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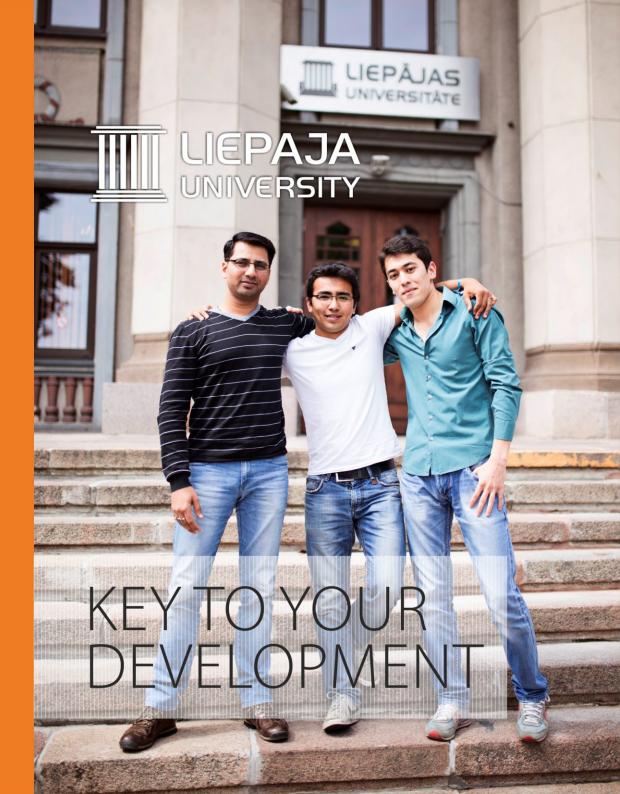
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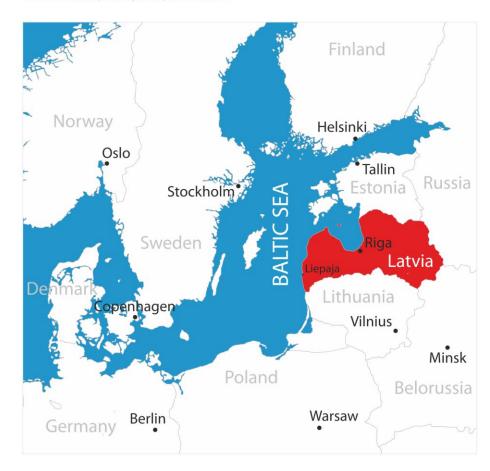
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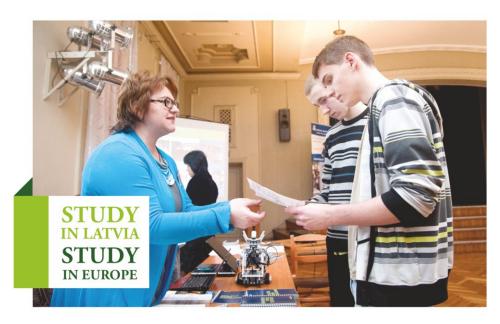
MAP OF LATVIA AND LIEPAJA

Latvia faces Sweden from across the Baltic Sea and has 309 miles of coast. On land, Latvia borders with four countries: Estonia, Belarus, Russia, and Lithuania.



LATVIA TODAY

Latvia today is rediscovering herself, creating a new outlook and proudly displaying a revitalized national presence on the European scene. The rest of the World is rediscovering Latvia as well. It has been found as a second greenest country in the world. With it's wide forests and untouched nature, sandy beaches located a stone's throw away from cities with ancient history and culture, rich architecture and spectacular sights. Latvia is a country with a language, culture and attitude all it's own – yet with a national identity shaped by its dynamic of Baltic Sea region and tough but inspiring historical influence.



LATVIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Latvian education system consists of pre-school education, basic education, secondary education and higher education.

Latvian higher education system is part of the Bologna process, and follows the so-called 3-cycle system, where the 1st cycle includes an academic or professional Bachelor degree, the 2nd cycle includes an academic or professional Master degree and the 3rd cycle includes the Doctoral degree.

In Latvia you may receive a diploma that is recognized by the state and/or your higher education institution. Only those diplomas are internationally recognized that have been accepted by the state. If your diploma is recognized by the Republic of Latvia, you can receive a confirmation of its validity and translation of credits practically in any country of the world. To receive a diploma recognized by the Republic of Latvia, both the institution of higher education and the study program of your choice must be accredited (Accreditation is the state guarantee confirming the guality of the studies (from this follows the right of the university to issue diplomas recognized by the state)). If neither the university nor the study program has been accredited, the diploma thereof is invalid.

Liepaja University is officially accredited state University and as Latvia is a member state of European Union, The Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon Convention) approved in 1997, applies also to Latvian universities, including Liepaja University, basis on this Convention, holders of qualifications issued in one EU member state shall have adequate access to an assessment of these qualifications in another EU member state, it means Lisbon Convention ensures that qualification obtained in Liepaja University is recognized in all EU and EEA member states.

KEY FACTS

AREA:	64 589 km²
REGIONS:	Kurzeme, Zemgale, Vidzeme, Latgale
CURRENCY:	Euro
CAPITAL:	Riga
POPULATION:	1 990 000 (2014)

Latvia joined the EU and NATO in 2004.

Location: Located in the Baltic region of Eastern Europe, Latvia is bordered by Estonia (339 kilometers; 211 miles), Russia (217 kilometers; 135 miles), Belarus (141 kilometers; 88 miles), Lithuania (453 kilometers; 281 miles), and the Baltic Sea (531 kilometers; 330 miles). Latvia is largely a fertile lowland with numerous lakes and hills to the east. Its capital, Riga, is centrally located and lies next to its namesake, the Gulf of Riga.

National symbols:



1) The Flag: The carmine-white-carmine flag of Latvia is one of the oldest in the world and dates back to a battle against Estonian tribes near the Latvian town of Cesis in the 13th century. According to one legend, it originated from a white sheet used to carry a mortally wounded Latvian tribal chief from the battlefield. Soaked with his blood on two sides, his soldiers hoisted the warrior's sheet as a banner as it led them to victory.



- 2) The Coat of Arms: The Latvian national Coat of Arms was formed after the proclamation of an independent Republic of Latvia on November 18, 1918, and was officially adopted on June 16, 1921. It was especially created for its independent statehood. The national coat of arms combines symbols of Latvian national statehood, as well as symbols of ancient historical districts.
- 3) The National Anthem: "Dievs, svētī Latviju!" ("God bless Latvia!"). It was written by Kārlis Baumanis in the second half of the 19th century. In fact, it was the first song to use the word 'Latvia' in a lyric.



Language: The state language is Latvian, which belongs to the Indo-European family of languages. The Latvian language is considered one of the oldest languages of this family. It is a non Slavic and non Germanic language, similar only to Lithuanian.

ENGLISH	LATVIAN
Hello!	Labdien!
How are you?	Kā iet?
Yes/No	Jā/Nē
Please	Lūdzu
Thank you	Paldies
Sorry	Atvainojiet
Where is?	Kur atrodas?
What time is it?	Cik ir pulkstenis?
My name is	Mani sauc
What's your name?	Kā Tevi sauc?
How much does it cost?	Cik maksā?

Climate

The climate of the Latvia can be described as typical European continental influenced climate with warm, dry summers and fairly severe winters. January is the coldest month with daytime temperatures usually around -5°C, but in some cases winter months can be quite colder with temperatures far below zero, about -20°C or lower and strong, cold northeasterly winds. Heavy snowfall or even snowstorms are also possible on some days. The weather is often breezy and humid due to the proximity of the Baltic Sea. In summer daytime temperatures reach 20-25°C, but sometimes quite higher, 30°C or more. In most of the time it is dry weather with sunny spells, rain often falls with sometimes heavy Thunderstorms that can occur at the end of the day. July is the warmest month with an average Temperature of 20°C. Annual Precipitation is about 400-600 mm.

Latvia is one of the most forested countries in the world. The countryside also boasts a great variety of natural settings – wide waterfalls, peat heaths, white sand dunes and sandstone caves.

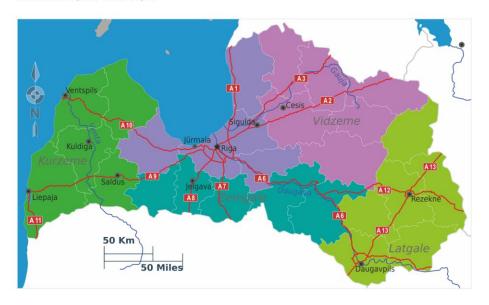
Time zone: GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) +2, from April to November – GMT +3

Religion:

The Germans brought Lutheranism to Latvia, which dominated until the Soviet annexation. Today, a majority – about 40% of Latvians claim to have no affiliation with any religion. The next two largest groups are both Christian with Lutheranism at 19.6% and Orthodox at 15.3%. An obscure neopagan religious movement, Dievturība, claims to be a revival of the folk religion that existed before the Germans arrived with Christianity in the 13th century.



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.

Liepaja 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 Liepaja by plane, train or bus from Riga and by bus from Klaipeda or Palanga. Normally a bus ride from Riga to Liepaja takes about 3 hours 30 minutes and a bit less than 2 hours from Klaipeda. You can get to Liepaja by your own car from Riga even faster than by public transport.











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 Liepaja. 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

Liepaja is connected by bus service with Riga (multiple times every day), Klaipeda, Palanga, Ventspils, Kuldiga and other towns, as well as smaller villages in Liepaja 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 Liepaja regional bus terminal is located in the southern part of the center, at Sienatirgus. But all busses go to the main Bus station. A ticket to Riga costs around 8 EUR. Liepāja 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 Liepaja railway station (which is the same building as the bus station) and arrives at Riga railway station. These trains also stop at Skrunda, Saldus, Dobele and Jelgava. On the train you can watch a DVD movie or use a vending machine to have a cup of coffee. 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 8 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 85 000 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, Liepaja has become a popular place for national and international sports events.

Liepaja is surrounded by water. There are 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 ferry lines Liepaja-Lübeck and Liepaja-Nynäshamn, but those traveling with a yacht can moor it in the Trade Channel almost in the downtown.

GETTING AROUND

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

TRAM has only one line. It runs from the southwest, 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 1,00 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. Some, but not 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).



LIEPAJA BY NIGHT

In a city that boasts more rock musicians than any other places in Latvia, it's never hard to find a party. Whether you're into jumping around with youngsters at a punk rock concert or dancing until the small hours of the morning at a disco, you won't be disappointed with what Liepaja has to offer.

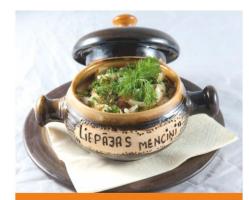
• EGO Club	Lielā street 7	.www.egoclub.lv/
• Fontaine Palace	Stūrmaņu street 1	. www.fontaine.lv
• Red Sun Buffet	Pasta street 2	.www.facebook.com/redsunbuffet
• Klondaika	Stendera street 3	www.klondaika.lv
 Vecais Vikings 	Stendera jela 18	www.facebook.com/vecaisvikings/

FOOD CULTURE

Liepaja's dining scene offers a little bit of something for everyone. Although casual, inexpensive bistros can be found at nearly any street corner, an ever-increasing number of cosy, interesting restaurants have sprouted up all over town. Eat a pork chop and potatoes for around 4 Euros at a local cafeteria, try the

reindeer carpaccio with a glass of cabernet sauvignon in an upmarket restaurant or order fish and chips at a neighbourhood pub.

It is important to know that in Latvia the whole concept and meaning of words Cafeteria (Kafejnīca), Canteen (Ēdnica) and Restaurant (Restorāns) are different than they would be understood in other countries. A Cafeteria or Kafejnica is not just a coffee shop. Usually you can have all meals that you would probably expect in a restaurant. The difference is that in Kafejnica sometimes you bring your food to your table yourself. However, some Kafejnicas have waiters, but these are then something in between Kafejnica and Restorans. Restorans is usually more or less top class place. Ednica is a canteen of schools, universities, factories etc. They are very cheap, but sometimes have limited access.



Liepaja has its special food – "Liepaja's mencini" ("Liepaja cod-fish") – dried local cod fish with potatoes, cream and onion in a special hotpot.

FINE RESTAURANTS

Medus Palmu iela 5 www.porins.lv
 Pastnieka māja Fr.Brīvzemnieka iela 53 www.pastniekamaja.lv
 Olive Klaipēdas iela 104c, TC baata www.baata.lv/restorans-olive.html
 Upe Lielā iela 11 www.livahotel.lv
 Barons Bumbieris Lielā iela 13 www.baronsbumbiers.lv





SPORT

Liepaja is not only a city of culture, but also very active - local football, basketball, ice-hockey, handball and floor-ball teams are successfully competing in the highest leagues of the national championships. Men's ice-hockey and football teams participate also in international tournaments. Liepaja hosts international sport events: chess tournament Liepaja Castling, Basketball Cup and one of Davis Cup tennis tournaments. However, the heat is really on in all meanings of these words when Rally Kurzeme gets on the way in the middle of July. In the previous years this event was a stage of national, Russian and European championships attracting world class rally stars and thousands of spectators to Liepaja and its beautiful vicinity. Liepaja hosts FIA European Rally Championship Liepaja.

Liepaja is famous also for its sports schools. It is worth to mention Liepaja football and ice-hockey clubs, which not only promote such kinds of sports in Latvia, but also take important role in preparation of new sports generation in the country.

Liepaja's Olympic Center	www.loc.lv
Brīvības iela 39, Liepāja,	
Phone + 371 634 83888	
Ice-Hockey Arena	www.loc.lv
Brīvības iela 3/7, Liepāja	
Phone +371 634 81840, +371 634 81842	
Dzintara Bowling	www.dzintaraboulings.lv/liepaja/
Peldu iela 66, Liepāja	
Phone +371 634 8008	
Royal Fitness	www.royalfitness.lv
Fontaine Royal Hotel 2nd floor, 1 Sturmanu Street, Liepaja	
Phone +371 26331013	

HEALTH CARE

Liepaja has a modern central hospital, which is becoming a Regional Health Care Centre, providing services not only to people from Liepaja, but also inhabitants of the whole Western Kurzeme region.

Liepaja Central Hospital

Slimnīcas iela 25 phone +371 6 34 03200, 9 000101

• Liepaja Dentist Polyclinic

K.Zāles laukums 2 phone +371 6 34 27480

Vecliepaja Primary Health Care Centre

Republikas iela 5 phone +371 6 34 22451, +371 6 34 26466, +371 6 34 29156

• Jaunliepaja Primary Health Care Centre

Aldaru iela 20/24 +371 6 34 25429

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.

ON THE SPOTLIGHT



www.karostascietums.lv



an outstanding music.

LIEPAJA UNIVERSITY (LIEPĀJAS UNIVERSITĀTE)

With its rich academic traditions Liepaja University is also open to new ideas, it is dynamic and compact.

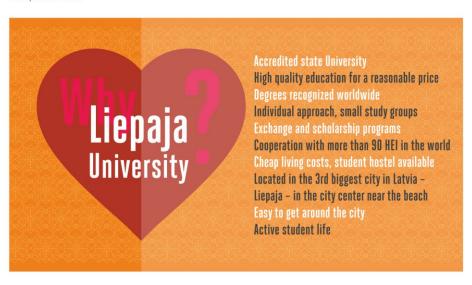
We offer qualitative study programs in four faculties and we are happy that our alumni, having received their knowledge at Liepaja University, are able to generate new ideas and become the promoters of innovative process. We are proud of our alumni, who call Liepaja and Liepaja University their home, and we invite new students — young and creative personalities. You will become the designers and creators of Latvia's and World's development and growth.



Liepaja University offers us an opportunity to become independent, professional and academically educated personalities, who are able to respond to changes in the world, in the society and in the chosen field.

Acting Rector of Liepaja University, Dr.biol. Māra Zeltiņa

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 with 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.



RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

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

Institute of Educational Sciences (IES)

Director Anita Līdaka, Dr. paed. anita.lidaka@liepu.lv/izi@liepu.lv

LiepU Institute of Educational Sciences started functioning on 1 September 2007. The IES common research theme is "Education Quality Dimensions in the Knowledge Society, which in compliance with different trends in education are dealt with by several research centre:

- Alternative Education Centre
- Art Education Centre
- Environmental and Health Education Centre
- Social Work Research and Study Centre

Institute realizes doctoral program, Pedagogy".

Kurzeme Institute of Humanities (KIH)

Director Edgars Lāms, Dr. philol. edgars.lams@liepu.lv/khi@liepu.lv Website: http://khi.liepu.lv/

LiepU Kurzeme Institute of Humanities started its activity on the 1st of September 2007. KIH has the following research fields:

- Latvian Folklore Studies
- History of Latvian Literature
- History and Theory of the Theatre and Cinema
- History and Theory of Music
- Latvian Diachronic and Synchronic Linguistics

In KIH there functions Folklore and Language Centre.

The aim and mission of the KIH is scientific research of Latvian cultural heritage, especially in Kurzeme region, research of language and current culture process; to activate and popularize regional cultural heritage. Scientists of KIH are involved in National Research program "Letonika", "National Identity" etc.

Institute of Science and Innovative Technologies (ISIT)

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Website: http://www.imsit.liepu.lv/

LiepU Institute of Science and Innovative Technologies (previous name: Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Information Technologies) started functioning on the 1st of November 2006. Its specialization is high performance computing methods and production of mathematical models on mathematics, physics, environment and electromobility themes.







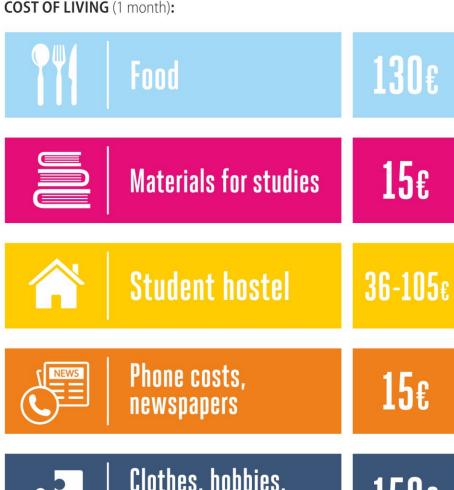
is the simplest way to see Liepāja and get to know this walking tour at any of the sights along that way where you see the

Rose Square

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



COST OF LIVING (1 month):





Clothes, hobbies, amusements

150€

Total

400€

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Institute of Management Sciences (IMS)

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LiepU Institute of Management Sciences (IMS) started its work on the 1st of September 2008. The IMS aim is to develop management science in compliance with the present-day European and World research experience, accentuating introduction of innovations in different branches of national economy, with a special focus on the intellectual capital impact on the development of Kurzeme region.

IMS objectives and research fields:

- 1. Research and practice connection with Kurzeme Business Incubator and local municipalities.
- The role of business incubators in regions development, their contribution to the economy and rural development.
- **3.** The potential of regional economy in labor market migration, deindustrialization and quality of professional education context.
- 4. Sustainable development of social entrepreneurship, cultural economy and creative industries.

Art Research Laboratory (MPLab)

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Art Research Laboratory (MPLab) was established 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 in collaboration with RIXC, Centre for New Media Culture in Riga and with Culture and information center K@2 (until 2008)

The main tasks of MPLab are based on the research of the process in visual arts practice and theory, new media art and art education realizing national, international and interdisciplinar research projects realizing and promoting them via publications, conferences, seminars, workshops, exhibitions etc.

Sociological Research Center (SPC)

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The Social Research Centre at Liepaja University was founded in 2003.

Main study courses of SRC are social welfare; human development and quality of life; research of public opinion; quality of education; cultural sociology; biographic research; history and methodology of sociology. SRC has implemented researches for LiepU, local municipality as well as national and international projects cooperating with wide range of researchers. SRC provides study, methodological and other research materials, both printed and electronic.

LIBRARY

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- LiepULib

The LiepU library is housed in the central building of the University at Lielā iela 14.

The library was founded in 1954; its stocks contain 100 000 different items: 80 000 books, about 10 000 periodicals, collections of laws, dissertations, audio-visual and other materials. The library attends to the needs of the students of the University, its teaching staff and other personnel. The readers can use the lending library, the reading room and the electronic resources reading rooms with free access.

To borrow books, one needs an ISIC card valid for a year. Since 1992 system "Alise" (Advanced Library Information Service) has been functioning in the library. The readers have an opportunity of using the electronic catalogue, which includes both the alphabetic and systematic catalogue.

A bibliographer-consultant will help you in your search for the necessary information. If the necessary printed matter is not held in the library the reader can get any item from other libraries of Latvia, as well as from foreign libraries through inter-library loans system (SSBA).

A joint catalogue of the LiepU library can be found on the Internet. The Internet provides access to on-line catalogues of the biggest libraries of the world and databases accessible to the public in different fields of science. Newspapers are kept there for three years, magazines for 5 years, but the periodicals meeting the profile of the University – 4 years.

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



Borrowing (Room 115)

Monday – Wednesday 9.00-18.00; Thursday 9:00-19:00; Friday 9.00-17.00; Saturday- Sunday - close

Reading room (Room 103)

Monday – Wednesday, Friday 9.00-18.00; Thursday 9.00-19.00; Saturday 11.00-16.00; Sunday - close

Electronic resources (Room 105)

- opening hours can change

Copying

Monday – Wednesday 8.00-18.00; Thursday 8.00-19.00; Friday 8.00-17.00; Saturday 11.00-16.00; Saturday- Sunday - close

Last Friday of the month Liepaja University library is close!

ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year begins in September and is over towards the end of June. As a general rule, 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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ESN Liepāja

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By different educational and entertaining activities ESN Liepāja makes the foreign students time in Latvia more interesting, promotes cultural exchange, gives an opportunity for Latvian students to broaden their horizons and to develop both language and organizational skills.

Beuptodate: https://www.facebook.com/esn.liepaja/

Women's choir "Atbalss"

Liepaja University's women's choir "Atbalss" in 2009 was celebrating its 50th birthday. LiepU student choir 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).

The Folk dance collective "Banga"

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The founder and head of the collective Kristine Kārkliņa puts all her never-ending energy, enthusiasm and love into the development of the collective.

Our essential value is the aim to develop strong, ambitious, united and continuously developing folk dance collective in Liepaja.



Non-traditional dance studio "Arabesque"

Non-traditional dance studio "Arabesque" offers classes at oriental dance, Spanish Flamenco dance and remedial gymnastics. They organize concerts, workshops, lectures. Studies mission is to introduce the participants to the body of foreign culture and art, with dances and various recovery systems, to expand the horizons of participants.

Eco Committee

Liepaja University Eco Committee unites students, university authorities and environmental activists, established in 2013/2014. In 2015 Liepaja University received the Green Flag Award.

INTERNATIONALIZATION



ERASMUS+

ERASMUS+ is the most successful student exchange program in the world. Each year, more than 230 000 students study abroad thanks to the Erasmus program. It also offers the opportunity for student placements in enterprises, university staff teaching and training, and it funds cooperation projects between higher education institutions across Europe.

Liepaja University has been participating in the European Community higher education program ERASMUS 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.

Within the framework of Erasmus+ program Liepaja University organizes:



Student mobility - with the aim of studying at a partner higher education institution i.e. student exchange or to do a traineeship abroad in a higher education institution, company, research center or training center.

Teaching staff mobility - mobility of teaching staff with the aim of short-term teaching in a partner higher education institution;

Staff training mobility - mobility of academic and non-academic staff with the aim of attending training courses organized in a foreign higher education institution, company or organization.

ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

Belgium	Limburg Catholic University College, Tomas More University	
Bulgaria	$St.\ Cyril\ and\ St.\ Methodius\ University\ of\ Veliko\ Turnovo,\ Varna\ University\ of\ Economics$	
Czech Republic	University of West Bohemia, Silesian University in Opava	
Danemark	University College Lillebaelt	
Cyprus	University of Cyprus	
France	Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 University, University of Pau and the Adour Region	
Finland	Aalto University, Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences	
England	Lincoln University (Lincoln School of Film & Media Network)	
Germany	Jade University of Applied sciences, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Heilbronn University, University of Hildesheim, University of Rostock, Nuertingen-Geislingen University, University of Applied Sciences Schmal- kalden, Darmstadt University, University of Applied Sciences Zwickau	
Greece	Technological Educational Institution of Epirus, Technological Educational Institute of Serres	
Hungary	Budapest Metropolitan University of Applied Sciences	
Lithuania	Vytautas Magnus University, Klaipeda University, Siauliai University, Utena University of Applied Sciences, Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences, Vilnius University, Kauno University of Applied Sciences, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences, Vilnius College of Technologies and Design, Lithuanian Music and Theatre Academy, Mykolas Romeris University	
Netherlands	Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen, NHTV Breda University of Applied Science, Utrecht School of the Arts	
Norway	Bergen University College, Stavanger University	
Poland	The State University of Applied Sciences in Elbląg, Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport, Szczecin University, Stanisław Staszic University of Applied Sciences in Piła	
Portugal	Institute of Higher Studies of Fafe, Polytechnic Institute of Santarem, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Polytechnic Institute of Guarda,	
Romania	Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest	
Slovakia	Matej Bel University	
Spain	University of Granada, University of Valencia, University of Cordoba	
Sweden	Stockholm University	
Turkey	Kocaeli University, Anadolu University, Karabuk University, Ondokuz Mayıs University, Sakarya University, Marmara University, Gazi University	

OTHER PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

Liepaja University has special cooperation agreements with partner universities in order to exchange students and academic staff according to the interests.

Belarus:	P.M. Masherov Vitebsk State University
Georgia:	Gori State Teaching University; Caucasus University
Kazakhstan:	Kokshetau state university named after Shokan Ualikhanov
South Korea:	Soongsil University; Kyungpook National University; Handong Global University; Chonnam National University
Macedonia:	International University of Struga
Russia:	Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University; University of Management "TISBI", Kazan; N.P.Ogarev Mordovia State University
Taiwan:	Providence University
USA:	Rochester Institute of Technology

ACCOMMODATION

Due to high demand, students should give the Foreign Affairs Department ample notice of their intension to live in student dormitories. International students are usually housed in shared rooms (2-3 persons) with a common kitchen, shower und toilets. Linen, blankets, pillows and kitchen utensils are provided.

Liepaja University Student Hostels rooms are furnished, a fridge is in each room, Free Wifi and there is a laundry.

Rent per month is:

EUR 36 (triple-room)
EUR 53 (double-room)
EUR 105 (single room)

Address: Ganību iela 36/48 Tel.: +371 63424275 E-mail: ginta.dzerve@liepu.lv

If student do not wish to stay at a dormitory, private housing arrangements should be made before arriving in Latvia. Rent can vary from EUR 100 – 290 per month.





FACULTIES

Lielā Street 14

Studies at Liepaja University are organized in 4 faculties.

Faculty of Management and Social Sciences
Dean Dr.sc.administr. INESE LŪSĒNA – EZERA
E-Mail.: inese.lusena-ezera@liepu.lv

Faculty of Humanitarian sciences and Arts

Dean Dr.philol. ZANDA GÜTMANE

E-Mail: zanda.gutmane@liepu.lv

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Faculty of Science and Engineering

Dean Dr.sc.comp. ANITA JANSONE E-Mail: anita.jansone@liepu.lv Web: www.dif.liepu.lv/ Kr. Valdemāra Street 4

Faculty of Pedagogy and Social work

Dean Dr.paed. ILZE MIKELSONE E-Mail: ilze.mikelsone@liepu.lv Lielā Street 14



BASIC STUDY PROFILES

TEACHER EDUCATION AND PEDAGOGY

SOCIAL WELFARE

HUMANITARIAN SCIENCE AND ART

SERVICES

NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS AND IT

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



BASIC STUDIES HIGHER LEVEL STUDIES		EL STUDIES	
Baltic philology, culture and communication	Master studies	Doctoral programs	
Business and organization management	Career consultant	E-studies technologies	
Culture management	Ecotechnologies	and management	
Design	General education teacher	Linguistics	
European language and culture studies	Information technologies	New Media Art	
Information Technology	Management sciences	Pedagogy	
Mathematics	New media art		
Mechatronics	Writing studies	25	
Nature and renewable energy resources	Music Therapy		
management and engineering	Social work		
New media art			
Physics			
Social worker			
Speech therapy	Speech therapy		
Teacher			
Tourism management and recreation			

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

COMPUTER SCIENCES (Bachelor)		
Subject area:	Computer Science	
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree of Natural Science in Computer Science	
Duration/Study form:	3 years/Full time	
Fees:	2200 EUR per year	
The language of study program:	English	
Link to the study program:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/48/computer-sciences	
The description of study program:	The central aim of the program is to give academic education in the field of Information and Communication Technologies. 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. During the course students fulfill tasks of the practice, set up and present term paper (second academic year) and Bachelor paper (third academic year). Main courses are: Programming, Database Technologies, Management of Software Development Projects, Computer Architecture, Continuous Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, Computer Science and Numerical Methods. After obtaining Bachelor's degree the 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.	
Contact information:	Study program director: Dzintars Tomsons, dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv	

INFORMATION TECH	NOLOGY (Bachelor)	
Subject area:	Computer Science	
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR Degree in Information Technology, qualification of Software Engineer	
Duration/Study form:	4 years/Full time	
Fees:	2200 EUR per year	
The language of study program:	English	
Link to the study program:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/49/information-technology	
The description of study program:	The main goal 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. 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. Main subjects are: 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. After obtaining professional Bachelor's degree the 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 IT or Computer Science.	
Contact information:	Study program director: Dzintars Tomsons, dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv	

Physical Sciences
ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree of Natural Science in Physics
3 years/Full time
2200 EUR per year
English
http://www.liepu.lv/en/50/physics
The aim of the program is to give academic education in the field of Physics. Program includes courses of Physics and Mathematics as well as laboratory works. Acquisition of the study program is organised 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 the students' research project. Main subjects are: General Physics, Theoretical Mechanics, Optics and Spectroscopy, Thermodynamics and Molecular Physics, Electromagnetism, Quantum mechanics, Field Theory, Semiconductor Physics, Theory of Relativity, Non-linear Physics, Hydrodynamics, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Mathematical Calculus, Integral Equations, Numerical Methods. After obtaining Bachelor's degree graduates have an opportunity to work at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Information Technology, Liepaja University and are entitled to continue their studies as Master students in Physics.
Study program director: Dace Kūma, dace.kuma@liepu.lv
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EUROPEAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES (Bachelor)		
Subject area:	Languages	
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree	
Duration/Study form:	3 (with pre-requisites for the 2 nd language) or 4 years (without pre-requisites for the 2 nd language). Full time	
Fees:	2200 EUR per year	
The language of study program:	English and French/ German/ Latvian/ Russian/ Spanish	
Link to the study program:	https://www.liepu.lv/en/81/european-language-and-culture-studies	
The description of study program:	The aim 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 Russian 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), and competence in culture. Main subjects are: Part A study courses: general education humanities studies (Introduction into Culture Studies, World Literature and 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). Part B study courses: French or German, or Russian, or Spanish, or Latvian language and culture studies.	
Contact information:	Study program director: Elita Balčus, elita.balcus@liepu.lv	

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Master)		
Subject area:	Computer Science	
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	PROFESSIONAL MASTER degree in Information Technology, qualification of Information Technology Project Manager or qualification of Software Engineer	
Duration/Study form:	2,5 years /Full time	
Fees:	2200 EUR per year	
The language of study program:	English	
Link to the study program:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/51/information-technology	
The description of study program:	The aim 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. 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. Main subjects are: 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. 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.	
Contact information:	Study program director: Anita Jansone, anita.jansone@liepu.lv	

NEW MEDIA ART (Master)			
Subject area:	Arts		
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	ACADEMIC MASTER Degree of Humanities, in the sub-sector – new media art		
Duration/Study form:	2 years/Full time		
Fees:	2200 EUR per year		
The language of study program:	English		
Link to the study program:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/52/new-media-art		
The description of study program:	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: ACOUSTIC ARTS/DIGITAL MUSIC and DIGITAL NETWORKED MEDIA. 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. 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. 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.		
Contact information:	Study program director: Rasa Šmite, rasa.smite@liepu.lv		

ECOTECHNOLOGIES (Master)		
Subject area:	Ecotechnologies, environmental science	
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	PROFESSIONAL MASTER degree in Environmental Sciences with three specializations: Environmental Technologies, Environmental Economics, Environmental Psychology & Health	
Duration/Study form:	1,5 years /Full time	
Fees:	2200 EUR per year	
The language of study program:	English	
Link to the study program:	https://www.liepu.lv/en/80/ecotechnologies	
The description of study program:	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 programme stimulate creation of Eco-Innovations and development processes of knowledge society. The aim of the programme 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. 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.	
Contact information:	Study program director: Lilita Ābele, lilita.abele@liepu.lv	



APPLICATION PROCEDURE





Requirements:

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ 1 photo 3 x4 cm
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Motivation letter
- ✓ Official certificate of English language knowledge (IELTS 6)
- Secondary (High) School graduation Certificate and Transcript
- Bachelor 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

Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs www.pmlp.gov.lv

- Residence Permits
- Declarations of residence place
- Visas and Invitations
- Health Insurance

Latvian language and culture studies

Organised by Humanitarian science and Art faculty every academic year. During the first 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+Scholarships

Within the framework of Erasmus+ program Liepaja University offers LiepU students Study Mobility and Student Mobility for Placements.

International 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