="https://www.ryanair.com/gb/en/fare-finder">https://www.ryanair.com/gb/en/fare-finder</a>



By bus:

To Gdansk, Poland To Warsaw, Poland To Wroclaw, Poland To Riga, Latvia

To Tallinn, Estonia

By train:

To Riga, Latvia

To Warsaw, Poland

To Krakow, Poland

https://ltglink.lt/
https://www.autobusubilietai.lt/
https://luxexpress.eu/en/
https://www.eurolines.lt/
https://ecolines.net/lt/en











## SPORT



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### Find the same/similar/completely new activity in Kaunas



All VMU students, regardless of their study programme, can participate in sports activities, the classes are **free of charge** for VMU students, and you can even register and participate in several classes.

You are welcome to join the leisure sports activities offered by the VMU Sports Centre and get actively involved in the activities, to get to know, learn or improve your sports skills and to spend quality and productive time.

VDU Sport Center: <a href="https://sportas.vdu.lt/en/home/">https://sportas.vdu.lt/en/home/</a>

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Find the same/similar/completely new activity in Kaunas







BoulderHouse: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>

## VOLUNTEER

### Share and be involved in local community



Check ESN VMU, Red Cross, Caritas and just ask if you need any help with finding information

## DON@ PROJECT+ ESN VMU KAUNAS

Recollection Days: in the end of every semester





• Sharing is caring events: before the beginning of the semester



## DON@ PROJECT+ ESN VMU KAUNAS

August: The "Sharing is Caring" event will take place in August, 2025.

**December and January:** We encourage you to donate any items you won't need for the next cohort of students at the end of this semester in December.





### VOLUNTEERING PLACES

By Laura Lapinskė

- 1. "KORYS" (CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

  <a href="https://nckorys.lt/">https://nckorys.lt/</a> (Kristina Čiuderienė +37061208311)

  Open to volunteers from Indonesia.
- 2. "ARKA" (CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

It is important to keep regularity. Every volunteer is expected to come at least one time per week, for 3-4 hours (but not less than 1 time per 2 weeks). First, there would be a meeting in person with Aistė Ramaškevičė (kaunas.arka.savanoris@gmail.com).

3. "CARITAS" (WORK WITH CHILDREN, FAMILIES, PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR BIRTHPLACE AND HOME, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

We invite you to volunteer to participate in the activities of Caritas institutions and programs of the Kaunas Archdiocese for children, families, people who have lost their birthplace and home, and people with disabilities.

If you are interested in volunteering in Caritas, please, fill the form: <a href="https://forms.gle/evorTvcJ5dTVf3w26">https://forms.gle/evorTvcJ5dTVf3w26</a>

### VOLUNTEERING PLACES

By Laura Lapinskė

4. "MALTIEČIAI" (WORK WITH LONELY ELDERS, PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)
What do Malteser volunteers do?

- They visit lonely elders and disabled, communicate, spend their time together and help at home.
- Deliver warm meals and other food products to elders.
- Provide assistance at children daycare centers: help children to do their homework and organize children occupation activities.
- Provide assistance at senior daycare centers.
- Help organize various events and programs.
- Carries out other tasks depending on group activities and competences of the volunteer.
   We accept people from different religious backgrounds who respect Catholic values and are committed to contributing to the reduction of poverty and exclusion in the country.

https://maltieciai.lt/en/become-malteser-volunteer/

5. "REDCROSS"

savanoriai.kaunas@redcross.lt Roberta, volunteer coordinator

### By Laura Lapinskė

### VOLUNTEERING PLACES

6. ANIMAL SHELTER "NOJUS"(VOLUNTEER WORK WITH SHELTERED ANIMALS)

https://kggn.lt/savanoryste/

7. "AKVILA" DAY CENTRE (PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

https://www.akvila.lt/activities/?lang=en

8. "PATRIA" (WORK WITH YOUTH)

https://patria.lt/en/ savanoriai@patria.lt, jst@patria.lt, +37063058865

9. "LESE" (KAUNAS ANIMAL SHELTER)

https://lese.lt/en/apie-mus/#kauno-prieglauda

10. "MAISTO BANKAS" (FOOD BANK)

https://www.maistobankas.lt/savanorio-es-anketa/

### LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

Share your language and learn local language!

- You can be a buddy and help locals learn your language with SPEAK Lithuania. It's a volunteer opportunity.
- You can also be a participant and learn Lithuanian or other languages offered by other buddies for free in Kaunas or Vilnius

Or

 Join other language exchange activities in Kaunas, for example, <u>Let's Talk Kaunas</u>

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 Run your own Speaking Club at Vytautas Magnus University and share your language and culture with other students and employees



**SPEAK website** 





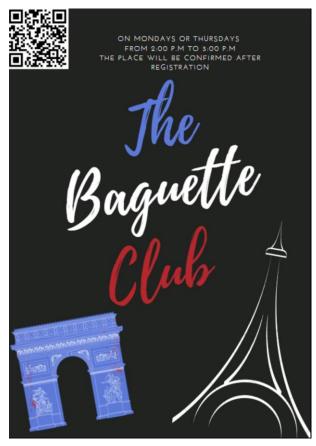


### LANGUAGE EXCHANGE



Italian Speaking Club run by Erasmus students from Italy: <a href="GARGANTUESCO">GARGANTUESCO</a>

Want to create a speaking club for your language? Text to <a href="mailto:ganna.tron@vdu.lt">ganna.tron@vdu.lt</a> or the Institute of Foreign Languages <a href="mailto:uki@vdu.lt">uki@vdu.lt</a>



French Language and Culture Club run by Erasmus students from France

## OTHER COMMUNITIES TO FOLLOW

Just examples of some communities in Kaunas or Vilnius in English:

- Foreigners in Kaunas + Erasmus
- Foreigners in Kaunas
- Any community of the people from your country (for example, Ukrainians in Kaunas <u>Українці в</u> <u>Каунасі/Украинцы в Каунасе</u>)
- Kaunastic Startups Meetups
- <u>SAFE HUT Lithuania</u> NGO, SAFE HUT is a European project that aims to enable and facilitate the social and labor integration of women and girls from third countries when they are vulnerable, may be victims of violence and human trafficking with the special focus on women and girls' survival of trafficking due to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.
- Kaunas Ladies Group (In Vilnius: Vilnius | Girl Gone International)
- Social Center Emma <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>
- Kaunas Cultural Centre of Various Nations: They're going to have a festival on September 20th.
   MORE
- <u>Suatas Project Akademy</u> events for foreign youth about opportunities, employment, Erasmus projects, etc.
- NGO "Aglėbk pasaulį" activities for locals and foreigners in Kaunas. WhatsApp group and MORE

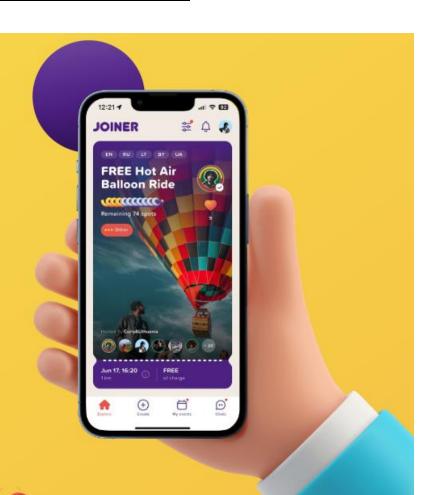
https://getjoiner.com/

# FIND ACTIVITIES, MEET PEOPLE

Explore local activities, join, and meet new people. Or, host your own event and invite others! Connect through your favourite activities or try something new, activate your social life.











Prioritize your well-being, especially your mental health!

VMU Psychology Clinic offers different forms of psychological help for VMU students free of charge:

- Individual psychological counseling (in English or Russian)
- Relaxation sessions: individual or group sessions\* (in English)
- Training courses and seminars for personal growth\* (in English or Russian)

\*If separate group of international students formed!

### **TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATIONS 2025**

LINK: <a href="https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/">https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/</a>

VMU Psychology Clinic is providing psychological consultations. Consultations are provided remotely (online) or face-to-face.

Location: Faculty of Social Sciences Jonavos str. 66, Office number: 326, 327

Registration: by Email: psichologijos.klinika@vdu.lt

Phone: (8 37) 327 825

LINK: <a href="https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/">https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/</a>



## Healthcare

https://www.vdu.lt/en/internationalcooperation/for-students/practicalinformation-for-incoming-students/



Emergency Phone Number – 112

#### Important before Arrival



- Arrival and Registration at VMU
- · Residence Permit/Visa Guide
- · Health Insurance
- Cost of Living
- Mentor's Programme
- Learning Lithuanian

#### Important after Arrival



- Useful VMU Contacts
- VMU Important Documents
- · VMU Student ID and Internal Platforms
- · Libraries and Reading Rooms
- Information for Students with Disability
- Public Transport
- How to Open Bank Account
- VMU Students Certificates
- · Settlement with the University

#### VMU Students' Activities



- · Student Organisations and Clubs
- Mentors' Programme
- Arts
- Sports
- Volunteering
- Career

### Living in Lithuania



- Useful Links
- Safety Tips
- Health Care and Assistance
- Psychological Services at VMU
- Dietary Restrictions
- Postal Services



### **Emergency Phone Number – 112**

Quiet hours in Lithuania extend from 10:00 p. m. to 7:00 a. m.

- It is forbidden to use drugs (marijuana, opium, heroin, hashish, other hallucinogen, synthetic drugs) and other psycho-tropical materials (various solvents, volatile stuff, lenitive and sleeping pills, etc. without the doctor prescription)
- It is forbidden to drink alcohol or to be seen drunk in public places in Lithuania
- It is forbidden to smoke in the bars and in some public places (pay attention to prohibiting signs)

Legal age for buying, holding and consuming alcoholic beverages is 20.

- Hours of Sale: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday
- Hours of Sale on Sunday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Orientation days (Autumn semester)



Orientation days are organised at the beginning of the semester and it will be your first student experience here in Kaunas. During this time, you will get to know VMU faculties, Lithuanian history and culture during the Survival Lithuanian courses, and our beautiful city Kaunas. You are also more than welcome to be a part of interesting events, where you will find new friends and will spend a fascinating and fun time.

#### Dates: from August 21 to September 1

The semester starts on August 25th

Before Orientation Days join our ONLINE INFO SESSION, where university staff will introduce VMU, the upcoming Orientation Week, and guide you through the course registration process. Don't miss this essential event to ensure a smooth start to your academic journey!

The date will be provided at the beginning of August.

#### + Programme in Kaunas

#### - Presentations

#### VMU IT Tools:

- VMU User Name and Password
- Courses' Selection and Online Registration System (for full-time degree students)
- Online Study Platform "Moodle"

#### VMU Student Services:

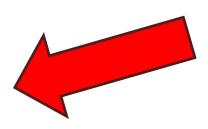
- General information for students, Student Centre, Student Self-service Portal
- Accommodation in VMU Dormitory

#### VMU Sport and Arts activities

## **USEFUL INFO**

Download all these useful presentations:

https://www.vdu.lt/en/internationalcooperation/for-students/arrival-andorientation-days/







New international students today in August 2025

New international students in the end of the semester in December 2025