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WHY LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES?

The Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (LEU) is the most important teacher training institution in Lithuania. The primary goal of the University is to educate a highly qualified specialist in the chosen field of science and a professional teacher who is able to operate in the fast-changing society successfully, is aware of the abilities and skills obtained and professionally active in different type institutions of education either in national or international contexts.

Mission of the University is the creation and dissemination of Society's education based on Philosophy of modern education and the newest scientific knowledge. The University is aiming to solidify its exceptional place in the Lithuanian and European Higher Education Area as a University of Educational nature in studies, research and practice. Vision of the University is to become themost important educational university, gradually solidifying its status in Central and Eastern regions of the European Union; an institution that is flexible to changes, open internationally, modern, attractive and competitive; an institution that trains specialists of wide spectrum successfully, conducts fundamental and applied scientific research, applies the results to practice and provides various social educational services.

University has been continually developing a model of a specialised educational institution with a focus on renovation of the study process and organisation of scientific research. Teacher training and education of specialists have been the fields prioritised by the University. In the future the University will expand a variety of services meant for the students and other society groups.



WHY LITHUANIA? WHY VILNIUS?

Geographically (confirmed by the Guinness World Records) Lithuania is located in the very centre of Europe. It has a unique and well preserved cultural traditions. The nature of the country is very rich and can offer spectacular views. If the presence of forests and lakes is not enough for you, then there is the Baltic Sea the western part of Lithuania borders on. The people are friendly and welcoming to foreigners (though sometimes shy towards them). The climate offers four very distinct seasons, with temperatures ranging from around -5°C during winter to +20°C during summer. In addition, Lithuania is a member of the European Union, thus travelling through Europe is very simple.

Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania and the city where the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences is located. Vilnius is a beautiful city. It has a well-preserved Old Town area (a UNESCO heritage site, one of the biggest in Eastern Europe), other places of cultural heritage and architectural marvels. The city has over 40 churches of varying styles and religions, some dating back to as far as 1320. Vilnius offers a variety of leisure and entertainment activities that could encompass sight-seeing, visiting museums, participating in cultural events or enjoying a wild night life. Vilnius has a well-established and constantly improved public transportation system, a big international airport, bus and train stations.

The main campus of the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences is situated virtually at the heart of Vilnius, near a beautiful curve of the Neris, a city main river. It has picturesque surroundings and can be easily reached from any part of Vilnius via public transport. The second campus of the University is situated just 15 minutes of walking distance from the beautiful Old Town and about a ten-minute walk from the huge and nicely maintained Vingis park.

RECTOR'S WELCOME ADDRESS

In the history of education and culture of Lithuania, the Education Commission, i.e. the National Commission of Educational Affairs, had played a crucial role. Under the influence of the ideas of the Age of Enlightenment and, especially, of the French intellectuals, the school reform took place striving to create an education system that would be more liberal and democratic, and that would encourage and develop an enquiring mind. In 1775, under the auspices of the Education Commission, the first Teacher Training Seminary was established in Vilnius. It is symbolic that the word "seminarium" in Latin means a "seed-plot", i.e., a seed-bed for teachers and educators. Unfortunately, due to financial and political reasons Teacher Training Seminary had been closed down several times. When the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth collapsed and Czarist Russia came to power, the Seminary had no prospects to continue its activities. Interpretation of the events and dates in the turmoil of history could lead us to the fact stating that the origin of our university dates back to 1775, i.e. to the date when the Teacher Training Seminary was established. Thus, in the nearest future we can celebrate the 240th anniversary of this university! However, the history of Lithuania reveals not only uplifts and great deeds but also appalling tragedies. All of it found its reflection in the development of the ideas implemented by the Education Commission. Therefore, following the traditional interpretation, we associate the establishment of this university with the decree that was signed by the President Antanas Smetona in 1935.

Many years have passed, the generations of lecturers, professors and students have changed. The University has proudly covered a long distance, fostering the Lithuanian culture and education. It has implanted the desire for freedom and professional eminence in the people of Lithuania; it has taught those who educate younger and progressive generations to devote the soul and intellect to education, maintenance of the national identity and protection of the state. Graduates of this university pursue their teacher careers in schools all



over Lithuania; they are the core of the Lithuanian education system. Admittedly, we are still facing a number of challenging tasks in improving the studies and placement and enhancing prestige of this university. Therefore, I would like to thank all the members of the university community - lecturers, students, administrative staff and employees of economy department for their aspiration to develop a dignified, mature, creative and responsible academic community. Let me express my heartfelt thanks to our social partners and collaborators from the universities in Lithuania and abroad. In the logo of our university there is a phrase from the Old Testament Fiat Lux ("Let there be light") inscribed in golden letters. There has never been too much of human light, especially the one that is emitted by good nature and tender hearts. Thus, let there be much light in our deeds, relationships, thoughts, and dreams. I wish you joyful celebration of youth and maturity!

Acad. Prof. Dr. Hab. Algirdas Gaižutis

UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE



HISTORY

In 1775, under the Education Commission auspices, the first Teacher Training Seminary was established in Vilnius. In 1935, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania established the first teacher training institution of higher education – the Pedagogical Institute providing two-year study programmes in Klaipėda. The mission of the Pedagogical Institute was to train teachers and to develop pedagogical sciences for the citizens of Lithuania. In March 1939, when the Nazis occupied the Region of Klaipėda, the Institute was moved to Panevėžys. In the autumn of 1939 it finally moved to Vilnius, the newly regained capital, and was named Vilnius Pedagogical Institute.

On 11th March 1990, with independence regained for Lithuania, a reform of academic and administrative matters started at the Institute. On 20th May 1992 the Supreme Council of the Lithuanian Republic granted the Institute the status of a university, and the name of Vilnius Pedagogical Institute was changed to Vilnius Pedagogical University. In October 2011 Vilnius Pedagogical University was renamed the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences.

During its existence, the University has suffered wars, upheavals, as well as the occupation and National Rebirth periods. The academic community has continuously sustained development of pedagogical thinking, fostered the concept and choice of values. At present the University has been cherishing not only the history of the state but also providing the values of the wider global context. The University focuses on young people's modern education not only as good professionals but also as responsible personalities, able to work and create successfully in the contemporary competitive society.





















CONTEMPORARY LIFE

The Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (LUES) participates actively in educational reforms and cooperates with all-level personality education organisations, including pre-school education establishments, secondary and higher schools as well as adult education and vocational training institutions. It has also had a considerable impact on other Lithuanian institutions of education, as the knowledge and skills of those who enter the sector of higher education in Lithuania depend highly on how they have been taught at schools by the teachers who become to be graduates of the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences.

Dissemination of Knowledge and Values

The University has become the main centre of information and knowledge to society in the areas of education, science, culture, environmental protection and healthy life style. Every year members of the University academic community deliver about three hundred open lectures and organise over two hundred fifty expeditions for pupils and students. The artists of the University participate in over two hundred national and international "En plein air" events and exhibitions in Lithuania and abroad.

The University fosters the values of humanism, tolerance, public spirit, patriotism, and social solidarity. It develops the "Green University" ideas, promotes healthy life style and participates in social inclusion development projects. High involvement of the University in a wide spectrum of education activities, lifelong learning development, fundamental and applied research, transfer of knowledge and values is adequately reflected by its slogan, engraved in the University logo: *Fiat Lux* ("Let there be light").

Individuality. LUES is a leading institution of teacher education and culture employee training that constantly provides its services in updating teacher qualification.

Flexibility. Reestablishment of the national independence has inspired the University community to become more initiative and creative, the communication among students and teachers turn into more open and sincere. The University started enrolment for double study programmes comprising a minor speciality next to the major qualification.

Versatility. Teaching in the fields of pedagogy, psychology, philosophy, economics, history, Lithuanian language and literature, foreign languages and cultural science has grown more comprehensive and versatile. The University graduates have become highly qualified specialists of education and other areas: teachers of Lithuanian higher education establishments, researchers of scientific institutes, as well as employees of numerous other institutions. As many as eight graduates of the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences were MPs at the Lithuanian Supreme Council, the Reconstituent Parliament of 1990. A number of other graduates work successfully at diplomatic services or as Lithuanian municipality mayors, have become famous journalists or artists.





Regional and National Impact

The University provides a significant input to sustainable development of Lithuania. The results of the projects undertaken and research carried out by the University help to succeed in its mission to the country and the region and are disseminated to governmental and non-governmental organisations, and business companies.

The students and alumni of the University bring Lithuania a worldwide fame in sport events: twelve graduates of the University have become Olympic medalists, twenty graduates won world championships and fifty-three – European championships. Research and artistic activities of the University researchers and alumni have gained twenty-five Lithuanian science awards and fourteen national culture and arts awards. The University music ensembles enjoy high popularity in Lithuania and spread cultural enlightenment to the society.

The University has been constantly developing the infrastructure to meet the needs of the disabled in a better way, to lessen their social exclusion and improve their integration. The University provides and develops social services that are well visible to the society.







STUDIES

The University is proud to offer high-quality undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate study programmes. Thirty nine first cycle study programmes are offered in ten study fields such as pedagogy, psychology, philology, history, philosophy, economics and business management and technologies. The graduates are awarded a respective undergraduate degree and a teacher's professional gualification. Thirty two second cycle study programmes are offered in twenty-four study fields such as education, pedagogy, psychology, social work, sociology, linguistics, art studies, history, information technologies, mathematics and graduates are awarded a Master's degree. Four third cycle programmes are offered in four fields and graduates are awarded a PhD. In addition, the University offers non-degree study programmes for qualification development and retraining. The studies are organized in different forms, i.e. full-time and part-time.

Studies at the University are based on the newest scientific knowledge and principles of sustainable development; the quality of the study programmes is continuously improved and study accessibility and internationalization is constantly developed.

There are about five thousand students at the University presently. The University teaching staff consists of five hundred and twenty eight employees; seventy eight of them are Professors (Doctors and Habilitated Doctors), two hundred and nine – Associate Professors and Doctors, and two hundred and forty one – Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers.

Presently, there are seven faculties at the University: the Faculty of Science and Technology; the Faculty of History; the Faculty of Lithuanian Philology; the Faculty of Social Education; the Faculty of Philology; the Faculty of Education; the Faculty of Sports and Health Education, and one Institute: the Institute of Professional Competence Development. The above mentioned University units are able to solve the majority of academic and scientific issues independently with flexibility and managerial success. After all, it is of great importance for



a university to live under competitive market-dependent conditions, not to lose its positions in teacher education, but to strengthen them and guide the student community in the right way, i.e. to educate them as civilised, socially responsible and open-minded professionals.

The Library of the University is a centre of studies, science and information technologies offering its users a wide spectrum of services. The library has funds containing over 700.000 books, periodicals, audio and video recordings, as well as electronic documents. Every year, the library purchases from 10 to 15 thousand new documents and subscribes to approximately 300 different periodicals, as well as has licences to over 30 electronic databases. To help the users four reading rooms and the Learning Resource Centre contain 260 working places. Readers have a possibility to use computers. The library provides access to listening to audio recordings, watching video tapes, saving information on data storage devices, scanning images or documents or just undisturbed working.

The Library has the integral librarian system ALPH500, which allows administering all the functions at the library, developing document directory of the University, registering our teachers' publications. The Library organises thematic and personal expositions and provides a great diversity of other different services. The new modern library complex is scheduled to open in 2015.









RESEARCH

The priority of the university is the development of fundamental and applied research in the field of education. This includes subject didactics, education management, and lifelong learning promotion. The results of the research are of special importance to the development of education in Lithuania. In addition, the University undertakes research in the fields of social sciences, humanities, biomedicine, science and technology.

The University offers PhD studies in education, philology and other areas. It publishes six periodical scientific journals: four in social sciences: "Pedagogika" ("Pedagogy"), "Ugdymo psichologija" ("Education Psychology"), "Socialinis ugdymas" ("Social Education"), "Sporto mokslas" ("Sport Science") and two in humanities: "Istorija" ("History") and "Žmogus ir žodis" ("Man and the Word"). The letter one comprises the volumes of "Didaktinė lingvistika" ("Didactic Linguistics"); "Literatūrologija" ("Literary Criticism"); "Svetimosios kalbos" ("Foreign Languages"); "Filosofija" ("Philosophy"). The University also publishes conference proceedings and volumes of scientific papers written by young researchers. Researchers of the University participate in a significant number of international and national research programmes and projects. Annually the University hosts about thirty national and international conferences. Every year the academic staff members publish about twenty scientific monographs, one thousand research articles and deliver about three hundred scientific presentations at the conferences.

At present, the such researchers as Prof. Jonas Rimantas Stonis, a laureate of the Lithuanian National Science Award, Prof. Piotr Vasiljev, Prof. Marijona Barkauskaite, Prof. Romualdas Grigas and many others make the university famous nationally and internationally.















INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University is actively involved in international cooperation for the purpose of improving the quality and relevance of study programmes, research, development and modernization projects. The University offers exchange opportunities based on academic relations and bilateral agreements. Bilateral agreements have been established with higher education institutions in Europe, Asia and North-America.

The University has signed more than 120 bilateral agreements for *Erasmus*+ exchange and forthy six bilateral cooperation agreements. The target groups of individual learning mobility consist of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students for studies and traineeship as well as academic and non-academic staff for teaching and for being trained.

The geographical scope of mobility covers twenty six EU and nineteen non-EU countries. The main partners are in Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Israel, the U.S.A., Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

The University actively participates in *Erasmus*+ exchange programme as well as *Comenius, Grundtvig, Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus academic networks, Tempus* and *Nordplus.* The University is a member of a number of international associations such as European Association of Universities, Baltic Sea Region University Network and Association for Teacher Education in Europe.















Erasmus Policy Statement

The Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (hereinafter – the University) is the main institution which educates a wide spectrum of highly qualified professionals for education sector in Lithuania.

The priority for international cooperation is given to institutions of a similar character, i.e. teacher training universities and colleges. The University is open for cooperation with all the countries of the European Union. The University also strives to implement the European Neighbourhood Policy by promoting the cooperation with Belarus, Ukraine and Azerbaijan as well as Russia and other countries of the Post-Soviet area. The activities of cooperation with non-EU countries is seen as a tool for bringing the European dimension into the education institutions of non-participating countries.

The geographical scope of mobility covers 27 EU member and participating countries and 19 other non-EU countries. As part of its strategic plan, the University is aiming at promoting active mobility of students and staff seeking full academic recognition of studies and qualifications throughout the European Union.

For the upcoming Erasmus University Charter period, the University aims at enhancing quality of studies in all cycles by actively participating in transnational programmes and projects, by increasing student and staff mobility as well as by extending participation in multilateral *Erasmus* programme. The target groups of individual learning mobility consist of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students for studies and traineeship as well as academic and non-academic staff for teaching and for being trained.

International Relations Office of the University organizes the selection of mobile students and staff and awards grants in a fair, transparent, and documented way, in line with the stipulations of its contract with the National Agency. Open competition for studies and placements is organised for students twice a year. Call for competition is announced on the website of the University, through the means of mass media of the University (TV and newspaper) and during Erasmus days organized at each faculty of the University. The competition is organized according to the "Rules for participation in Erasmus exchange programme for students of Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences" available in Lithuanian and English. According to the rules, fair opportunities are provided to all potential participants, including those from groups which are usually under-represented in mobility programmes such as students from lower socio-economic backgrounds and students with part-time jobs. Students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are offered the opportunity of getting top-up grants.

The University uses ECTS as a tool to guarantee the quality of mobility activities and transparency of recognition procedures, which facilitates the transfer of learning achievements between institutions and helps to achieve greater student mobility. The University makes use of the following items ensuring the smooth process of the academic credit transfer: Course Catalogue which is annually updated and announced on the University website.

Learning Agreement for studies and placements is signed before the start of mobility. A Transcript of Records



indicating number of credits earned and grades achieved is received from host institution at the end of the mobility for outgoing students and issued and sent to home institutions at the end of mobility for incoming students.

The University implements the policy of staff mobility enhancement by measures encouraging mobility: the international mobility is acknowledged as part of regular workload and temporary replacements are found during the mobility period. The staff is encouraged to share their experiences of international mobility at the Department meetings with colleagues and at the open lectures for students.

While implementing *Erasmus+* exchange programme the University has been developing and advancing non-discrimination policies. It ensures equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds.

The international mobility is an integral part of the University quality assurance system.

The University has Erasmus agreements with more than 120 universities from 27 European countries. Each year the University sends over 180 of its staff and students abroad and receives over 150 foreign staff and students under this programme.

Erasmus Key Data

ERASMUS code: LT VILNIUS04

Academic calendar: The academic year is organized in two semesters:

Autumn semester: from 1st September until end of January, Spring semester: from beginning of February until end of June.

Erasmus Exchange: How to Apply?

An *Erasmus* exchange applicant should send the completed Application, Learning Agreement and Accommodation forms. We strongly recommend to follow the deadlines especially for non-EU applicants to manage starting studies at LUES on time. As soon as we have duly signed documents, we issue Letter of Acceptance to be sent to home university.

Course Information

Information on courses can be found on our website, under ECTS courses section. Please choose the faculty and go to the description of each course offered. Please contact coordinator of incoming *Erasmus* students (erasmus@leu.lt) if you have any questions. To avoid uncertainty, we kindly ask incoming students to send us the list of chosen courses before sending the application documents by post. Please pay attention to the availability of a subject depending on the semester!

Accommodation

The Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences provides incoming students with accommodation at its dormitory (Vivulskio St. 36, Vilnius). Students have to fill in the accommodation request form (to be found under the "Documents" section) while applying.

Orientation Week

At the beginning of each semester we organise Orientation Week to get to know each other better, and most importantly to introduce the incoming students to the university, teachers, as well as organise trips around Vilnius and nearby towns.

Mentor System

We would like our incoming students feel at home while studying at the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences. Therefore, we have developed a mentoring system, which is aimed at student-to-student help. Every incoming *Erasmus* student has his/her mentor – a student of LUES (usually a former or future Erasmus student) to help an incoming student to adapt to the new life in Vilnius. Mentors pick up students from the airport or bus/train station and take to the dormitory, show around, introduce to social life of local students and help with many problems that a person can experience while abroad.

Erasmus Student Network

Mentors have started to volunteer at the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences since the very first *Erasmus* program students' arrival. Mentors have helped them with academic and social integration to a new country too. In March 2014 LUES mentors joined ESN Lithuania and LUES became a full right section of ESN Lithuania.

ESN LUES board consists of president, vice president, human resources coordinator, public relations coordinator and social *Erasmus* coordinator. Members of this organisation help exchange students with various issues and questions, such as migration, ISIC cards, Vilnius Ticket, communication with lecturers and coordinators. One of the main goals is to inform about different activities at the university and ESN LEU events.

Erasmus students get a great opportunity of visiting different places of Vilnius and Lithuania during the orientation week and the whole semester. They also join social *Erasmus* events.

ESN LUES motto is: "We Can Do IT, One For All and All For One".













CULTURAL AND SOCIAL LIFE

The World of Arts

LUES seeks to improve the human condition by advancing knowledge and fostering creativity. It does so through research and education and commitment to social justice, human rights and a sustainable aesthetic environment.

Many students aspire to enter the arts profession in one branch or another, as performers, teachers or administrators. A significant number, therefore, continue their studies, for example, at a Master's and doctoral degree studies. Some of the graduates choose among education, creativity or management careers. Arts graduates have a good reputation among even the most demanding employers.

Students with general intellectual interests, some knowledge and love of the arts are welcome. Intelligence, motivation, creativity and emotional sensitivity are essential.













Cultural activities

The song and dance group "Šviesa" has existed since 1954. Many students of different specialities, future teachers sing, dance and play in the group. There are not only Lithuanian folk songs, dances and melodies in the repertoire of the group, but also pieces of modern music based on the best folk music tradition.

The group has given over 2000 concerts in Lithuania and abroad. They have visited Germany, Italy, Spain, the USA, Poland, Russia and a number of other foreign countries. The folk and dance group has been directed by Jolanta Kisielyte-Sadauskiene.

The Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences mixed choir "Ave vita" was founded in 1935. The students, future teachers, of different faculties and departments sing in the choir at present. The choir "Ave vita" has participated in numerous international festivals and competitions in which they have been prize winners for many times. The choir has been directed by the Chief Conductor Kastytis Barisas. The folklore group "Poringe" performs traditional Lithuanian folklore. It was established in 1973. The artistic directors of the group are Ms. Audrone Vakariniene, an expert of the Lithuanian Folklore, and Mr. Vladas Černiauskas.

The Group programmes include a wide range of the Lithuanian folk music: from old rituals, authentic shepherds' instruments, songs and dances, dating to the 16-19th centuries, to the international (including classical) instruments, music and dances. During concerts one might hear a unique polyphonic "sutartinė" performed by using wooden horns, horns or pan pipes.

There is also the chamber string ensemble "Credo" and different performing arts workshops at the University.





Sports

At the Faculty of Sports and Health Education students develop their mastery in teams of basketball, handball, volleyball, track-and-field athletics, sports aerobics, orienteering, football, table tennis and other sports.

Our students participate in competitions and tournaments of 29 different sports. LUES has trained 12 Olympic Gold medal winners, over 40 champions of Lithuania, and over 50 winners of the Lithuanian student tournaments annually.

Every year, sportsmen and sportswomen take part in the SELL Student Games (involving Finnish, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian students), where they get high awards or become champions.

The Sports Centre of the faculty yearly organises numerous traditional events, which could be joined by everyone willing to participate, like "Juventus", matches to win the Dean's cups, fresher basketball cup competitions, gym football tournaments and other events.

Our best athletes of the recent years are the rowers Alvydas Duonėla (European champion, winner of the World Cup, world vice-champion and participant of the Sydney Olympic Games of 2000 and the Athens Olympic Games of 2004); Egidijus Balčiūnas (triple world champion, world vice-champion, participant of the Sydney Olympic Games of 2000 and the Athens Olympic Games of 2004); Jevgenij Šuklin (European Champion in 2010, World Rowing University Champion in 2008 and 2010, the Winner of the Silver Medal of the London Olympic Games, 2012); cyclist Simona Krupeckaitė (World Champion and record-holder, 2009–2010); modern pentathlete Donata Rimšaite (World Cup winner, 2009); biathlete Diana Rasimovičiutė (European vice-champion, 2010) and Laura Asadauskaitė (Gold medal winner of the London Olympic Games, 2012); Boxer Evaldas Petrauskas (Bronze medal winner of the London Olympic Games, 2012).

Olympic champions have graduated from LEU and have gained the specialty of physical education. They include the basketball players Angelė Rupšienė and Vida Beselienė, track-and-field athletes Romas Ubartas and Remigijus Valiulis, boxer Danas Pozdniakas, skier Vida Vencienė, football players Arvydas Janonis and Arminas Narbekovas, swimmers Lina Kačiušytė and Robertas Žulpa.



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Robertas Žulpa



Students' Union

The aims of the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences Students' Union are the motivation of students to develop a democratic, legal and civic society in Lithuania, an active contribution to development of a democratic educational system, as well as defence of LUES student rights and interests.

The Students' Union defines issues of importance and raises such questions before the University administrative staff. It also organises summertime leisure activities, promotes cultural and scientific work.

The Students' Union cooperates with student organisations both at the national level and internationally, and organises a number of various events. The traditional celebrations of the University teachers and students are the Fresher Matriculation Party and the Spring of Poetry. Amongst the most memorable events, there are Indian, Russian and Turkish cultural evenings, scientific conferences organised by the students, etc.

At the University, every student has a possibility to acquire practice in his/her pedagogical activities, which is conducted not only at schools, but also at various teaching centres.

The picturesque surroundings of Aukštadvaris, characterised by exceptional beauty and biological diversity, contain the teaching base belonging to the faculties of Science and Technology, Sports and Health Education, etc. It includes a Nature Research Centre consisting of different plant collections, several laboratories, field classrooms, a meteorological experimental ground, boulder collection and numerous other teaching objects.

The teaching premises include a working stadium, open swimming pool and skiing track. The astronomical practice base in the Region of Molètai, next to the Kaldiniai Hill can boast about the same popularity among students. Here, students of the faculty of Science and Technology get acquainted with the starry skies in practice, try out astrophysical research equipment and learn to use the telescopes.

Students can also deepen their knowledge at LUES greenhouse. Its main purpose is serving for studies, i.e. training of teachers specialising in biology and natural sciences. At the greenhouse the future biologists and ecologists observe plants, get familiar with plant diversity, and carry out research work. Educational practices are conducted inside, including organisation of cognitive excursions for pupils and plant lovers.













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