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CONTACTS AND USEFUL LINKS

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Information about Liepaja

General information about Liepaja	www.liepaja.lv
Tourism Information Office	www.liepajaturisms.lv
Liepaja Theater	www.liepajasteatris.lv
Cinema in Liepaja	www.kinoballe.lv

Traffic

Public transportation in Liepaja	www.liepajastransports.lv/
Riga International Coach Terminal	www.autoosta.lv
Riga International Airport	www.riga-airport.com
All kind of information	www.1188.lv

Information about Latvia

The Latvian Institute	www.latvia.lv
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia	www.am.gov.lv
Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia	www.izm.gov.lv
Entry Visas	www.am.gov.lv
Education in Latvia	www.aiknc.lv
Academic information center	www.aic.lv
Latvia and its towns	www.inyourpocket.com/latvia
Official Latvia Tourism Portal	www.latvia.travel
State Education Development Agency	www.viaa.gov.lv

Emergencies

State Fire and Rescue Service of the Republic of Latvia	www.112.lv
State Police of the Republic of Latvia	www.vp.gov.lv
Emergency service phone numbers	113; 112

MAP OF LATVIA AND LIEPAJA

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



LATVIA TODAY

Latvia today is rediscovering herself, creating a new outlook and proudly displaying a revitalised national presence on the European scene. The rest of the World is rediscovering Latvia as well. It has been found as the 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 the Baltic Sea region and tough but inspiring historical influence.

STUDY IN LATVIA STUDY IN EUROPE

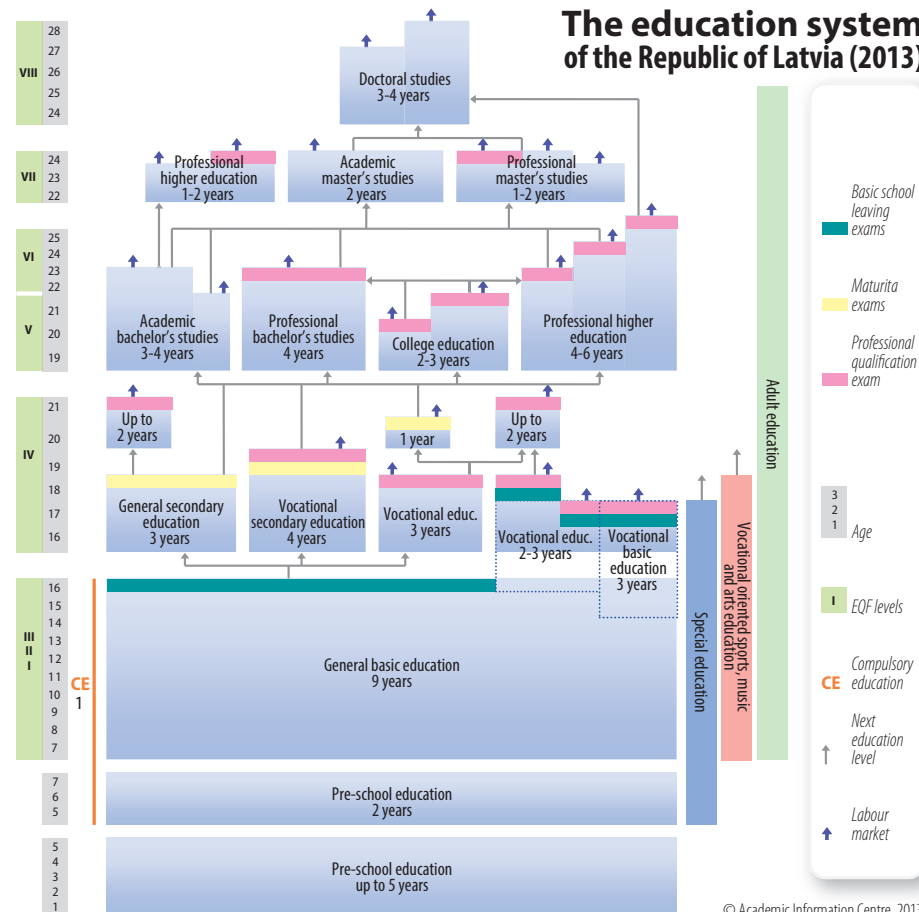
LATVIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

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

Latvian higher education system is a 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 programme of your choice must be accredited (Accreditation is the state guarantee confirming the quality 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 programme 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.



FACTS ABOUT LATVIA

Area:	64,589 sq.km
Regions:	Kurzeme, Zemgale, Vidzeme, Latgale
Currency:	Euro
Capital:	Riga
Population:	2, 023,825 (2013)
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.

Latvia joined the EU and NATO in 2004.

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 Cēsis 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. The Latvian anthem differs from many national anthems in that it does not mention war, national struggle or victory, but rather describes a land where young girls blossom, young men sing, and where both aspire to dance together in joy.



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. These two languages form the Baltic language group. It has preserved many archaic features in its sound system and grammar. The split between Latvian and Lithuanian protodialects took place in the sixth and seventh centuries A.D. The formation of the common Latvian language began during the 10-12th centuries. Today traces of tribal dialects can be found in the three main dialects (Central, Tamian and High Latvian) and in more than 500 vernaculars of the Latvian language, which co-exist with the highly standardized form of 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 yearly average number of days with snow is about 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

People have different purposes for travelling. Some travel to acquire new knowledge, others – to start a business, but most – to enjoy a vocation. 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, but in order to make it easier, we have put together all the necessary steps for you to enjoy some time here.

Before submitting the documents to the Liepaja University check all the immigration and visa information!

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. You should find the country of your citizenship in the lists (A, B or C) and follow the procedures.

Liepaja is easily accessible. It is located 220 km (136 mi) west from Riga, 100 km (62 mi) 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.



By plane

As of the end of 2009, all regular airline services to and from Liepāja were suspended. Check AirBaltic.com website. Palanga airport is just about 65 km (40 mi) 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 cheap Ryanair, AirBaltic and Wizz Air routes) it is located 220 km east from Liepāja city.



By car

There are two main roads going to Liepāja. One is A9 from Riga direction, and the other is A11, from Klaipėda. 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), Klaipėda, 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 Sienatirgus. But all buses go to the main Bus station. A ticket to Riga costs around 8 Euros. 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 Riga 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 in the bus by phone +371 634 22754 or +371 26 393 694.



By train

A nice and relatively quick train runs twice a week to and from Riga. It leaves the Liepāja railway station (which is the same building as the bus station) at 6 AM, and arrives at Riga railway station at 9:10 AM. The train from Riga leaves at 6:30 PM and arrives in Liepāja at 9:37 PM. These trains also stop at Skrunda, Saldus, Dobeles 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 (149 mi) compared to 220 km (136 mi) 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 Euros.

The first thing that we saw in Liepāja was a different architecture than in Poland. The city is quite small although beautiful, full of historical and artistic monuments. The number of abandoned buildings surprised us, anyway they match the look of the city. The best thing in Liepāja is the sea and the beach. What is more, people here are very friendly and helpful. Many people speak English, so communication with them is easy. The city is international; we have met students from interesting countries like Sri Lanka or Uzbekistan

Anna Wiśniewska and Magda Drzastwa, Erasmus interns from Poland



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. In 2015 Liepaja will celebrate its 390th anniversary.

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 hold 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.

After the construction of the new 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. Costs 0.70 EUR. Buses stop at bus stops throughout the city. Tickets can be bought in boutiques or from the driver. 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 12:30 AM-5 AM). 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 <http://www.egoclub.lv/>
Fontaine Palace Stūrmaņu street 1 www.fontaine.lv
Red Sun Buffet Pasta street 2 <http://www.facebook.com/redsunbuffet>
Klondaika Stendera street 3 www.klondaika.lv



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 (Kafejnica), 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 menciņi**»

(«Liepaja cod-fish») –

dried local cod with potatoes,
cream and onion
in a special hotpot.

Some specific food in this area:

- Biezpiena sierins curd actually, but with sweet taste
Kiselis thickened stewed fruit (usually cherry or rhubarb) served for dessert (vegetarian)
Griki buckwheat, eaten as main course
Skabeti kaposti sauerkraut
Piragi bacon and onion wrapped in a thin-ish yeast dough. A real classic o Latvian cuisine

Other mentionable food and dishes:

- Kupinats siers smoked cheese – goes very well with wine
Frikadellu zupa meatball soup with bullion (high fat)
Biesu zupa red colored beetroot soup (vegetarian and non-vegetarian)
Rosols salad with sour cream (Salad Olivier), usually non-vegetarian
Kotletes meatballs served with potatoes
Gailenu merce chanterelles sauce in sour cream, usually served with potatoes (vegetarian)
Silke ar biezpienu ... herring served with cottage cheese

FINE RESTAURANTS

- Caffe Hercogs (The Duke)** Ed. Veidenbauma iela 8 www.krogshercogs.lv
Medus Palmu iela 5 www.porins.lv
Pastnieka māja Fr. Brīvēznieka iela 53 www.pastniekamaja.lv
Olive Klāpēdas iela 104c, TC Baata <http://www.baata.lv/restorans-olive.html>
Upe Lielā iela 11 <http://www.livahotel.lv>
Vecaļs Kapteinis Jēkaba Dubelšteina iela 14 www.vecaiskapteinis.lv



SPORT

Liepāja is not only a city of culture, but also very active – local football, basketball, ice-hockey, handball, lacrosse 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. Liepāja hosts international sport events: chess tournament Liepāja Castling, Līvū alus 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 Liepāja and its beautiful vicinity. In winter 2013 in Liepāja's and Ventspils' region were hosting FIA European Rally Championship Liepāja-Ventspils.

Liepāja is famous also for its sports schools. It is worth to mention 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.

- Ice-Hockey Arena** Brīvības iela 3/7 <http://www.lmhalle.lv>
Dzintara Bowling Peldu iela 66 <http://dzintarabowlings.lv/liepaja/>
Royal Fitness Sturmanu iela 1 <http://www.royalfitness.lv>
Liepāja's Olympic Center Brīvības iela 39 <http://www.loc.lv>
Liepāja's sport house «H sporta nams» Brīvības 117



HEALTH CARE

Liepāja has a history in a field of health care – the Medical School has educated nurses and other medical personnel for many decades. Today Liepāja has a modern central hospital, which is becoming a Regional Health Care Centre, providing services not only to people from Liepāja, but also inhabitants of the whole Western Kurzeme region.

Improvement of health care is impossible without co-operation and Liepāja has excellent co-operation with Bergen Community (Norway) in fighting infectious diseases, as well as in other spheres, e.g. improving the services of school nurses, co-operation between schools, the city and parents in fighting drug abuse. More information about these and other projects on web site of Baltic Health Organisation.

Liepāja Central Hospital

Slimnīcas iela 25
+371 63403200, 9000101

Liepāja Dentist Polyclinic

K.Zāles laukums 2
+371 63427480

Vecliepāja Primary Health Care Centre

Republikas iela 5
+371 63422451, +371 63426466, +371 63429156

Jaunliepāja Primary Health Care Centre

Aldaru iela 20/24
+371 63425429

SIGHTSEEING

You'll need at least a couple of days to see everything that Liepāja 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

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

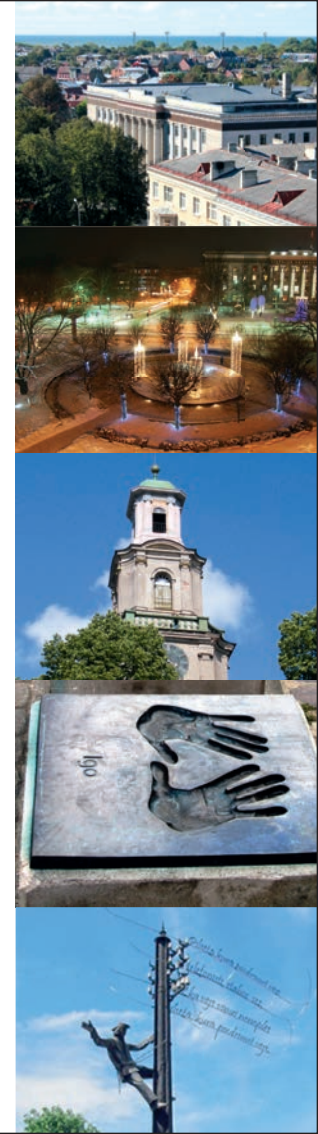
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – is unique about few things that will please everything: your eyesight, ear and heart. Its well preserved interior masterpieces, art works, 13-meter high sacred altar and one of the biggest organs in the world cheers its listener's ears with an outstanding music.
Lielā street 9

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.
Vecā Ostmaļa 40

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.
Jātnieku street, Karosta

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 Liepāja and their symbols.

«Liepāja–notes to follow» 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.



COSTS OF LIVING 1 month

Food		130 EUR
Materials for studies		15 EUR
Student hostel		42-112 EUR
Phone costs, newspapers		15 EUR
Clothes, hobbies, amusements		150 EUR
Total: ~ 400 EUR		

LIEPAJA UNIVERSITY (LiepU)

Liepaja University is one of the oldest higher education institutions in Kurzeme region with large experience and academic traditions, where it is possible to study more than 30 study programs and to acquire humanitarian sciences and art, natural sciences, mathematics and information technologies, business management, pedagogical education and educational sciences, social sciences and social welfare.

Liepaja University is new in respect to changes and development. The strategic aim of the university activities is scientific research and creative activities as the main precondition of sustainable development of Liepaja University. The university is open to international collaboration, which promotes studies based on science and research, development of knowledge society and introduction of research results into national economy. It is anticipated to develop research fields and themes according to the state research priorities and needs of social partners. The university continues improving the activities relating to introduction of innovations and popularisation of scientific cognitions by promoting youth interest in science and understanding scientific activities and creativeness as successful career base in any field.

We understand the global nature of education, but also take into account regional and national interests. This promotes quality of education and efforts directed to international cooperation and student exchange.



An accredited state higher educational establishment, which implements study programmes at all three study levels: basic studies, Master and Doctorate studies

Every year about 33 study programmes are implemented

Full-time and part-time studies

**The number of elected teaching staff members – 74,
among them more than 64,8% – Doctors of Sciences, 35,1 % professors and associate professors**

About 1500 students

The higher educational establishment was founded in 1954 on the basis of Teacher Training Institute

LiepU has its own anthem, coat of arms, logo and a banner

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. The LiepU Develops innovative research, ensures sustainability of society development, economic knowledge development in Latvia as a lawful partner in European Union.

**Why
LiepU
?**

**It's Europe
High-quality education
Highly qualified lecturers
Small study groups
Individual approach
Low tuition fees
City of wind
Near the beach
Cheap living costs
Active student life
Easy to get around the city
Inspiring to live in...
Wide range of activities for students**

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

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 centres and laboratories. The research activities are coordinated by the LiepU Scientific Council and Dr.philol. Ieva Ozola, Vice-Rector responsible for research.

Institute of Educational Sciences (IES)

Director Anita Lidaka, Dr. paed.
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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 centres:

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

Institute realizes doctoral programme «Pedagogy».

Kurzeme Institute of Humanities (KIH)

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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 programme «Letonika», «National Identity» etc.

Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Information Technologies (IMSIT)

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LiepU Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Information Technologies started functioning on the 1st of November 2006. Its specialisation is high performance computing methods and production of mathematical models on mathematics, physics, environment and economic-physics themes.

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. Liepaja University contribution of the economics development of Kurzeme region;
2. Local government sector management at the territorial reform;
3. Local government supports the development of business models;
4. Educational leadership;
 - a. Curriculum management;
 - b. Application of the principle of team work;
 - c. Change management education
5. Knowledge management.

Institute takes part in several projects financed by Latvia-Lithuania Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 and Europe Social Fund and Europe Regional Development Fund.

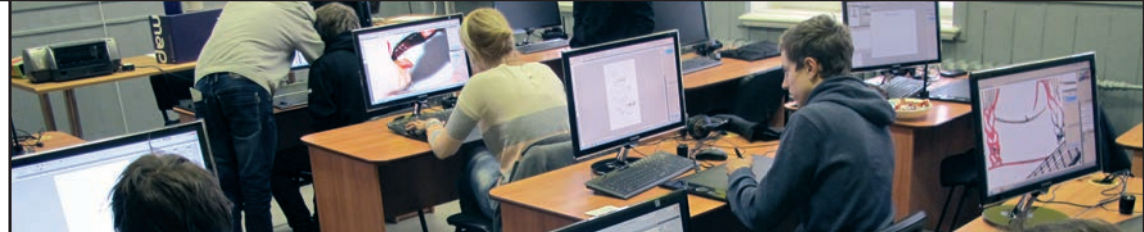
Art Research Laboratory (MPLab)

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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 interdisciplinary 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.

Great experience in applied researches and biographical researches as a result of which an electronic archive and printed books were created containing the life stories of working and retired employees of LiepU.

Speech Therapy Center

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Speech Therapy Center was established in 2005 as a structural research unit under the Faculty of Pedagogy and Social Work in order to ensure students' practical training and provide advisory assistance to persons with speech and language disorders. Since 2012, the Speech Therapy Center carries out scientific researches in the field of speech therapy, ensures the quality of bachelor level study programme «Speech Therapy» and its sustainability and further development of professional and academic level and contributes innovative methods and approaches into the practice.

Music Therapy Center

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Liepaja University Music Therapy Centre was established in September 2012 as a structural research unit under the Faculty of Pedagogy and Social Work.

Liepaja Music Therapy Centre (MTC), with the financial support of the German company «Aktion Mensch» was opened in August 2004 and was the first Latvian Centre for Music Therapy. Although in 2012 the name was changed to Liepaja University Music Therapy Centre and it continues to implement pre-set goals: to perform scientific research in the field of music therapy; promote the master level study program «Music Therapy» and contribute the further development of professional music therapists by implementing innovative methods and approaches into the practice.

Environment Research Center

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Environmental research center was established in 2012 to contribute the research capacity in the environmental field, providing interdisciplinary researches, identify and solve problems related to the environmental science and education, as well as sustainable development, and contribute students involvement in the research work.

Psychological Support Center

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Liepaja University Psychological Support Centre was established in March 30, 2014 as a structural research unit under the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences. Psychological Support Center is created to contribute educational and advisory activity in the field of the development of psychology science.



LIBRARY

The LiepU library is housed in the central building of the University at Lielā iela 14, e-mail: lib@liepu.lv.

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.

Services:

– Borrowing

Mon – Fri 9.30-16.00; Sat, Sun – closed

– Reading room

Mon – Thu 9.00-19.00; Fri 9.00-16.00; Sat 11.00-16.00; Sun – closed

– Electronic resources

Mon – Thu 9.00-18.00; Fri 9.00-16.00; Sat, Sun – closed

– Copying

Mon – Thu 8.00-19.00; Fri 8.00-16.00; Sat 11.00-16.00; Sun – closed

Last Friday of the month Liepaja University library is closed!



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 programme. Students who fail in an examination, can generally try to pass it again during the session or afterwards.

DIPLOMA AND DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT



Graduating from the University of Liepaja all students receive a diploma supplement free of charge in Latvian and English.

After completion of the accredited study programme University of Liepaja issues its students nationally recognised diplomas.

This diploma supplement follows the model developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe, UNESCO/CEPES. The purpose of the supplement is to provide objective data and academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, certificates etc.).

The diploma supplement is designed to provide description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies successfully completed by the individual named on the diploma. It should be free from any value judgements, equivalence statements and suggestions about its recognition. Information in all eight sections should be provided. Where information is not provided, the reason should be explained.

Procedure for the issuance of diplomas and diploma supplements shall be determined by Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No 656, «Procedure for Issuing Nationally Recognised Higher Education Documents», dated 2 October 2007.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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»

The Folk dance collective «Banga» was established on the 18th March, 2009 (as an association (non-profit organization) on the 25th March, 2011).

Our 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 characterises the environment in which we work, live and enjoy.

The founder and head of the collective Kristine Finka 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. During those five years we have already done great things. And it is just a beginning...

In our five existence years we have already achieved big goals. We have taken part in international projects (project UBUS in Lithuania, youth project in Turkey and Moldova), we have made friendship trips to Sweden. Our biggest achievement till now is participation in Baltic States Students Songs and Dances Festival «Gaudeamus» in Vilnius, 2011, with this we gained chance to participate in Latvian Songs and Dances festival 2013, what is big pleasure for every dancer.

As our members say about themselves: «We are young, ambitious and directed to continuous development».

We also are interested to meet new people and to get to know new cultures. To make exchange between cultures for getting to understand and learn each other better. We are different, but all in one!



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.

Latvian Student Christian Fraternity (LSCF) students

Latvian Student Christian Fraternity (LSCF) students – future teachers, journalists, medical doctors, pastors, CEOs, leaders, workers and others. Students are young people who make important choices during their study years, choices that affect and will affect their lives, their families, the future of our country. Each student, who wants to:

- learn more about Christian faith or grow in it,
- spent his/her time purposefully and have fun,
- meet new people and make friends,
- or just to check out what's happening here, is welcome to join any of LKSB activities, planned and organized mostly by Christian students representing different Christian denominations.

LKSB organizes student camps and conferences, Bible study and other kinds of small groups in universities and dorms, and also bigger local events, like lectures, seminars or concerts. LKSB student groups often cooperate with local churches and also take part in different youth projects and activities in their cities.

LSCF is a non-profit youth organization, registered in Latvia in 1993. Organization is lead by its National Board, and organized by 5-7 staff workers and many volunteers. At the moment, there are seven cities where LKSB is represented: Riga, Jelgava, Liepaja, Ventspils, Daugavpils, Rezekne and Valmiera.

More information: www.lksb.lv or via e-mail lksb.liepaja@gmail.com

Studio of music provides an opportunity for everyone, with or without musical training to learn musical skills and express themselves, performing different styles of music. Studio (for a fee) offers different kinds of ensembles to play music, to acquire Keyboard (piano, synthesizer) and guitar playing (classical, electric, bass), as well as solo and ensemble singing.

University offers to take part in these **sport** activities – fitness, floorball, football, gymnastic, basketball, frisbee, volleyball.



INTERNATIONALIZATION

50 international lecturers	100 outgoing mobilities
55 incoming mobilities	International conferences & activities
About 60 Erasmus+ partner universities	15 partner universities

ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

Belgium:	Limburg Catholic University College, Tomas More University
Bulgaria:	St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo,
Czech Republic:	University of West Bohemia, Silesian University in Opava (School of Business Administration)
Danemark:	University College Lillebaelt,
Cyprus:	University of Cyprus
France:	Jean Moulin – Lyon 3 University
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, Augsburg University, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, University of Hildesheim, Heilbronn University, The Bauhaus University Weimar, University of Rostock, Nuertingen-Geislingen University, University of Applied Sciences Schmalkalden
Greece:	Technological Educational Institution of Epirus, Technological Educational Institute of Serres
Hungary:	BKF University of Applied Sciences, Budapest
Lithuania:	Vytautas Magnus University, Klaipeda University, Siauliai University, Utena University of Applied Sciences, Klaipeda State College University of Applied Sciences, Vilnius University, Kauno Kolegija University of Applied Sciences, Vilniaus Kolegija University of Applied Sciences, Vilnius College of Technologies and Design, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences

Netherlands:	Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen, NHTV Breda University of Applied Science, Utrecht School of The Arts
Norway:	Bergen University College, Volda University College,
Poland:	The State School of Higher Professional Education in Elbląg, Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport, Szczecin University
Portugal:	Fafe Superior Institute of Studies, Polytechnic Institute of Santarém, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Polytechnic Institute of Guarda
Romania:	The National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, «Aurel Vlaicu» University of Arad
Slovakia:	Matej Bel University
Spain:	University of Granada, University of Valencia, National University of Cordoba,
Sweden:	Stockholm University
Turkey:	Kocaeli University, Anadolu University, Karabuk University, Ondokuz Mayıs University Samsun, Sakarya University, Marmara University, Gazi University

OTHER PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

Liepāja 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
The Republic of Kazakhstan:	Kokshetau state university named after Shokan Ualikhanov
South Korea:	Soongsil University, Kyungpook National University
Lithuania:	Klaipėda University, Siauliai University, Vytautas Magnus University, Klaipėda State College
Macedonia:	International University of Struga and Liepāja University
The Netherlands:	NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences
Poland:	The State School of Higher Professional Education in Elbląg
Russia:	Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University, University of Management «TISBI», Kazan
Taiwan:	Providence University

ACCOMMODATION

Due to high demand, students should give the Foreign Affairs Department ample notice of their intention to live in student dormitories. 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.

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

Rent per month is

EUR 42,69 for a room (if in the room live 2 and more persons),
EUR 59,76 (2 persons) and
EUR 112,41 (1 person).

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



ALL ROOMS ARE FURNISHED

LOCATION: CITY CENTER

FREE WIFI

LAUNDRY

SHARED KITCHEN

A FRIDGE IN EACH ROOM

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 145-290 per month.

FACULTIES

Faculty of Management and Social Sciences

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Faculty of Science and Engineering

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Based on the higher education policy and current events in Latvian in the world and to continue the development of Liepaja University as a wide range university, Liepaja University Senate on 30 August 2013, decided to divide Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences into two faculties – Faculty of Natural Science and Engineering and Faculty of Management and Social Sciences.

Faculty of Humanitarian sciences and Arts

The aim of the Faculty of Humanities and Arts is to create opportunities for students to acquire academic and higher professional education of good quality in Humanities and Arts as well as in interdisciplinary study programmes related to these fields, to develop research, creative and innovative activities in humanities and art. There are two study fields functioning in the Faculty – study programmes in humanities and arts.

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Faculty of Pedagogy and Social work

The aim of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Social Work is to ensure opportunities to acquire qualitative, competitive higher academic and professional education in Pedagogy, Health Care and Social Welfare in the professional and academic study programmes corresponding to the intellectual and material resources of the Faculty, and taking into the consideration regional and state interests and needs, as well as the demands of European space for higher education. There are two study fields in the Faculty of Pedagogy and Social Work-teacher education and educational science, and health care and social welfare. The study programmes supervised by the Faculty belong to one of these study fields.

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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	
Baltic philology and culture Business and organization management Communication management Computer sciences Culture management Design European language and culture studies Information technology Mathematics Mechatronics Nature and renewable energy resources management and engineering New media art Photo art Physics Social work Speech therapy Teacher Tourism management and recreation	Master studies	Doctoral programmes
	Art Career consultant Ecotechnologies General education teacher Information technology Latvian philology Writing studies Management sciences Master of educational sciences in pedagogy Music therapy New media art Social work	E-studies technologies and management Linguistics New Media Art Pedagogy

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 programme:	English
Link to the study programme:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/48/computer-sciences
The description of study programme:	<p>The central aim of the programme 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). Main courses are: 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 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.</p>
Contact information:	Study programme director: Dzintars Tomsons, dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv

Information Technology (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 programme:	English
Link to the study programme:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/49/information-technology
The description of study programme:	<p>The main goal of the programme 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>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Contact information:	Study programme director: Dzintars Tomsons, dzintars.tomsons@liepu.lv

Physics (Bachelor)

Subject area:	Physical Sciences
Awarded degree and/or qualification:	ACADEMIC BACHELOR degree of Natural Science in Physics
Duration/Study form:	3 years/Full time
Fees:	2200 EUR per year
The language of study programme:	English
Link to the study programme:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/50/physics
The description of study programme:	<p>The aim of the programme is to give academic education in the field of Physics. Programme includes courses of Physics and Mathematics as well as laboratory works.</p> <p>Acquisition of the study programme 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Contact information:	Study programme director: Jānis Rimšāns, janis.rimsans@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 programme:	English
Link to the study programme:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/51/information-technology
The description of study programme:	<p>The aim of the programme 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 programme 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>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.</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>
Contact information:	Study programme 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 programme:	English
Link to the study programme:	http://www.liepu.lv/en/52/new-media-art
The description of study programme:	<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: ACOUSTIC ARTS/DIGITAL MUSIC and DIGITAL NETWORKED MEDIA.</p> <p>Acquisition of the study programme is organized in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops, working on art project, discussions, self-appraisal, participating in New Media festivals, independent assignment.</p> <p>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 programme 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>
Contact information:	Study programme director: Rasa Šmite, rasa.smite@liepu.lv

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

Requirements:

- Application form
- 1 photo 3 x 4 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 100 EUR

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- Residence Permits
- Visas and Invitations
- Declarations of residence place
- 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 ~500 EUR per month.

European Social Fund scholarships for Liepāja University Master degree students of «New media art» and «Information technology» study programmes. Only student who had successfully passed the prescribed period can apply for scholarship. The amount of scholarship: 430 EUR per month.



ERASMUS+

ERASMUS+ is the most successful student exchange programme in the world.

Each year, more than 230 000 students study abroad thanks to the Erasmus programme. 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 programme ERASMUS since the 1999/2000 academic year and it is coordinated by LiepU Foreign Affairs department. The programme 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+ programme Liepaja University organises:

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 organised in a foreign higher education institution, company or organisation.



Erasmus+

