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DISCOVER THE UNKNOWN THROUGH





*It's so nice to know that education in Liepaja University becomes more and more popular abroad. Dear potential students, you are welcome to serious, qualitative and creative studies!*

**Liepaja University Rector,  
Dr.philol, Prof. Dace Markus**



Liepaja University is one of the universities of the Republic of Latvia. Liepaja University is a symbol of education, science and culture of Liepaja and Kurzeme region that provides competitive, internationally recognized varied education. Liepaja University develops innovative research, ensures sustainability of society development, economic knowledge development in Latvia as a lawful partner in European Union.

- ▮ Accredited state University
- ▮ High quality education for a reasonable price
- ▮ Degrees recognized worldwide
- ▮ Individual approach
- ▮ Exchange and scholarship programs
- ▮ Cooperation with more than 100 HEI in the world
- ▮ Cheap living costs, student hostel available
- ▮ Located in the 3rd biggest city in Latvia – Liepaja –  
in the city center near the beach
- ▮ Easy to get around the city
- ▮ Active student life

## FACULTIES

### Faculty of Management and Social Sciences

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**Basic studies:** Business and organization management, Culture management, Tourism and recreation management

**Higher level studies:** Management sciences

 Psychological Support Center

### Faculty of Science and Engineering

E-Mail: [dif@liepu.lv](mailto:dif@liepu.lv)

**Basic studies:** Information technology, Computer sciences, Mechatronics, Nature and renewable energy resources management and engineering

**Higher level studies:** Ecotechnologies, Information technology

**Doctoral program:** E-study technologies and management

### Faculty of Humanities and Arts

E-Mail: [hmzf@liepu.lv](mailto:hmzf@liepu.lv)

**Basic studies:** Baltic philology, culture and communication, Design, European language and culture studies, New media art

**Higher level studies:** New media and audiovisual art, Writing studies

**Doctoral programs:** New media art, Linguistics

 Art Research Laboratory

### Faculty of Pedagogy and Social work


E-Mail: [psdf@liepu.lv](mailto:psdf@liepu.lv)

**Basic studies:** Social work, Speech therapy, Teacher, Pre School Teacher

**Higher level studies:** General education teacher, Career consultant, Social work, Music therapy

**Doctoral programs:** Pedagogy

 Speech Therapy Center

 Music Therapy Center

## RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

Liepaja University has been registered as one of the scientific institutions in Latvia. The scientific institution functions as four research institutes in the University, also several research centers and laboratories. Research activities are coordinated by the Scientific Council and Vice-Rector responsible for research.

### Institute of Educational Sciences (IES)

E-mail: [izi@liepu.lv](mailto:izi@liepu.lv)

Institute of Educational Sciences is a university unit whose aim is scientific and research activities in the field of educational sciences. The main directions are to provide educational and scientific qualifications improvement in the field of education; the organizational work of the doctoral program "Pedagogy", to promote educational research results in the society.

 Alternative Education Center

 Sociological Research Center

 Special Education Laboratory

### Kurzeme Institute of Humanities (KHI)

E-mail: [khi@liepu.lv](mailto:khi@liepu.lv), Website: <http://khi.liepu.lv/>

Kurzeme Institute of Humanities was founded on September 1, 2007.

KHI research fields: Latvian diachronic and synchronic linguistics; Latvian literature; Latvian folklore; history and theory of theatre.

Mission of the KHI is the research of the Latvian cultural heritage, especially in Kurzeme region, the research of Latvian language and current culture process, the popularization of the regional cultural heritage. KHI researchers are involved in National Research programs.

### Institute of Science and Innovative Technologies (ISIT)

E-mail: [mziti@liepu.lv](mailto:mziti@liepu.lv)

LiepU Institute of Science and Innovative Technologies started functioning on the 1st of November 2006. ISIT research interests are: Drone based system for geological purposes, Artificial intelligence utilization, Wave energy research, Big Data mathematical modeling and HPC, Smart city IT solutions, Internet of Things, Innovative mathematical education.

 Circular Economy Center

### Institute of Management Sciences (IMS)

E-mail: [vzi@liepu.lv](mailto:vzi@liepu.lv)

LiepU Institute of Management Sciences (IMS) started its work on the 1st of September 2008. IMS research areas: Business administration, Public administration, Educational management. Main research directions are sustainable economic development, youth entrepreneurial skills, tourism in Baltic Sea Region: innovation, development, management, creative



and technologic quarter development in the city environment, public relations in the context of small country, fake news and its impact, intellectual capital impact in the enterprise, public administration and educational organizations development in the context of team work, staff motivation, job satisfaction; educational management issues: educational management history in Latvia, quality management, organizational culture, teachers` motivation.

### Art Research Laboratory (MPLab)

E-mail: [mplab@liepu.lv](mailto:mplab@liepu.lv), Website: <http://mplab.lv/en/>

Art Research Laboratory (MPLab) is established in November 1, 2006 as a structural research unit under the Faculty of Humanities and Arts. The general aim of MPLab is to perform scientific research in the field of new media, culture and education, and to establish dynamic, innovative and responsive environment for research in art. MPLab develops new media art education in Liepaja. Research interests: Immersive media art – VR, MR, 360° video and sound; Sustainable art and technologies, Art and Science – from visualization until prototypes; Sound Art; Media archeology, Art as research.

### Speech Therapy Center (STC)

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STC was created in 2005. It carries out scientific research in the field of speech therapy, maintains the quality, further development at professional and academic level of the study programme "Speech Therapy". STC helps children and adults with speech and language disorders. STC created Speech and Voice research laboratory. Its main research fields are Occupational voice ergonomics and Voice quality in patients after thyroid surgery.

### Music Therapy Center (MTC)

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MTC was founded in 2012. Its aim is scientific research in the field of music therapy. It facilitates development of the study programme "Music Therapy" and promotes music therapists' professional activity by implementing innovative methods and approach in popularization of music therapy and putting it into practice. MTC's main target groups: children with special needs and adults with mental development problems.

## ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year begins in September and is over towards the end of June. It comprises 40 weeks of lectures, seminars and practical work and is mainly divided into 2 semesters. Examination sessions take place at the end of each semester (first session starts in January and second – in June). Students are examined separately in each subject and the total number of examinations in a semester is usually between four and six, but it depends on a study program. Students who fail in an examination, can generally try to pass it again during the session or afterwards.

## LIEPAJA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The Liepaja University Library is housed in the central building of the University at Lielā iela 14.

The library was founded in 1954; its collection contains 70 000 different items: 66 000 books, about 4 000 periodicals, collection of bachelor and master theses, dissertations, audio-visual and other materials. The library attends to the needs of the students of the Liepaja University, its teaching staff and other personnel. The users can use the lending library, the reading room and the reading room of electronic resources with free access. To borrow books, one needs an ISIC card valid for a year.

Since 1992 the library information system ALISE (Advanced Library Information Service) has been introduced in the library. The electronic catalogue is at users' disposal, and it is easy to use on smartphone and other portable devices (<https://alise.liepu.lv>). In the electronic catalogue one can find information about the necessary printed materials, book them for work in the reading room or borrow them at the Lending Department, see how many and what printed materials have been taken, when they need to be returned, as well as extend the term of use.

For more diverse search and use of information resources, the library has subscribed databases Letonika, EBSCO, EBSCO eBooks Collection, Cambridge Journals Online, Science Direct, Scopus and Web of Sciences. For registered users databases are available also outside the computer network of Liepaja University.

A bibliographer-consultant will help you in your search for the necessary information. If the necessary printed materials are not held in the library, the user can get any item from other libraries of Latvia, as well as from foreign libraries through Interlibrary Loan Service (SSBA).

During the library's working hours, users can return and hand out printed materials independently using the SelfCheck device. Outside the library's working hours, it is possible to return printed materials using the book-drop box in the university lobby.

The library is equipped with free access computers, with the help of which students can obtain information not only about the library collection and services, but also use them for writing qualification papers, etc. Everybody in need can make use of the paid services in the library - binding the printed materials, copying etc.



### SERVICES:

- ▣ Borrowing (Lending Department)
- ▣ In-house use of information resources (Reading Room)
- ▣ Use of computers for study purposes (Reading Room of Electronic resources)
- ▣ Copying and printing

**Last Wednesday of each month  
Liepaja University Library is closed –  
MAINTENANCE DAY!**



## ERASMUS+ PROGRAM



# Erasmus+

### INFORMATION FOR INCOMING ERASMUS+ STUDENTS

ERASMUS+ is the most successful student exchange program in the world. Liepaja University has been participating in ERASMUS program since the 1999/2000 academic year and it is coordinated by LiepU Foreign Affairs department. The program has opened a great opportunity to widen transnational cooperation between higher education institutions by promoting mobility for students and teaching staff. Liepaja University has more than 100 partner universities in 30 countries.

Each study year, Liepaja University hosts around 30 exchange students from different countries.

Available study courses for exchange students are here:  
<https://www.liepu.lv/en/36/offered-subjects>



### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

June 15 - Autumn semester  
November 15 - Spring semester

### APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- Application form
- Learning Agreement
- Passport or ID card copy
- Transcript of Records
- Photo for student card (.jpeg)

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Sending institutions coordinator sends nomination letter to [erasmus@liepu.lv](mailto:erasmus@liepu.lv)
2. Student prepares application documents
3. Student/coordinator sends application documents (scanned) to [erasmus@liepu.lv](mailto:erasmus@liepu.lv)
4. Student/coordinator sends application documents by regular mail
5. LiepU coordinator sends confirmation letter and confirmed application documents to sending institutions International office

### ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Foreign Affairs Department  
Liepaja University  
Liela iela 14, Liepaja  
LV-3401, Latvia

### INFORMATION FOR OUTGOING ERASMUS+ STUDENTS

Students may apply for the ERASMUS+ program if they:

- Are registered students at Liepaja University
- Have successfully completed their first 2 semesters (except Student Mobility for Placements)
- Speak English or the language of the host country on at least an intermediate level
- Do not have academic or tuition fee debts

Within the framework of Erasmus+ programme Liepaja University offers LiepU **students Study Mobility** (3-12 month) and **Student Mobility for Placements** (2-12 month).

**In the beginning** of each study semester, students are welcome to apply for exchange studies / internship in Foreign Affairs department by submitting following documents:

- Student Application Form for the Student / Internship Mobility
- Transcript of Record issued by the faculty
- Statement on Academic Success issued by the faculty
- Motivation Letter in English or in the language the studies will be held
- CV (only for internships)
- Official certificate of foreign language knowledge (if any)

**Prior to the departure** students have to be aware about the ERASMUS+ Student Charter and have to prepare such documents:

- Document package for the host institution
- Learning / Traineeship Agreement
- Prior Mobility Study Course Recognition Plan (for studies)
- Contract on the provision of students' practice placement concluded in the faculty (for internship)
- Grant Agreement
- Travel Insurance for the all study period abroad

**Upon arrival**, ERASMUS+ students have to submit (during 1 month):

- Transcript of Record issued by host institution (only studies)
- Letter of Confirmation issued by host institution (only studies)
- After Mobility Study Course Recognition Plan (only studies)
- FINAL EVALUATION OF PRACTICE issued by placement supervisor (only internship)
- Additional confirmation documents (travel checks or tickets, documents confirming living expenses, travel insurance policy etc.)
- ONLINE REPORT FORM
- "Student Success Story"



## LIFELONG LEARNING DEPARTMENT

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LiepU Lifelong learning department offers non-formal education programs:

- Foreign language courses  
(English, German, Spanish, Chinese);
- Psychological courses for self-development;
- Other non-formal educational programs as  
creating of web pages; practical document  
management.

Lifelong learning center additionally offers everyone who wants to learn a new knowledge to attend full time or part time study courses of LiepU Bachelor or Master level programs in a listener status for the additional fee.



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Liepaja University Student council is a student-focused organization which represents the rights and benefits of Liepaja University students. The Student Council delegates its members to the Liepaja University Senate, Faculty Councils and many other institutions and authorities, as well as the Student Union of Latvia and The Liepaja City Council Youth Commission.

The organization is composed of 15 elected members and many activists. The work is organized by a board chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and the heads of 9 departments – Culture, Sports, Public Relations, External Relations, Social, Environmental, Financial and Academic.

The main fields of activity are cultural, academic, social issues and sports. Among other social and academic activities, the Student Council organizes traditional events as freshmen “initiation” and freshmen party for 1st year students, Christmas Ball and Spring Ball, Blood donation days, Charity events, The Big Cleanup etc.

The Student Council also is responsible for the “Buddy system”, through which local students are the first Latvian friend and contact person for incoming international student and help them to fit in the university and the town of Liepaja. They cooperate with other departments of Liepaja University and participate in organizing such events as Health Day, Informational Days and many others.

The Student Council is open for new ideas and ways how to enrich life at Liepaja University for students and personnel and welcomes active students to join them and together make the university a better place for everyone. The Student Council is a place for gaining new experience, knowledge and skills as well as making new friends and having a wonderful study time!

## STUDENT COUNCIL



<http://www.liepusp.lv/>



[studentu.padome@liepu.lv](mailto:studentu.padome@liepu.lv)





[ilze.valce@liepu.lv](mailto:ilze.valce@liepu.lv)

## WOMEN'S CHOIR "ATBALSS"

LiepU student choir "Atbalss" is always new, because the compositions are constantly changing. Choral number of participants from 80 to 100 singers in the past. The choir gives concerts quite frequently in Liepaja University, in churches and concert halls throughout Latvia. The gold medal winners in 2014 of the Third World Choir Games (conductor Ilze Valce).

## SPORTS

University offers to take part in these sport activities – fitness, floorball, basketball (women), frisbee.



## THE FOLK DANCE COLLECTIVE "BANGA" and "BANDZENIEKI"

Folk dance collective "Banga" was established on the 18th March, 2009. Their home town is Liepaja – the town of music, the town where the wind is born, the town by sea. This is the reason why the title of collective arose naturally, it characterizes the environment in which we work, live and enjoy. Their essential value is the aim to develop strong, ambitious, united and continuously developing folk dance collective in Liepaja.

In 19 September 2012 our dance community joined middle aged dancers „Bandzenieki”, choosing to spend their evenings together, hand in hand, dance with passion and say : „Who wants, that can”.

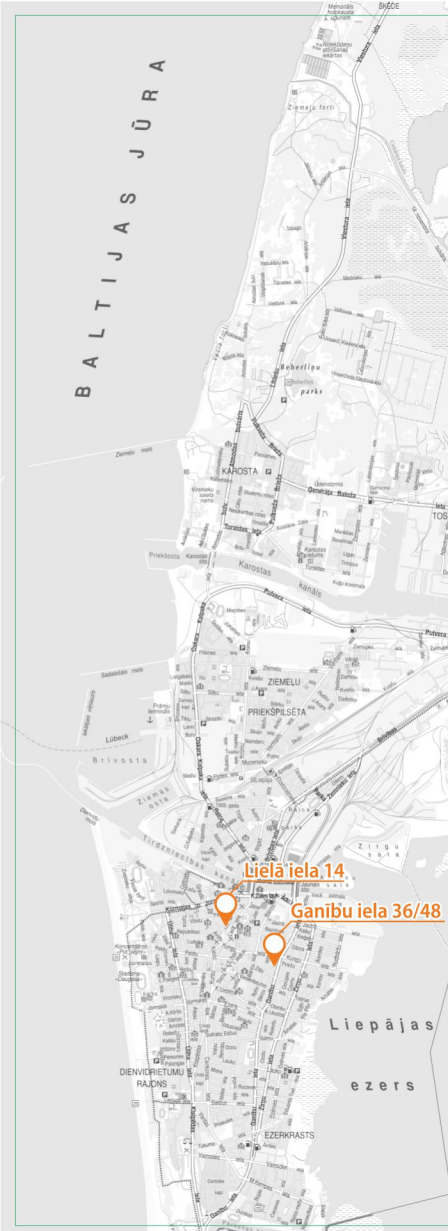


<http://www.banga.liepu.lv/en>



[banga@liepu.lv](mailto:banga@liepu.lv)





## ACCOMMODATION

International students are usually housed in shared rooms (2-3 persons) with a common kitchen, shower and toilets. Linen, blankets, pillows and kitchen utensils are provided. Liepaja University Student Hostels rooms are furnished, a fridge is in each room, Free Wi-fi and there is a laundry.

To reserve a place in a student hostel, students must write an e-mail to [hostel.oagprojekti@inbox.lv](mailto:hostel.oagprojekti@inbox.lv) minimum 5 days before arrival!

### Rent per month is:

- EUR 40-50 (triple-room)
- EUR 58-72 (double-room)
- EUR 116-143 (single room)

**Address:** Ganību iela 36/48  
**Phone:** +371 63424275  
**E-mail:** [hostel.oagprojekti@inbox.lv](mailto:hostel.oagprojekti@inbox.lv)  
[liepuviesnica@inbox.lv](mailto:liepuviesnica@inbox.lv)

# INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS

## COMPUTER SCIENCES (BACHELOR)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Computer Science
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree of Natural Science in Computer Science
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	3 years / Full time (Fall / Spring intake)
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>2200 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Certificate of Secondary Education (official transcript is required)</li><li>• Grade in Mathematics from the GCSE</li><li>• Grade in English from the GCSE</li><li>• IELTS min 5.5</li><li>• Interview</li></ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="http://www.liepu.lv/en/48/computer-sciences">http://www.liepu.lv/en/48/computer-sciences</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p><b>The central aim</b> of the program is to give academic education in the field of Information and Communication Technologies.</p> <p>Studies are organized in the form of lectures, seminars, practical classes and laboratory works, students' independent assignment (individually, literary studies, project development in small groups). Implementation of each course envisages integration of knowledge, skills and abilities, succession of the courses in their relation to writing the students' research project.</p> <p>During the course students fulfill tasks of the practice, set up and present term paper (second academic year) and Bachelor paper (third academic year).</p> <p><b>Main courses:</b> Programming, Database Technologies, Management of Software Development Projects, Computer Architecture, Continuous Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, Computer Science and Numerical Methods.</p> <p>After obtaining Bachelor's degree, graduates have an opportunity to work at organizations performing software development, delivery, and maintenance. They also are entitled to continue their studies as Master students in Information Technology or Computer Science.</p>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Dzintars Tomsons, <a href="mailto:dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv">dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv</a>



### **Bachelor of Computer Science student Brian Scott from Sri Lanka:**

Once I completed my professional diploma, I was looking to follow my future studies in northern European countryside. After considering many countries and courses, Liepaja University was the best pick for me. Liepaja is a calm and beautiful city blessed with many natural resources. Long, white sandy coastline, beautiful lakes and rivers flow through the city making it an elegant environment, where to have a peaceful student life. Along with study sessions, I get opportunities to enjoy its music, dances and other culture programs. I found that life in Liepaja is much more simple and affordable compared to other major cities in Latvia and Baltic region. Also staff of LiepU has been very friendly and supportive from the day I started my application process, which helped me to reach my educational plans quicker. Since LiepU is a state university, students here get all facilities and recognition of European education system, which is accredited in EU and my home country Sri Lanka as well.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BACHELOR)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Computer Science
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR Degree in Information Technology, qualification of <b>Software Engineer</b> or <b>Electronic Commerce Specialist</b>
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	4 years / Full time (Fall / Spring intakes)
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>2200 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Certificate of Secondary Education (official transcript is required)</li> <li>• Grade in Mathematics from the GCSE</li> <li>• Grade in English from the GCSE</li> <li>• IELTS min 5.5</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="http://www.liepu.lv/en/49/information-technology">http://www.liepu.lv/en/49/information-technology</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p><b>The main goal</b> of the program is to prepare highly qualified specialists in Information Technology, providing possibilities to acquire professional higher education and competencies that promotes development of creative personality and professional career.</p> <p>Studies are organized in the form of lectures, seminars, practical classes and laboratory works, students' independent assignment. Implementation of each course envisages integration of knowledge, skills and abilities, succession of the courses in their relation to writing students' research project.</p> <p><b>Compulsory courses: Software Engineering.</b> Programming, Algorithms and Data structures, Object-Oriented Programming, Programming Languages, Development of Web-based Applications, Databases, Software Project Management, Information System Analysis and Design, Software Testing and Quality, Software Agile Development, Computer Networks, Information System Security, Computer Architecture, Operating Systems.</p> <p><b>Compulsory courses: Electronic Commerce Specialist.</b> Object Oriented Modeling, Office software, Economic statistics, Management Theory; Marketing; Public Relations, Strategic management, Innovation economy, Accounting; Financial Theory, Introduction to Sociology, Labor protection and ergonomics, Civil law, Internet marketing, Visual communication, International business, E-commerce topicalities, E-commerce and money.</p> <p>After obtaining professional Bachelor's degree the graduates have an opportunity to work at organizations performing software development, delivery, and maintenance or to work in organization that uses or develops e-commerce technology systems. They also are entitled to continue their studies as Master students in IT or Computer Science.</p>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Dzintars Tomsons, dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv



### **Bachelor of Information Technology student Semen Fedun from Russia:**

*I have only positive impressions about Liepaja! Liepaja is a small town and it is a resort! It is warmer than in Saint Petersburg. People are so polite here! It is not too expensive. My favorite place is Seaside park and I often go to concerts to concert hall "Great Amber". I understood that I want to study in Latvia even 3 years ago, when I was just 16 years old. The most I like about Liepaja University - the traditions of our teachers, how they read the lectures for us! They have a lot of energy and lot of drive! It makes me work harder!*

## EUROPEAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES (BACHELOR)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Languages
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	3 years (with prerequisites for 2nd language) or 4 years (without prerequisites for 2nd language) Full time (Fall intake only)
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>2200 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Certificate of Secondary Education (official transcript is required)</li> <li>• Grade in English from the GCSE</li> <li>• IELTS min 5.5</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English and French/ German/ Latvian/ Russian/ Spanish
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="https://www.liepu.lv/en/81/european-language-and-culture-studies">https://www.liepu.lv/en/81/european-language-and-culture-studies</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p><b>The aim</b> is to provide the students an opportunity to acquire basic academic education and the Bachelor's Degree in the English and German language and culture studies, or in the English and Russian language and culture studies, or in the English and French language and culture studies, or in the English and Spanish language and culture studies, or in the English and Latvian language and culture studies, promoting acquisition of theoretical knowledge, independent research skills and techniques within the sphere of European language and culture studies, providing an opportunity to prepare oneself for independent professional activity in the spheres, which require for European language – English and German or Russian, or French, or Spanish, or Latvian – proficiency (up to C1 level in English; B2 in 2nd language), and competence in culture.</p> <p>Compulsory study courses - general education humanities studies: Introduction into Culture Studies, World Literature</p> <p><b>Main subjects are:</b> Culture, Philosophy, Latvian Language for Foreign Students and English language and culture studies, Practical Phonetics, Practical Grammar, Lexico-stylistics, Written and Oral Communication, Culture Studies, 20th Century English Literature in Original Language, Translation Methods and Practice.</p> <p>Optional study courses - French or German, or Russian, or Spanish, or Latvian language and culture studies: Practical Phonetics, Practical Grammar, Lexico-stylistics, Written and Oral Communication, Culture Studies, 20th Century French or Russian, or Spanish, or Latvian Literature in Original Language, Translation Methods and Practice.</p>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Elita Balčus, elita.balcus@liepu.lv



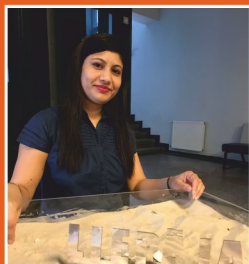
### **Bachelor of European Language and Culture studies Amina Heydarova from Azerbaijan:**

*I don't know how the studies are going to other sections, but I am suggesting this program! The way how we study is different from my country, it is a lot more pleasant! And it works better than simple studies when you have to learn everything by heart, without any pleasure. For example, when I am doing my homework, I do not have a thought in my brains – I have to do this and if I will not do it I will have this or that. I am doing it because I like it! Because I like teachers, I gain satisfaction, I gain pleasure. And that is the biggest reason! Literally I have a very good opinion on overall program!*



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MASTER)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Computer Science
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	PROFESSIONAL MASTER degree in Information Technology, qualification of <b>Information Technology Project Manager</b> or qualification of <b>Software Engineer</b>
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	1.6 or 2 years /Full time (Fall / Spring intakes)
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>2800 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor degree (official transcripts required)</li> <li>• Interview with each applicant</li> <li>• Students, who obtained their Bachelor degree at least two years before, have to submit the thesis (5 to 10 pages) about a free chosen and topical research problem in the field of Computer Sciences or Information Technologies</li> <li>• IELTS min 5.5</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="http://www.liepu.lv/en/51/information-technology">http://www.liepu.lv/en/51/information-technology</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p><b>The aim</b> of the program is to educate high qualification specialists for professional activity in the field of Technologies and Telecommunication with specialization in Software Engineering or Management of Information Technology projects.</p> <p>Acquisition of the study program is organized in the form of lectures, seminars, practical classes and laboratory works, students' independent assignment. Implementation of each course envisages integration of knowledge, skills and abilities, succession of the courses in their relation to writing students' research project.</p> <p><b>Main subjects are:</b> System analysis, Information system security, Software testing, Business process modeling, Business process re-engineering, High performance computing, Mathematical models and tools, Software design and tools, Research Methodology, E-Learning didactics and technologies, Multimedia systems.</p> <p>After obtaining Professional Master's degree graduates can work in organizations that carry out software development, deployment, maintenance, providing IT consulting and information systems audit. Graduates can continue their education in Liepaja University as doctoral students.</p>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Anita Jansone, <a href="mailto:anita.jansone@liepu.lv">anita.jansone@liepu.lv</a>



### Master of Information Technology Preety Bawa from India:

*I am very happy to be here, because there are many students from different countries, we are living here as one family! So it is a good experience for me. Our professors are very helpful to us and they give us good information about our studies and they give us a very practical knowledge. I'm very impressed to see that it is a very beautiful country and even the living expenses are very low here as comparing to other countries. And here the education quality is very good.*

## NEW MEDIA AND AUDIOVISUAL ART (MASTER)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Arts
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	ACADEMIC MASTER Degree of Humanities, in the sub-sector – new media art
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	2 years/Full time (Fall intake only) 1st study year academic courses are held in Riga
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>3100 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor degree of Humanitarian sciences or Professional higher education in Humanitarian, Social, Art or Educational sciences</li> <li>• Creative compilation of recent works (video, photo, design or similar)</li> <li>• Application for the topic of Master thesis</li> <li>• Interview with each applicant</li> <li>• IELTS min 5.5</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="http://www.liepu.lv/en/52/new-media-art">http://www.liepu.lv/en/52/new-media-art</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p>Master's study program NEW MEDIA ART is multi-disciplinary, dynamic, real practice led, research-based, oriented towards cooperation and communication. Two pathways are offered: <b>ACOUSTIC ARTS/DIGITAL MUSIC</b> and <b>DIGITAL NETWORKED MEDIA</b>.</p> <p>Acquisition of the study program is organized in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops, working on art project, discussions, self-appraisal, participating in New Media festivals, independent assignment. Main subjects are: Audio Culture, New Media Art Research, Culture Based Economy, Interactive Media, Photographic Media, New Media (Art) in Cultural Environment, Acoustic Arts / Electronic Music, Digital Network Media.</p> <p>Students acquire various new media instruments and skills in creating art works. Key of this program is research – including researching art processes. Emphasis is on art as research, the artist is not only the creator of art work, but also researcher and practitioner of new instruments, media, technology, social process, scientific discoveries.</p> <p>After obtaining academic Master's degree graduates have an opportunity to work at the Art Research institution or other institution in creative industries and IT. They also are entitled to continue their studies as PhD students in New Media Art field.</p>
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## ECOTECHNOLOGIES (MASTER)

<b>Subject area:</b>	Ecotechnologies, environmental science
<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	PROFESSIONAL MASTER degree in Environmental Sciences with three specializations: Environmental Technologies, Environmental Economics, Environmental Psychology & Health
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	1,5 years /Full time (Fall / Spring intakes)
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>2800 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd level Professional higher education in social, environmental, natural or engineering sciences or another 2nd level Professional higher education with at least 2 years job experience in environmental management or environmental engineering.</li> <li>• Interview with each applicant</li> <li>• IELTS min 5.5</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="https://www.liepu.lv/en/80/ecotechnologies">https://www.liepu.lv/en/80/ecotechnologies</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p>The competitive advantages of the study program "Ecotechnologies" and the specific niche in the field of sustainable development of higher professional education is determined by consequent implementation of the interdisciplinary principle, making accents on the social and humanitarian dimension, which often is ignored, but actualization of which is a significant condition for implementation of consumptive, Eco-technological lifestyle, enriching of multifunctional spectrum of ecotechnologies and keeping traditional cultural environment. Integration of holistic and post-modern paradigm principles into the program stimulate creation of Eco-Innovations and development processes of knowledge society.</p> <p><b>The aim</b> of the program is to provide professional master studies in the field of Ecotechnologies directed to holistic and sustainable development according to the economical, environmental and social needs of the government, by promoting integration of interdisciplinary and research activities and competencies of the environmental experts oriented to constant sustainable development.</p> <p>Main subjects are: Environmental science and management, Ecology and Development of Ecotechnologies, Systems of Environment Technologies, Interdisciplinary Environment Economics, Social anthropology in Environment studies, Management of innovations and Eco-Innovation, etc.</p>
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## NEW MEDIA ART (DOCTORAL)

<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	Dr.art. – Doctoral degree in Arts
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	3 years/Full time
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>4700 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a master's degree in the arts and humanities</li> <li>• hold a master's degree in a field (sociology, communication and information science, computer science, physics), with interests in creative research and who wish to develop a high level of interdisciplinary practice in new media art</li> <li>• professionals working in the field of new media art and can attest to the master program matches the equivalent experience (recognized by practitioners of media art, performance art, visual art, film, photography, sculpture, fashion / textile design, sound design, animation and web design), if they are able to provide satisfactory results on the basis of experimental training evaluation process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Entrance exam:</b> Filled application form (in English) and Interview</p>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="http://mplab.lv/en/izglitiba/6/">http://mplab.lv/en/izglitiba/6/</a> , <a href="https://www.liepu.lv/en/111/new-media-art">https://www.liepu.lv/en/111/new-media-art</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p>Liepaja University doctoral study program "New Media Art" is the only program in Latvia addressed directly to artists. It is a licensed program that was first open in 2013.</p> <p>Doctoral program "New Media Art" was developed to encourage practice-based doctoral studies in Latvia – as it is elsewhere in Europe. In this innovative program the academic theoretical research is a basis for artistic creation or practice-based research.</p> <p><b>Objective</b> of this program is to further the development of new, innovative theories and critical analysis in the field of new media and interdisciplinary arts, as well as the creation of new art forms and new art works that being based in artistic research with the integration of other scientific fields contributes to the creation of new knowledge.</p> <p>As a <b>result</b> of the studies, doctoral candidates are expected to deliver a high-quality doctoral thesis that is accompanied with an innovative artwork or creative project.</p> <p><b>Staff team</b> is gathered with outstanding New Media artists and researchers of the field – Rasa Šmite (LV), Ilva Skulte (LV), Christopher Hales (UK), Raivo Kelomees (EST) and others.</p> <p><b>Study Environment:</b> study program is based at the Art Research Lab (MPLab) – Liepaja University building at Kurmajas prospekts 13. This space is equipped with all necessary technical resources and mediathèque through projects financed by Europe Economic Area and Norwegian bilateral Financial mechanism. Students and researchers have the exclusive possibility of working at MPLab space at any time 24/7.</p> <p><b>Form of study:</b> program is based on an individual initiative in research, it does not offer regular lectures / training. Face to face meetings 3 times per semester in joint seminar (symposium) form (1 week) held in Liepaja and Riga.</p> <p>Program acquisition model uses a combination of teaching methods that focus and maximize the students' learning experience based on a number of teaching and learning methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) lectures (including online lectures), seminars and workshops</li> <li>2) Studies with other doctoral students to form study teams / pairs / networks</li> <li>3) Individual counselling and interacting online</li> <li>4) In an independent study, creative practical research</li> </ol>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Rasa Šmite, rasa.smite@liepu.lv



## E-STUDY TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGEMENT (DOCTORAL)

<b>Awarded degree and / or qualification:</b>	Doctoral degree in engineering - <b>Dr.sc.ing.</b> or Doctoral degree in pedagogical sciences - <b>Dr.paed.</b>
<b>Duration / Study form:</b>	3 years /Full time
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>4200 EUR per year</b>
<b>Admission requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a master's degree in engineering, environmental sciences, educational sciences, social sciences</li> <li>• Report (10-15 pages) on chosen research area or scientific article in chosen research field</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>
<b>The language of study program:</b>	English
<b>Link to the study program:</b>	<a href="https://www.liepu.lv/en/112/e-study-technologies-and-management">https://www.liepu.lv/en/112/e-study-technologies-and-management</a>
<b>The description of study program:</b>	<p><b>Requirements of the program:</b> Acquisition of compulsory interdisciplinary theoretical courses in E-study technologies and in English terminology and acquisition of limited choice courses related to a research field in Information technologies and its management; independent obtaining of new scientific results, its publishing and formatting in the form of dissertation.</p> <p><b>After graduation,</b> the graduate will have an opportunity to: work academic and scientific work in institutions of higher education or in other scientific institutions, as well as to work on the development of large and complex projects in the field of E-technologies.</p>
<b>Contact information:</b>	Study program director: Ilma Neimane, ilma.neimane@liepu.lv

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application online <http://apply.liepu.lv/>

### Requirements:

- Application form
- 1 photo 3 x4 cm
- Copy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter
- Official certificate of English language knowledge (IELTS 5.5)
- Secondary (High) School graduation Certificate and Transcript
- Bachelor's degree (official transcripts required), Education documents must be accompanied by English translations of all certificates and transcripts along with approval of documents
- Order certifying payment of registration fee **150 EUR**

### Faculty of Humanities and Arts

Organized by Faculty of Humanities and Arts every academic year. During the 1st year students have intensive courses of Latvian, students have to take an examination after the course completion.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Latvian Scholarships for studies** in Latvian Higher Education Institution: in accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation in education and science, the State Education Development Agency (Valsts izglītības attīstības aģentūra – VIAA) offers scholarships to students of several countries for studies in Latvian higher education institutions (HEIs). The amount of the Latvian scholarship is ~500EUR per month.

**ERASMUS+ Program Scholarships** for studies of internship abroad (500 – 700 EUR per month).

## ARRIVING IN LIEPAJA

Latvia is one of the European Union's (EU) member states and, if you are an EU citizen and want to relax, you can go to Liepāja with only your passport or ID card. Citizens from other countries outside the EU may have a slightly more complicated entry.

Before considering to come to study in Latvia and to apply for the residence permit and then for visa, check all the requirements and documents necessary to submit to the embassy of the Republic of Latvia or to send to the University.

Liepāja is located 220 km west from Riga, 100 km north from Klaipeda, a city in Lithuania, on the coast of the Baltic Sea. You can get to Liepāja by plane, train or bus from Riga and by bus from Klaipeda or Palanga. Normally a bus ride from Riga to Liepāja takes about 3 hours 30 minutes and a bit less than 2 hours from Klaipeda. You can get to Liepāja by your own car from Riga even faster than by public transport.

### BY PLANE

It is possible to travel from Riga to Liepāja's airport by plane (AirBaltic) several times a week in 30 minutes and the ticket costs from about 15 EUR to 40 EUR. Palanga (Lithuania) airport is just about 65 km south; it has direct routes all year round. Riga International airport, the largest airport in the Baltic States, offers many direct flights to Europe and Asia, including AirBaltic, Ryanair and Wizz Air routes.

### BY CAR

There are two main roads going to Liepāja. One is A9 from Riga direction, and the other is A11, from Klaipeda. Other roads are P111 to/from Ventspils, and many regional roads.

### BY BUS

Liepāja is connected by bus service with Riga (multiple times every day), Klaipeda, Palanga, Ventspils, Kuldīga and other towns, as well as smaller villages in Liepāja region. The Bus station is located some distance away from the center. Take the tram to the south to get to the center (take the tram at a tram stop, which is on your right side when you quit the Bus station building. Do not cross the tram-railway, which is a wrong direction! The Liepāja regional bus terminal is located in the southern part of the center, at Sienatīrgus. But all busses go to the main Bus station. A ticket to Riga costs around 9 EUR. Liepāja's bus company offers you the possibility to get from Liepāja to the airport "Rīga" and also in the opposite direction from the airport "Rīga" to Liepāja without entering the centre of Rīga by using the bus route Liepāja-Rīga-Liepāja. To get from Liepāja to the airport "Rīga", purchase in addition to the bus ticket a voucher for about 1,50 EUR at the bus driver. To get from the airport "Rīga" to Liepāja, on the day of travel reserve your seat.

### BY TRAIN

A nice and relatively quick train runs to and from Riga. It leaves the Liepāja railway station (which is the same building as the bus station) and arrives at Riga railway station. These trains also stop at Skrunda, Saldus, Dobeles and Jelgava. Despite the fact that the train actually takes a longer route – about 240 km compared to 220 km if you go by bus – because it goes through Jelgava, it takes a bit less time to go to Riga by train than by bus. A single one-way normal fare ticket costs around 9 EUR.





# LIEPAJA

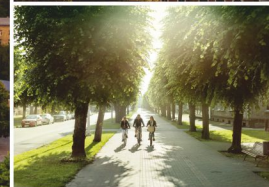
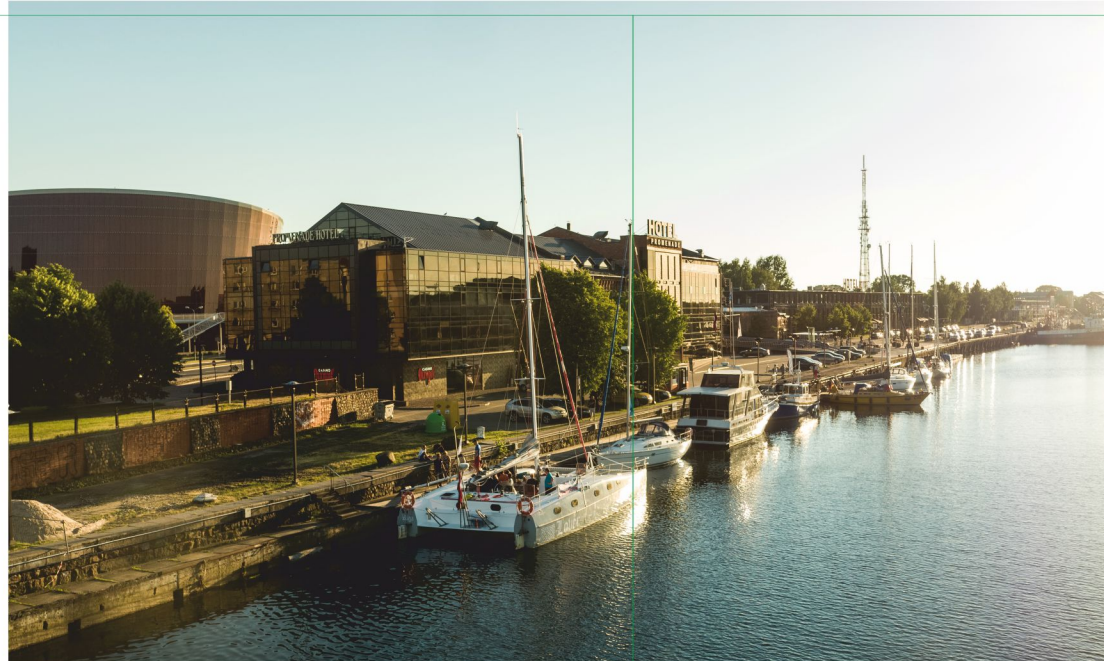
Liepaja is a city of successful changes as the people living here on the stretch of sand between the Amber Sea and the lake for more than 750 years have always been tough, wise and daring. The charm of the city is concealed in its special atmosphere. Perhaps a bit restrained and harsh, yet also noble and rebellious. Sometimes calm, sometimes swirling. Genuine and truthful – this is Liepaja. Liepaja has grown from a small village into the third largest city in Latvia with the population of 76 513 people. Liepaja is a great city for students because it's rich in well-established cultural traditions. Liepaja is the home of the oldest professional Latvian theater, the only professional symphony orchestra outside Riga, a puppet theater, a number of folklore groups and numerous choirs. Organ music as well as jazz holds an important place in the cultural life of the city. The Summer Sound and Fontaine Festival have become the central pop and rock festivals in the city.

Liepāja is a capital of music. Seems only natural that it now also has its own concert hall „Great Amber”. At the basis of the architectural concept of the concert hall, created by the excellent Austrian architect Prof. Volker Giencke, lies amber – the symbol of Liepāja and the Baltic Sea, as well as the concert hall's function as a cultural and arts centre.

After the construction of the Olympic Center, Athletic Arena, Indoors Tennis hall Liepaja has become a popular place for national and international sports events.

Liepaja is surrounded by water. There is the Baltic Sea coast, two big lakes and some smaller ones as well as there are four channels in the city. Liepaja Lake is the fifth largest lake in Latvia. Liepaja beach is a great place to relax. Those who want to get the first tan, show up in the beach as soon as the snow is gone and the sun gets warmer. However, unforgettable sunsets in the sea can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Liepaja is a port city. For passengers there are a one line Liepaja-Travemünde, Germany, but those traveling with a yacht can moor it in the Trade Channel almost in the downtown.



## GETTING AROUND

There are four types of public transport in Liepaja city – tram, bus, taxi and minibus. There you can download all timetables of Liepaja Public transport: <http://www.liepajastransports.lv/en>.

**TRAM** has only one line. It runs from the Southeastern part of the city (Ezerkrasts), along beaches, through the center, to Jaunliepaja, a place with a flea market and ends near the metallurgic factory. It operates from 5AM till midnight and costs 0.70 EUR if ticket is bought in a boutique, or 0.80 EUR if you buy it from the tram driver. Ticket must be validated in one of three yellow validators in the tram, which will print date and time on the ticket. The ticket is valid for one ride. Tram is the best transport to get to/from the Railway/Bus station to/from the city center. If you are going to catch the morning train to Riga, do so, because trams operate in early morning, but not as frequently. A ride from the center to the station takes approximately 8 minutes.

**BUS** has many lines, the most important are 1,3,4,7,8 – with these you can get from the city center to Karosta and back. You can get to the Southeastern part (Ezerkrasts) to see Meynard's church and Liepaja Lake by 3, 4, 10, 15, 912. Buses stop at bus stops throughout the city. Tickets can be bought in boutiques (0.70 EUR) or from the driver (0.80 EUR). Tickets must be validated in the bus by inserting them in an electronic validator just like in trams. All buses have audio announcement system for next stop and a LED screen in front of the bus displaying the next stop name. In case of going to Karosta you will most likely want to go till the last stop, so don't worry. An exception is bus number 8, which goes far north in summer house and garden district Skede near the sea, which is kind of too far for Karosta, however is the best bus to get as far as the Jewish holocaust memorial or the Northern fortress.


**TAXI** is relatively expensive compared to other types of transport, but still cheaper than in Western Europe. This is, however, the only public transport available in the night (approximately from 12:30AM-5AM). There are some places in the city center and near the Bus/Railway station where Taxi cars use to assemble, but you can call (+371) 63422222, (+371) 63488888 or 8500 (free Wi-Fi).

**MINIBUS** has two lines – 22 and 23, with which you can get from Karosta to the city center, Peter's market (Pētertirgus) and back. They both depart from 5:00AM- 6:00AM till almost midnight. The ticket costs the same as tram and bus – 0.70 EUR if bought in boutiques and 0.80 EUR if bought from the driver. The same as buses, minibuses also have audio announcement system for next stop and LED screen in front of the bus displaying the route. The 22nd minibus runs along the Olympic Center, but 23rd runs through the North suburb (Laumas rajons).



# SIGHTSEEING


You'll need at least a couple of days to see everything that Liepaja has to offer. Spend the night in a haunted prison, climb up to the clock tower of Holy Trinity Church for spectacular views of the city, soak up the atmosphere at Peter's Market, explore the ruins of a tsarist fort or just spend time at the Blue Flag beach.



is the simplest way to see Liepāja and get to know its most important tourist sites. You can start this walking tour at any of the sights along that way where you see the musical notes.

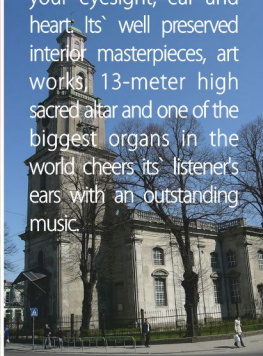
ROSE SQUARE

The square housed a new market from 18th century, later market was moved away and place got a look of a green spot. The first roses were planted here in 1910, in recent times monument was created, depicting names of the sister cities of Liepaja and their symbols.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL

is unique about few things that will please everything: your eyesight, ear and heart. Its well preserved interior masterpieces, art works, 13-meter high sacred altar and one of the biggest organs in the world cheers its listener's ears with an outstanding music.



PROMENADE



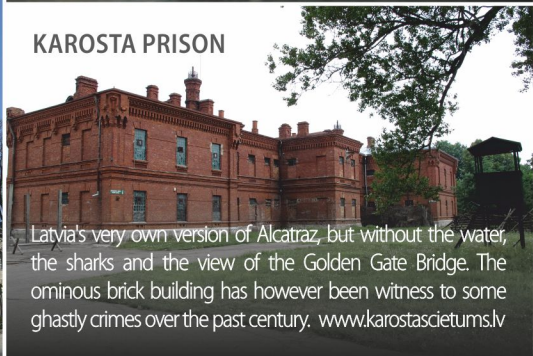
It is a passage, where you can see water with some interesting ships from one side, and on the other side - reconstructed old storage buildings, nowadays housing shops, restaurants, etc

NORTHERN FORTS



A long system of concrete fortifications were once part of the Naval Port's defences, but they were destroyed after a friendship and cooperation agreement was signed with Germany in 1908.

KAROSTA PRISON



Latvia's very own version of Alcatraz, but without the water, the sharks and the view of the Golden Gate Bridge. The ominous brick building has however been witness to some ghastly crimes over the past century. [www.karostascietums.lv](http://www.karostascietums.lv)

# COST OF LIVING (1 MONTH)

	FOOD	150 €
	MATERIALS FOR STUDIES	15 €
	STUDENT HOSTEL	40 - 140 €
	PHONE COSTS, NEWSPAPERS	15 €
	CLOTHES, HOBBIES, AMUSEMENTS	150 €
	TOTAL	400 €