





# ITHUANIA

Lithuania is a green and flat country in the north of Europe, on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea. The official language is Lithuanian. It belongs to the Baltic languages group and is one of the most archaic Indo- European languages.

If you really want to know Lithuania, you must begin with getting to know its people. Most Lithuanians are sincere, hospitable and helpful.

Lithuania offers you a diversity of choices. If you are tired of civilization, you can have an excellent opportunity for retreat from its pressures by travelling to seemingly endless forests, lakes scattered all over

Lithuania, rivers that criss-cross the country, or the unforgettably beautiful Curonian Spit washed by the Baltic Sea. If, on the contrary, you are a truly urban person, you can find lots of things to do in Lithuania's big cities.

There are numerous museums that have accumulated huge collections, national and private art galleries, the never-ending buzz of theatre and music halls, fascinating nightlife, a variety of entertainment options and sports events. Not to mention the national dishes and drinks, which must be tasted.

## **Vilnius**

Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania and its largest city, with a population of about 600 000.

There are many picturesque places to see in Vilnius. To begin with, the Old Town is one of the largest ancient heritages in Eastern Europe. Its buildings were erected in different centuries composing a very impressive ensemble of different architectural styles. The Old Town of Vilnius is included into the UNESCO World Heritage List. Once you really want to explore the city, it is advisable to visit such admirable places as Vilnius Cathedral Square that contains the Vilnius Cathedral, the Bell Tower, the Palace of the Grand Grand Duke of Lithuania Gediminas who



was the founder of Vilnius city. Spectacular views of Vilnius open from the hill where the majestic Gediminas castle is located, as well as from the top of a hill called Three Crosses. The most visited places are Gediminas avenue, Pilies and Didžioji streets, the Bastion of Vilnius City Wall and the charismatic so-called Republic of Užupis.

There are many alternatives for various tastes and interests of the city quests. They may visit some very informative museums and galleries such as the National Museum of Lithuania, the Museum of Genocide Victims, the Museum of Theatre, Music and Cinema, the Museum of Applied Arts, the Dukes of Lithuania and a monument for the Contemporary Art Center and many others.

# Vilniaus kolegija UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Vilniaus kolegija | University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter VIKO) was established in 2000 when a binary system of higher education was adopted in Lithuania.

VIKO emerged on strong roots. The best so-called advanced schools in Vilnius merged into one professional higher education institution and obtained the status of Kolegija | University of Applied Sciences. The newly designed study programmes were approved by external national and international evaluators.

Currently VIKO is one of the largest and leading professional higher education institutions in Lithuania. It offers 39 Professional Bachelor study programmes. 8 of them are taught in English. 1 study programme is delivered jointly with Portuguese and Estonian higher education institutions, and students acquire 3 diplomas. 1 study programme is double degree. VIKO is proud of its highly competent and experienced academic staff and over 31 thousand graduates who have successfully entered the national and international labor market. High enrolment rates, top place on the rankings and high

employability of graduates reflect the prestige of the institution.

Apart from the degree studies, VIKO organizes qualification development courses for specialists of different professional fields.

VIKO is in an active cooperation with its National and international social partners. It is a member of numerous international associations and networks. Students and teachers gain valuable experience in the Erasmus+ and other international exchange programmes. VIKO provides each student with the opportunity to develop his/her creative learning approach and personal growth in the student-centered learning environment.

VIKO is a socially responsible professional higher education institution. The priorities of its Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development are the promotion of a socially responsible society, the development of sustainable competences, increasing employment, and training of professionals in the labor market who are capable of creating added value for society in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and social responsibility.

Creative, proactive and curious people are welcome to join VIKO community and make it their Alma Mater!



VIKO - A NATIONAL RANKING LEADER IN HIGHER PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

study programs
provided
ONLY AT VIKO

carried out also

in **ENGLISH** 

13

Of studies is dedicated to **PRACTICAL TRAINING** 

6 500 students

500 LECTURERS

>250

foreign higher education institutions from
42 countries carry out international exchanges with VIKO

VIKO graduates employability is

97
PERCENT

(according to the data of VIKO and the Lithuanian Labour Exchange, 2018)

### **FACULTY**

#### **OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

Advertising Management

- **#** Creativity and Business Innovations
- # Hotel and Restaurant Business
- International Business
  Office Administration
  Public Relations
- \* Tourism Management

### **FACULTY**

### **OF HEALTH CARE**

Biomedical Diagnostics
Dietetics
General Care Nursing
Hygienic and Decorative Cosmetology
Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy
Radiology

### **FACULTY**

## OF ARTS AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Dance Pedagogy Fashion Design Fashion Technologies and Business Image Design

# Management of Cultural Activity Musical Theatre Popular Music

### **FACULTY**

#### **OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATICS**

Computer Engineering Electronics Engineering Information Systems

Software Engineering

### **FACULTY**

#### **OF ECONOMICS**

Accounting

# Banking

Business Economics Finance Investment and Insurance

### **FACULTY**

#### **OF AGROTECHNOLOGIES**

Agribusiness Technologies Chemical Analysis Food Technology Landscape Design Veterinary

### **FACULTY**

### **OF PEDAGOGY**

Lithuanian Sign Language Interpreting Primary Education Social Work Childhood Pedagogy



# Cooperation

International Cooperation agreements are concluded with more than 250 foreign higher education institutions from 42 countries all around the world. VIKO - a national ranking leader in higher professional education.

More than 200 students annually participate in the Erasmus+ Programme and study abroad or have their internships there.

About 100 of incoming students from overseas annually come to study at VIKO.

About 200 VIKO teachers and employees have their teaching and training periods abroad annually.

About 100 teachers of foreign higher education institutions come to VIKO to share their experience annually.

8 study programmes are also taught in English.

Almost 100 international students from more than 20 countries study full-time at VIKO.



"We are closely cooperating with VIKO as we want to create wider opportunities for students in the business world, while also to attract the best talents. VIKO students participate in our open lectures and field trips to visit the Western Union office, where they learn about the culture of an international company, and witness how their theoretical knowledge can be applied in practice. The students also join our internship program. The representatives of our company eagerly participate in VIKO Career Day where they meet and discuss different issues with the young and aspiring talents. We value this partnership, and each year it is getting stronger."

### **PAULIUS RAMANTAUSKAS**

IT Director, Head of Cooperation with Universities Committee,
Western Union

# PRACTICAL Training

Practical training covers more than one third of the study time at VIKO. VIKO students carry out their internships in more than 400 enterprises and firms located in Lithuania and foreign countries.

Practical training is carried out in 24 VIKO practical training centres - the Veterinary Clinics, Decorative Plant Nursery, Cosmetology Room, Beauty Salon, Fashion Studio, etc.; practical training firms - "VIKO Bankas", "VIKO Drauda", "Miglė", "Vilionė", "Mabikas"; 55 well-equipped modern laboratories. VIKO Centre "SIMULITH" is the only centre in Lithuania, which joins together and coordinates the activity of over 50 business simulation firms of practical training located all over the country.



"Since my school days I knew I wanted to study at Vilniaus kolegija. My choice was International Business study programme and I have no regrets! Marketing lectures were the most interesting as well as internships which gave me an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge into practice and gain professional skills. I realized that I would eagerly work in this area or maybe even start my own business in the future."

VILINDA
Student of
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

# Alumni about VIKO

"I didn't expect that my chosen study program would be so important in my life and would lead me into the entertainment business. That is because I had made the right decision - to study at VIKO."







"To study at VIKO was one of the best solutions in my life. The memories of the days spent there make me smile. In the beginning of the studies I did not have a clear picture of my future profession. At that time I joined the Student Council, and my activities there opened lots of opportunities for my personal development, disclosed my talents and skills that I had never thought I possessed. When I finished my studies, I easily found a job and worked combining creatively the knowledge and skills acquired during the studies."

MIGLĖ graduated TELECOMMUNICATIONS "I can say that it was the Student Council that made the biggest influence on me during my study years. I was a member of the Leisure Committee, where I learned not only to manage people's flows, but also to assess and manage risk. Here at VIKO I realized that I wanted to work in the area of event management and become a professional in this field."







"I am glad that I have chosen Pedagogy as my professional path and that I have chosen VIKO for my dream to come true. I am very grateful to the teachers for their theoretical and practical knowledge, creative ideas and constant support to me in achieving my goals."

RENATA
graduated
EDUCATIONAL PEDAGOGY

# CAREER

The Career Centre and the faculties organize career development seminars to help students to know themselves, to learn about career possibilities, to prepare for job interviews, to develop learning skills, career plans, job searching strategies, and other skills. Obtaining these and other skills allow graduates to develop flexible reactions to constant labor market changes.

VIKO cooperates with Lithuanian and foreign public and private companies. Students have their internships in the international companies, public and private institutions. Meetings with employers are organised regularly. Employers deliver lectures, organize practical trainings, companies invite students to open-door activities. Students have possibilities to apply their theoretical knowledge practically and work in real working conditions.

VIKO students' intercultural competences, experience and foreign language skills are most valued by the employers.

You may start your international professional career at VIKO!

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"Students of the Faculty of Health Care of VIKO are especially welcome in our institution. This major health care professional training institution helps to renew the hospital as an institution, supplementing the hospital's medical team with proactive, professionally trained specialists. I particularly appreciate study programs that provide long-term placements where students can apply their knowledge in practice, gain practical nursing skills, and learn patient care peculiarities. I am pleased that VIKO students are willing to take their final practice in our departments: this makes them competitive against the graduates from other educational institutions when they start work. Every year new VIKO graduates join team.

The hospital administration sincerely welcomes such productive cooperation with VIKO team, graduates of this institution and expects to continue mutually beneficial social partnership. Thanks to all!"



RAIMONDA STEIKŪNIENĖ
Chief Nursing Administrator
Vilnius City Clinical Hospital



**EGLĖ LIŽAITYTĖ**Executive Director of the Lithuanian
Hotel and Restaurant Association

"Long-term relationship and cooperation with Vilniaus kolegija | University of Applied Sciences are based on efficient communication – employers and teachers participate in common projects, the content of study programmes regarding Hotel and Restaurant Business is continually renewed considering business needs, student organizations invite employer representatives to meetings and their final thesis defense. VIKO students are amazing: helpful, curious and motivated. The heads of hotels and restaurants, where VIKO graduates carry out their internships, are of the best opinion of them. Their Professional Bachelor final theses are of long-lasting value."

# Activities |

# INTERNATIONAL TEACHING AND TRAINING WEEKS

"Internationalisation at Home" is fostered actively at VIKO. Every year Vilniaus kolegija organizes International Teaching and Staff Training Weeks, attended by lecturers and staff from the higher education institutions from all over the world. VIKO students have a possibility to participate in their lectures on different topics from their study fields. The VIKO teachers have a possibility to meet and make cooperation plans with their foreign colleagues.

## LEISURE **ACTIVITIES**

Students can participate in the Folk Song and Dance Ensembles "Voruta" and "Želmuo" and the Girls Choir "Vaidilutės". The Fitness and Sports Centre organizes training sessions and competitions in many different sports. Students volunteer in Animal Care Organizations; each year they participate in Blood Drives and Campaigns for Environmental Protection as well as organize charity events.

## STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Each faculty has a Student Council and Student Reseach Club. Faculties Students Councils are united by VIKO Students Council. Student organisations provide students with the possibilities to enhance their skills and abilities, to develop their potential by organising various activities. ESN VIKO is a non-governmental organization uniting mentors, ESN members and the ESN VIKO board. ESN VIKO activities include organizing various events for VIKO international students. ESN VIKO help international students to get personal mentors who help them integrate into the community in the start and assist them in different everyday situations.

# SUMMER SCHOOLS

Every Summer Vilniaus kolegija organizes Summer Schools. We welcome everyone interested into improving their professional knowledge and skills. Moreover, it is a great opportunity to improve English language skills, as well as to explore Lithuania and its culture.



# **MEMBERSHIP**

**EURASHE** - European Association of Institutions in Higher Education

**COST** - European Cooperation in Science and Technology United Nations Global Compact

#### **EUROPEN-PEN INTERNATIONAL** -

The Practice Enterprise Network

**CDIO** - Educational Framework for the Future Engineers Education

**SPACE NETWORK** - European Network for Business Studies and Languages

**ENPHE** - European Network of Physiotherapy in Higher Education

**EFAD** - European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians

**EFRS** - European Federation of Radiographer Societies

**VETNNET** - Veterinary European Transnational Network for Nursing Education and Training **ECLAS** - European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools

#### **COMENIUS ASSOCIATION -**

European Network of Teacher Training Institutes

**ELIA** - European League of Institutes of the Arts

**AEC** - European Association of Conservatoires

**EAIE** - European Association for International Education

**EERA** - European Educational Research Association

Participation in the Nordplus - Baltic and Nordic cooperation networks:

Act in Art - Nordic/Baltic Nordplus network

NordPuls - Nordic/Baltic Nordplus network

"Here I was able to reveal all the Colors of my personality. I was greatly impressed by the cozy and most creative atmosphere in my faculty. The most creative students are studying here! From the beginning I was eager to take everything from these studies, and I am very satisfied."







"When I entered the Vilniaus Kolegija,
I did not expect it to be the place where
I could develop so much. My studies
exceeded my expectations. A great
daily atmosphere encourages me to
pursue my dreams."

ERVIN
Student of
INFORMATION SYSTEMS



"I'm very happy to study at VIKO in English. I will be able to apply my knowledge in the international market, and the opportunity to study in Portugal, Estonia and Lithuania and acquire three diplomas at the same time sounds incredible!"

ARNAS
Student of CREATIVITY AND
BUSINESS INNOVATIONS



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