

# Baltic Summer University

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Baltic Summer University (BSU) is a collection of summer courses offered at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. While some of the courses have been taking place every summer for over two decades, we are always looking for ways to address the ever-changing needs and develop skills of students who come to our university.

There are three things that our potential student should know about the courses:

1. They bring together dedicated teachers and inquisitive, adventurous students. Usually results of such interactions are beyond our expectations;
2. Learning does not end when lectures do. You will learn so much more about:
  - Kaunas. Its incredible story, architecture, people and future. We will walk in cosy yards, explore street art, see modernist masterpieces and some things only locals can show you.
  - Lithuania. Greenery, lakes, air balloons, cuisine, traditions, some survival Lithuanian, maybe a couple of songs or why there are so many objects named after Vytautas Magnus.
  - Other cultures. There are approximately participants from over 30 countries every year, so you may find new friends from Kazakhstan, Georgia, China, Brazil, USA, France, Germany, Australia or Indonesia.
3. Yourself. New country, new people, summer, interesting subjects. You may suddenly find out that you like Lithuanian cuisine, are a gifted singer and love cosy Baltic cities.



# Baltic Summer University courses 2019

## CREATIVITY, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION (3Cs):

These courses are dedicated to those who want to learn how to tell captivating stories, explore and work with unique communities, present yourself in the best possible light and cultivate your leadership skills. Learn about others, yourself and everything in between!

### Atomic Tourism: A Case Study of Place Identity

🕒 3 weeks (3 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 2

A unique summer programme to see from up close and participate actively in a process of one city redefining its place identity. During the course, the students will study about, visit and interact with the local communities of Visaginas, a satellite town of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant (INPP) in the east of Lithuania, famous for its forests and lakes. The lectures and field activities of the course will focus on the developmental processes of Visaginas and INPP, nuclear tourism, memory and identity in the Soviet past, transformation of city identity, nuclear media discourses after the closure of the INPP, authenticity and performance of cultural identities in tourism; educational aspects of nuclear tourism: sites, objects and museums; commodification of cultural identities and/or empowerment of local communities.

### Creative Media Lab

🕒 2 weeks (3 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 26

Creative Media Lab invites you to get both theoretical background and hands-on experience and become acquainted with various contemporary media forms. In small teams, students use professional filmmaking equipment and create a documentary short film. The groups will be constantly guided by experienced professionals.

### Personal Branding: forming & managing your image

🕒 2 weeks (3 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 26

In the times of strong competition in the labour market, it is necessary to understand and learn how to create and manage a solid personal image in both real and digital world. Your real life and digital style, ethics, rules and tactics of private and public communication, and the ability to create networks will allow you to design a unique and outstanding brand which will not stay unnoticed.

## LANGUAGE COURSES

We are not going to lie: learning Lithuanian is a not an easy task. But it is so rewarding! Especially when in between you get first-hand experience about all things Lithuanian: food, culture, nature, architecture, our unique habits, history and other stories we are going to share.

### Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Course 2019

🕒 4 weeks (6 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 9

Each summer for over 20 years, VMU offers an intensive Lithuanian Language and Culture Summer Course for people of all ages who want to improve their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in Lithuanian, and there is no better time to do it than summer and no better place than Lithuania itself, visiting its wonderful landmarks and savouring its authentic dishes. Laukiame Jūsų!

### English and German language courses for groups are available upon request

🕒 2 weeks (3 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 26

## NATURAL SCIENCES

For great minds who want to improve their professional skills in the natural sciences and expand their horizons from the molecular level to the variety of Lithuanian fauna.

### Methods in Molecular Genetics

🕒 2 weeks (2 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 26

The course is a comprehensive overview of the key techniques in molecular biology mostly related to DNA analysis. It covers the techniques of DNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, PCR and restriction digestion. Upon completion of the course, the trainee will be able to extract genomic DNA 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 the obtained data.

### Variety of Animals and Plants in National parks, Natural Reserves and Zoological Museums

🕒 2 weeks (2 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – August 26

The course introduces participants to field methods and data analysis, also 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 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.

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (SIP)

Practical and innovative approach to career-enhancement skills

🕒 5 weeks (6 ECTS)

📅 July 8 – August 9

It is an experience-based five-week internship programme, which offers students a possibility to explore world of ideas, using interactive and creativity techniques by solving real challenges of organizations. Programme is implemented by the VMU Centre for Enterprise Practice (National winner and top 3 nominee in the European Enterprise Promotion Awards, 2018).

## +SPECIAL MODULE

### MASTERCLASSES FOR MUSICIANS

#### Classical Singing, Jazz Singing, Accordion, Piano, Strings

🕒 3 days (1 ECTS)

📅 July 15 – July 17

A wide variety of practical lessons for young and advanced musicians will involve various disciplines including classical singing, jazz singing, accordion, piano, and strings. Lessons will be tailored to each individual or a group of individuals to cover auditions and development of instrumental or vocal techniques to reach certain musical expression.



# Students about Baltic Summer University 2018

## About the courses:

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The whole experience was just amazing. The teachers, the students, the school, the facilities, the weather, everything was just amazing.

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Everyone was really nice and friendly, thank you for making this month such a happy experience!



## Our teachers were:

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Amazing! Very passionate and totally dedicated to give the students the learning experience they were looking for.

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I appreciate them very much, because they were very kind to us. They were our academic friends.



## Our team was:

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Excellent, loving, caring, friendly.

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Very hospitable, going the extra mile.





# Social activities

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# More information

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