

WELCOME TO BALTIC SUMMER UNIVERSITY!



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Our dedication to organise Baltic Summer University stems from the fact that people who choose to spend their summer in foreign countries and learning new things are utterly amazing. And we want to meet them.

And since we believe that we are fully equipped to offer the best summer experience ever, we step into the spotlight and present our services.

So, what is Baltic Summer University?

- Courses taught by accomplished specialists of their fields.
- A rich and colourful programme full of lessons, hands-on activities, trips, parties, meetings with interesting people and so much more.
- Cultural and social activities, acquaintance with people from around 30 countries: maybe this is where you will meet your future best friends from the other corner of the world?
- Greatest time of the year to visit Lithuania: it is so unbelievably green, warm and almost rain-free (but even if it rains, summer rain is the best kind of rain).
- It takes place in Kaunas, the heart of Lithuania, the city full of hills, stairs, street art, culture, modernist architecture, basketball-lovers, movers and shakers and routine-haters.
- A selfie in front of the Eiffel Tower or a photo where you pretend to hold the leaning tower of Pizza? *yawn*. Europe is so much more than that! Come here and discover the diversity, the unexpected, the other side of Europe! From the Hill of Crosses to the majestic dunes of the Curonian Spit – get ready to be amazed...
- A team of dedicated course coordinators that will always be available to help you out to navigate through your best summer experience: we answer calls at night, locate the lost and deliver them to safety (not that it happens often, but you never know), advice on the spots where locals buy their marinated toads (just kidding, we don't tell these places to no one).

If this doesn't sound like an amazing summer university that deserves your presence, we don't know what does. Please share it with us, we want to know.

Actually interested? Join us this summer!

Start: 13 July 2020.

Where: Kaunas, Lithuania.

What: 7 programmes delivered by the experts in their specific fields, supplemented by a variety of cultural and social events for students to make their acquaintance with Lithuania memorable.



	Name	Duration	Application deadline	Early Bird price, EUR (by 1 May 2020)	Price, EUR after May 2020
	Investigation of Biodiversity	2 weeks (3 ECTS) July 13–26, 2020	1 June, 2020	500	550
	The course introduces participants to field methods and data analysis and includes theoretical and practical instruction in both the field and the lab. Participants will gain knowledge in using the latest techniques in field methodologies and the most recent analytical and instrumental tools. The course is especially suited to those interested in biodiversity assessment, especially plant, avian and invertebrate biodiversity. During the entire course, participants will visit different natural environments in national parks, natural reserves and zoological museums of Lithuania.				
	Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Course 2020	4 weeks (6 ECTS) July 11–August 9, 2020	1 June, 2020	700	750
	Lithuania is a Baltic country, boasting an equally fascinating and inspiring history, speaking in one of the oldest and most complicated languages in the world (7 cases!), inhabited by friendly, talented people and surrounded by wonderful green nature, lakes, rivers that are simply breath-taking! This summer course is precisely about that – discovering Lithuania in full: studying the language, exploring wonderful nature and interesting cities, learning about the history, its twists and turns, how we dealt with our Soviet past, “return” to Europe and position in today’s world as well as the challenges that might wait ahead. There is so much to tell. And most importantly, Kaunas plays an important role in the history of Lithuania and you will get to hear it all once you come here!				
	Methods in Molecular Genetics	2 weeks (3 ECTS) July 13–26, 2020	1 June, 2020	500	550
	This course is a comprehensive overview of key techniques in molecular biology mostly related to DNA analysis. The course covers the techniques of DNA/RNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, PCR and restriction digestion; data analysis using computer software. Upon completion of this course, the trainee would be able to extract genomic DNA/RNA from animal cells, perform agarose gel electrophoresis to analyse the DNA profile; amplify specific fragments of DNA using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique; perform restriction digestion experiments and visualise data obtained. School consists of lectures, practical exercises in laboratories, data analysis and case studies seminars.				
	Nuclear Tourism in Post-Soviet Sites	2 weeks (3 ECTS) July 13–26, 2020	1 June, 2020	550	600
	This summer school will help to deepen the knowledge of post-soviet identity and nuclear tourism while observing and participating in interactive educational/cultural activities in Visaginas (also in Kaunas) carried out in collaboration with the local community combining learning with rich intercultural experience.				
	Summer Internship Programme	4 weeks (6 ECTS) July 11–August 9, 2020	30 April, 2020	550 (Until 1 April 2020)	600 (After April 1 2020)
	It is a four-week internship programme with an innovative twist that combines theoretical and practical skills necessary for students preparing for their future career. Part 1: A week designed to address the skills that need to be cultivated by students who want to be successful in their future life, working with university professionals and practitioners from their professional fields: Part 2: The time to practice your professional skills: 3 weeks doing an internship at workplaces or institutions which are social partners of VMU, including Kaunas City Municipality, various private companies and NGOs.				
	Summer School for Beginning Filmmakers	2 weeks (3 ECTS) July 13–26, 2020	1 June, 2020	550	600
	In this day and age, it is important to know how to tell stories. Summer School for Beginning Filmmakers invites students to get hands-on experience and become acquainted with various contemporary media forms. In small teams, participants will use professional filmmaking equipment to create a documentary or other kind short film. The groups will be constantly guided by experienced professionals.				
	Sustainability and Innovation in Rural Development	2 weeks (2 ECTS) July 13–26, 2020	1 June, 2020	500	550
	During the intensive innovation practice period the students will analyse case studies of business, social, cultural and education, environment, local government institutions activities of different specific topics of the development of rural economy, diversification outside of farming, improvement of environment and landscape, negative externalities, physical infrastructure, development of social capital and infrastructure, development of local organizations capacities and institutional surrounding (rules, policy, LAG, rural communities, local government), cultural heritage and territorial identity, territorial image, production, social and other technologies and their multifaceted impact on rural development.				

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