



## WELCOME TO VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

The Faculty of Philosophy is an integral part of the Old Vilnius University. The start of its activity dates back to the foundation of the University itself in 1579. The modern Faculty of Philosophy was reopened in 1989, after a more than 200-year break.

Nowadays it is a wide-spectrum institution of science and education that offers three levels of degree studies – undergraduate (Bachelor), graduate (Master) and postgraduate (Doctoral) – in social sciences and humanities: psychology, philosophy, education, social policy, sociology and social work (except doctoral studies).

Over 50 prominent Lithuanian scientists and lecturers by their creative effort contribute to research and educational activities of the Faculty.

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## MISSION AND AIMS OF THE FACULTY

The mission of the Faculty of Philosophy is to train highest qualification specialists in humanities and social sciences, while preserving the heritage of university culture and cherishing University traditions. To this end, the faculty aims at:

- training bachelors and masters in humanities and social sciences as well as scientific researchers of highest qualification to work in these fields;



- providing these specialists with conditions for a continuous expansion and refreshing of their knowledge via on-line and flexible studies;
- carrying out fundamental and applied research in social sciences and humanities as well as interdisciplinary research, to disseminate scientific achievements in Lithuania and abroad;
- collaborating with Lithuanian and foreign educational, scientific and business institutions and ensuring the level of the trained specialists to the contemporary national and international requirements;
- participating in national and international scientific and educational programmes and projects topical for the Faculty's activities.

## FACTS & FIGURES

At the Faculty of Philosophy approximately 100 staff members contribute to the research and education. Over 1,400 students are currently enrolled in the Faculty's study programmes.

## PERSONNEL

### Total number of employees in 2012: 128

Academic staff: total number 103

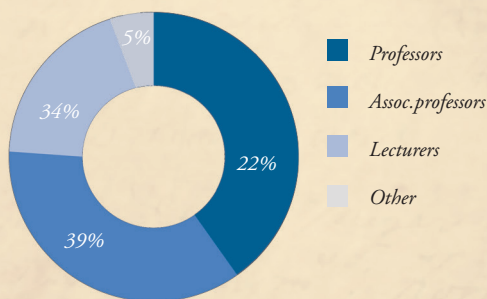
Professors: 23

Assoc. professors: 40

Lecturers: 35

Other: 5

Non-academic staff: 25



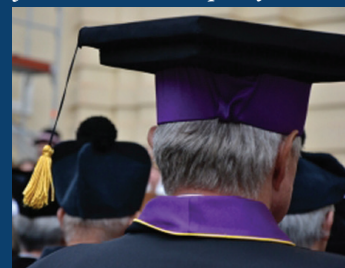
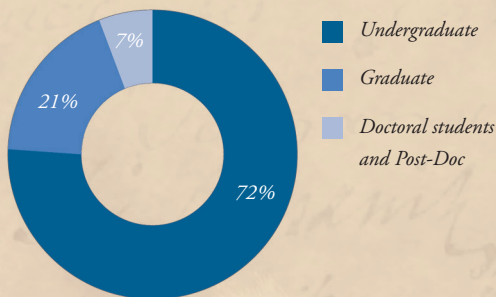
## STUDENTS

### Total enrolment in regular study programmes in 2012: 1443

Undergraduate: 1046

Postgraduate: 300

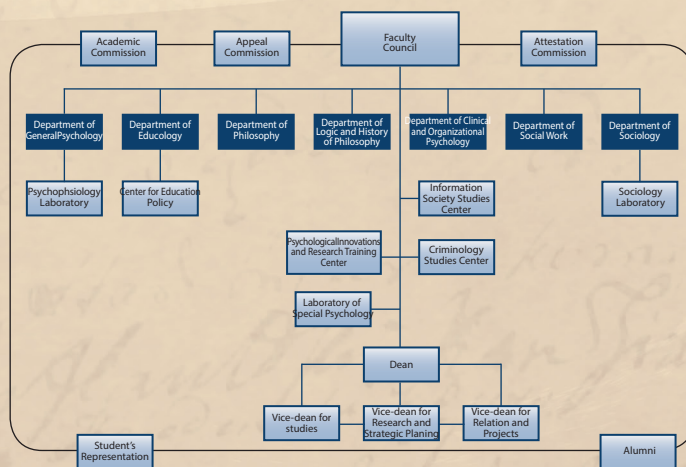
Doctoral students and Post-Doc: 97



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

### STRUCTURE

- Faculty Council
- Commissions: Attestation Commission, Appeal Commission, Academic Commission
- Dean's office (Dean, Vice-deans, Heads of chairs, Technical staff)
- Academic branch units: departments, centers, laboratories
- Academic functional units: centres, study programme committees
- Non-academic units: Faculty students representation, library, alumni





## MANAGEMENT

The Faculty is managed and represented by the Dean who coordinates the work and activities of its members. The Dean is assisted by three Vice-Deans.



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## STUDIES

The Faculty of Philosophy offers basic as well as second and third cycle study programmes. Five bachelor programmes (philosophy, psychology, social policy, social work and sociology), more than ten master programmes and four doctoral programmes are taught in Lithuanian. Part of the courses are taught in English. The Faculty offers major field studies as well as minor field studies.

	Graduate studies (Master)	Postgraduate studies (Doctoral)
	Educology	Educology
	Philosophy	Philosophy
		Psychology
		Sociology
Undergraduate studies (Bachelor)		
Philosophy	Clinical Psychology	
Psychology	Organizational Psychology	
Social Policy	Educational Psychology	
Social Work	Law Psychology	
Sociology	Health Psychology	
	Social Work	
	Social Policy	
	Sociology	
	Sociology and Criminology	
	Special Pedagogy	

In addition the Faculty offers:

- \*international programme European Master in Social Work [www.europeanmaster-socialwork.eu](http://www.europeanmaster-socialwork.eu);
- \*part-time bachelor studies in psychology for persons with a tertiary education degree;
- \*teacher training programme leading to qualified teacher status.

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION

The international activities of the Faculty of Philosophy are focused on research as well as scientific and tuitional cooperation with foreign universities. The cooperation agreements involve the exchange of faculty teachers and students, participation in international projects, scientific research, etc.

The Faculty is involved in numerous European Union programmes: the Life Long Learning Programmes (Erasmus students and staff mobility, Intensive Programme, Curriculum Development, Thematic Network, Leonardo da Vinci, TEMPUS), NordForsk, Daphne, EC Public Health Programme and other international programmes.

Faculty of Philosophy is coordinating or participating in about 10 international research and development programmes.

The Faculty hosts up to 10 international conferences and international seminars every year.

The Faculty of Philosophy is part of the European Erasmus high education network; more than 60 bilateral cooperation agreements have been signed with universities from 19 countries all over Europe regarding student and academic staff exchange.

The Faculty has had many visiting professors and teachers from all over the world (USA, Germany, Belgium, Finland, Norway, etc.) to share their experience. The Faculty also promotes student mobility. Approximately 10% of students study abroad at some point of their studies.



## STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Among all courses in foreign languages, offered by Vilnius University, the following courses are currently available at the Faculty of Philosophy:

### **Social Research Strategies and Methods (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The course covers topics on 4 main research strategies such as quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and case study. General research phases, structural parts, and report preparation are discussed as well. According to Cresswel, Bryman, Denzin, and Yin, research ethics, plagiarism cases, citation culture, and papers' general requirements will be analyzed and practiced during the seminar meetings.

### **Epistemology (3.0 ECTS credits)**

This course is a general introduction to contemporary analytic epistemology. The main aim of the course is to familiarize students with problems and debates that are most central to the field and to equip them with the philosophical skills necessary to do more advanced work.

### **Life-span Development (6.0 ECTS credits)**

This course will focus on the information about certain aspects of life-span development. The aim of the course is to introduce main theories of developmental psychology, discuss new ideas and new theories in theoretical part of developmental psychology as well as practical part – research ideas and methods in developmental psychology.

### **Sociology of Ethnic Relations (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The aim of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the main developments in history and theory of nationalism and ethnicity: from the fundamental “pre-modernity vs. modernity” debate between Anthony Smith and Ernest Gellner to contemporary debates in sociology of nationalism and political philosophy.



**Social Psychology (8.0 ECTS credits)**

The proposed course of social psychology aims to acquaint students with basic notions and corresponding phenomena of the subject. The relevant methods and applied aspects of social psychology will also be covered.

**Posttraumatic Society (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The course will focus on psychological after-effects of totalitarian regimes. The history of 20th century in Europe was marked with atrocities and suffering. Aim of this course is to discuss historical traumas and its psychological impact on societies and individuals.

**Research Methods and Statistics in Social Sciences (6.0 ECTS credits)**

This course will focus on the information about research or common aspects of research in social sciences. During this course we will discuss the foundations of social research, preparation for research, research design such as experiment, observations, focus groups, surveys. Students will have knowledge about interviews, questionnaires, various comparison studies and their advantages and disadvantages. Sampling issues will be discussed as well.

**Developmental Psychopathology (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Developmental psychopathology provides a framework for understanding origins and patterns of maladaptive behaviors across lifespan. This course introduces to the various forms of psychopathology in childhood and adolescence

years, examines the processes, risk and protective factors that help to explain why some individuals develop psychological difficulties and others do not.

**Introduction to Counselling and Psychotherapy (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The goal of this course is to introduce main concepts and perspectives in psychotherapy, and the role of evidence based practice and research in psychotherapy. Students will be introduced to main approaches in counseling and psychotherapy: humanistic-existential, psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, family systems and integrative.

**Communication Psychology (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Main objectives and outcomes: to introduce and analyze main communication variables that may affect both negatively and positively interaction processes among groups and individuals having in mind sociocultural context.

**Mental health and HIV/AIDS (5.0 ECTS credits)**

This is an interactive module, involving independent reading, lectures and active learning process through introspective analysis, role-playing and situation modeling. Professional psychologists will be also invited as lecturers.

**History and Philosophy of Science (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The course is aimed at acquainting students with the main stages of scientific development and with the main trends in philosophy of science.

Description. The course consists of 15 lectures and 5 seminars. Some of the key issues are as follows: what is this thing called science? Plato: can we understand the structure of cosmos without appealing to the Creator? What is the aim of physics in Aristotle's philosophy of nature? What were main the problems in medieval cosmology and philosophy of nature? The formation of modern physics as a paradigmatic science: Galileo and Descartes.





Rise of modern physics: Newton. Normative philosophy of science: the problem of induction and its solution in philosophy of logical positivism. The aim of science in deductive philosophy of science: Popper-Carnap controversy. Can we evaluate the growth of knowledge and how do we choose the hypothesis?

### **Health Psychology (5.0 ECTS credits)**

This course is designed to give a broad overview of the field of health psychology. We will cover both theoretical and applied aspects of the work of the health psychologist. Health psychology is a young and developing field of study that examines the relationship between psychology and health. A variety of health-related topics will be discussed including: health behaviours, enhancing and compromising behaviours, stress and coping, psychoneuroimmunology, etiology and course of illness, and challenges in health psychology. The course is designed for undergraduate students with an interest in the role of psychological factors in health and illness.

### **Psychology of Aging (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Students will be informed about the many areas of current and future demand created by an increasing number of aging individuals. The interplay of personality and normal psychological changes due to aging will be investigated. Psychological problems that may occur in old age, as well as appropriate therapeutic interventions, will be examined.

### **Sociology of Education (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The aim of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the main developments in sociological theories of education and to analyze sociological problems of educational field.

### **Urban Sociology (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Students will learn to analyze urban phenomena and processes by applying urban sociology theories, they will acquire basic knowledge and skills to identify and analyze urban social problems.

### **Economic Sociology (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The broad field of economic sociology focuses on sociological explanations of economic activity. Many early classical economic theorists (ex. Adam Smith and David Ricardo) are not considered to be “sociologists,” but their ideas had a profound impact on early social theorists, such as Karl Marx.

### **Classical Ethics and Modern Leadership (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Students will acquire an exhaustive knowledge of Aristotelian anthropology and its evolution; understanding of the concept of virtues, their functional aspects. Also, they will be able to analyze exigencies of modern times in the light of the classical concepts. Classical ethics in leadership practice: Covey, Havard.

### **Criminological Discourses (5.0 ECTS credits)**

Main aims of the course to provide student with knowledge about discursive variety and peculiarity of social understanding of crime, as well as with basic skills for critical analysis and evaluation of different types of discourses about crime and criminal justice.

### **Contemporary Analytic Philosophy of Language (5.0 ECTS credits)**

The course consists solely of seminars. It aims at providing a general picture of the contemporary analytic discourse in philosophy of language – the problems of syntax, semantics and pragmatics of language – reading and discussing recent scientific papers. The dominant questions are the philosophical aspects of semantics and finer analysis of the concepts of sense, reference and truth: What makes a linguistic expression meaningful? What is the relation between sense of an expression and its reference? What is the relation among mind, language and reality? What is the connection between reference and truth?



## Philosophy of Science (5.0 ECTS credits)

Course designed to clarify the history, scope and key debates of philosophy of science. The typologies of significant stances in philosophy and sociology of science will be highlighted.

Full information on courses currently offered at the Faculty of Philosophy as well as their description can be found at this address:



<http://www.fsf.vu.lt/en/studies/exchange-students/courses-taught-in-foreign-languages>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### • Autumn semester

September 2 – January 26

### • Spring semester

February 4 – June 30

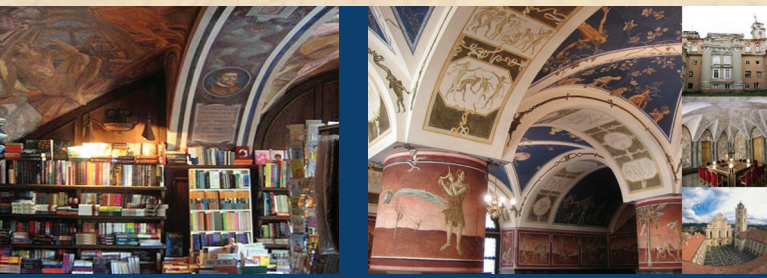
Spring session: June 3 – June 30

### • Holidays

Christmas Holiday: December 25 - January 1

Easter Holiday: April 14 - 21 (in 2014)

Summer Holiday: July 1 - August 31



## FACULTY ERASMUS COORDINATORS

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\*More information about studies for international students at the Faculty of Philosophy: <http://www.fsf.vu.lt/en/studies/>



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## RESEARCH AT THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

There are 7 departments, 4 centers and 3 laboratories at the Faculty of Philosophy, which concentrate their research activities on different social and humanitarian sciences and are implementing both national and international research programmes and projects.

### DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY



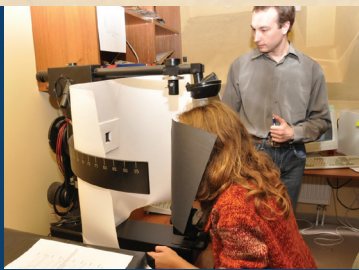
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#### Main research areas:

- Psychological aspects of legal relations
- Psychological wellbeing of different community groups
- Psychosocial and biological aspects of early self-regulation

#### Research interests:

- Psychopathology of the early stages of relationship
- Procedural justice in Lithuanian criminal and civil proceedings
- Emotional and behavioral problems of Lithuanian children
- Psychological aspects of addiction
- Cognitive development and social cognition in adolescence
- Cross-cultural psychology: research of psychological features of Lithuanian subethical groups



### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCOLOGY



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#### Main research areas:

- Intercultural education in the perspective of globalization
- Educational management in the context of sustainable development

#### Research interests:

- Transformations of education policy in Lithuania
- Contemporary trends and development of education management
- Education for sustainable development
- Studies of Lithuanian educational heritage
- Intercultural education
- Philosophy of education

### DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY



Assoc. Prof. Kęstutis Dubnikas  
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#### Main research area:

- Philosophical analysis of the impact of globalization impact on culture

#### Research interests:

- General trends in the development of philosophy and specific manifestations of these trends at the turn of the millennia
- Changes in the role of philosophy during transition from classics to postmodernism, information civilization, focusing on changes in the methods and modes of philosophical reflection
- History of positivist philosophy, focusing on relations between positivist and pragmatist philosophy



DEPARTMENT OF LOGIC AND HISTORY  
OF PHILOSOPHY



Head Prof. Marius Povilas Šaulauskas  
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Main research area:

- Methodological analysis of the development of philosophical discourse

Research interests:

- Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations
- Modern–postmodern controversy
- Analytic philosophy and hermeneutics
- Contemporary Christian philosophy
- Religion studies
- Philosophy of history

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY



Head Prof. Danutė Gailienė  
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Main research areas:

- The impact of the stress of social transformations on individuals, families and social groups
- Psychological problems of children whose parents left abroad for work

Research interests:

- Psychosocial risk and protective factors of self- destructive behavior and its prevention models
- Psychopathology of personality development
- The process of psychotherapy and its effectiveness

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK



Head Assoc. Prof. Jolita Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė  
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Main research areas:

- Social work and social services in the context of multicultural environment and transformation of society
- Labour market and modernization of the system of social welfare

Research interests:

- Development of social services in Lithuania
- Social and cultural integration of persons with disabilities
- Poverty and social exclusion
- Intercultural education and communication
- Effectiveness of social protection measures, pensions and social security

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



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Main research area:

- Social discourses and action

Research interests:

- Analysis of theoretical discourses
- Methodology of comparative historical sociological research
- Sociology of education and science
- Sociology of deviations and crime
- Sociology of communities and rural community development
- Corruption and anti-corruption activity
- Role of mass media in contemporary society

## CENTERS

## INFORMATION SOCIETY STUDIES CENTER

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Conducts research in the field of the fundamental social, cultural, and political changes that are directly or indirectly stimulated and generated by the rapid development based on the principle of digital communication.

## CENTER FOR EDUCATION POLICY

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Conducts theoretical and applied research on education policy, the system of education, analyses the issues of educational reform, financing of education and private tutoring, organizes courses for students in education policy and management.

PSYCHOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND  
RESEARCH TRAINING CENTER

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Provides professional psychological services, conducts psychological researches, provides training for graduate students and professional psychologists.

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Conducts research, criminological expertise, takes part in national and international projects, coordinates the practical use and learning (teaching) of interdisciplinary criminological knowledge and organises interdisciplinary criminological studies.

## LABORATORIES

## LABORATORY OF SPECIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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## Main research areas:

- Multidimensionality of the functioning of a person: theoretical, assessmental and practical aspects

## Research interests:

- Psychosocial functioning of disabled people and their families
- Psychometrics
- Creation, adaptation and standardization of psychological assessment methods

## PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY

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## Main research areas:

- Information technologies of transducers and neural nets
- Investigation of the psychophysiological mechanism of human perception

## Research interests:

- Psychosocial modeling on sensation and perception: color and visual space perception, local feature extraction and dynamic processes dealing with attention and perception

## SOCIOLOGY LABORATORY

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