



***INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
GUIDE
2020/2021***

***Turība University
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The UNIVERSITY

Turība University is one of the leading higher educational institutions in Latvia with a stable tradition and a clear vision of common European educational space. Founded in 1993, *Turība* is proud of its more than 4300 students and 13000 alumni.

The institution has four major faculties:

- [Business Administration](#)
- [Law Studies](#)
- [International Tourism](#)
- [IT Department](#)

Professionalism, dynamics and being up-to-date – the main characteristic features of the brand *Turība*.

STUDY PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Turība University presently offers the following study programmes in English for foreign students:

- Bachelor programme in Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Bachelor programme in Business Administration
- Bachelor programme in Management of International Communication
- Bachelor programme in Business Logistics Management
- Bachelor programme in International Finance Management
- Bachelor programme in Computer Systems
- Master programme in Tourism Strategic Management
- Master programme in Business Administration
- Master programme in Business Psychology and Human Resource Management in Entrepreneurship
- Doctoral programme in Communication Management
- Doctoral programme in Law Science
- Doctoral programme in Business Administration
- Doctoral programme in Management Science.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Turība is intensively expanding its international cooperation. *Turība* has been accepted as a member of AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business that unites leading business schools all over the world. Furthermore, *Turība* is a member of EURASHE – European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, The International Leadership Association and E.L.F.A – European Law Faculties Association. *Turība* is not only a member of UN WTO (World Tourism Organization) but also the programme of Tourism and Hospitality Management has been awarded the UNWTO accreditation – UNWTO TedQual certificate.

Turība University also offers a wide range of opportunities to obtain knowledge and experience abroad. Three types of cooperation have been implemented: ERASMUS+ programme, double degree programmes and bilateral exchange programmes.

Turība has more than 80 partner institutions across Europe under [ERASMUS+ programme](#), offers double degree programmes on bachelor and master level with 10 higher education institutions in France, Great Britain, Turkey, Spain, Finland and Taiwan as well as *Turība* has established close cooperation within the bilateral exchange programme with higher education institutions in South Korea, the Netherlands, Russia, Mexico, USA, China, India, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Ireland.



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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 – 19:00 (9am-7pm)
Fridays: 11:00 – 19:00 (11am-7pm)
Every 1st and 2nd Saturday of each month: 10.00 - 15.00 (10am-3pm)
Information desk: every day 8:00 – 20:00 (8am-8pm) – except for the official holidays

STUDY TIMETABLE

Academic calendar		
	Term 1 (Fall Semester)	Term 2 (Spring Semester)
Start of courses/term	September 7, 2020	January 4, 2021
End of classes	November 27, 2020	March 26, 2021
Examination	November 30 – December 18, 2020	April 6 - April 23, 2021
End of term	December 31, 2020	April 30, 2021

STUDY COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDY COURSES FOR BACHELOR STUDENTS

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1ST STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business Mathematics	3	1 (autumn)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	1 (autumn)
Information Technologies 1	3	1 (autumn)
Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Microeconomics	4.5	1 (autumn)
Business Economics	6	1 (autumn)
Conduction of Research and Presentation	3	1 (autumn)
Document Circulation and Record Keeping	3	1 (autumn)
Legal Aspects of Business	3	1 (autumn)
Organizational Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Social psychology	3	1 (autumn)
Business process regulations	4.5	2 (spring)
Econometry	4.5	2 (spring)
Financial Mathematics	3	2 (spring)
Information Selection and Interpretation	3	2 (spring)
Information Technologies 2	4.5	2 (spring)
Latvian Language Basic	3	2 (spring)
Macroeconomics	4.5	2 (spring)
Research methods and presentation skills	3	2 (spring)
Team Building	3	2 (spring)
Business Economics	6	2 (spring)
Conduction of Research and Presentation	3	2 (spring)
Legal Aspects of Business	3	2 (spring)
Organizational Management	4.5	2 (spring)
Social psychology	3	2 (spring)
Business Economics	6	2 (spring)
Conduction of Research and Presentation	3	2 (spring)
Document Circulation and Record Keeping	3	2 (spring)

2ND STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business process regulations	4.5	1 (autumn)
Digital Marketing	3	1 (autumn)
E-commerce	3	1 (autumn)
Entrepreneurship	4.5	1 (autumn)
Finance Accounting	6	1 (autumn)
Managerial Accounting	6	1 (autumn)
Marketing	6	1 (autumn)
Media Communication	3	1 (autumn)
Selling Management	3	1 (autumn)
Time Management	3	1 (autumn)
Basic Accounting Principles	3	1 (autumn)
Critical Thinking	3	1 (autumn)
Finance Accounting	6	1 (autumn)

Intellectual Property Law	3	1 (autumn)
International Commerce Transactions	3	1 (autumn)
Project Management	3	1 (autumn)
Statistical Research Methods	6	1 (autumn)
Business Communication	3	1 (autumn)
Coaching	4.5	1 (autumn)
Entrepreneurship	4.5	1 (autumn)
Imports and Exports	3	1 (autumn)
Labour Protection	3	1 (autumn)
Leadership	4.5	1 (autumn)
Logistics Business Management	6	1 (autumn)
Marketing research	3	1 (autumn)
Selling Management	3	1 (autumn)
Taxation Management	3	1 (autumn)
Transport SystemS and Processes	3	1 (autumn)
Accounting Software	3	2 (spring)
Business Accounting	3	2 (spring)
Business Ethics and Business Communication	3	2 (spring)
Commercial Transactions	4.5	2 (spring)
Digital Marketing	3	2 (spring)
E-commerce	3	2 (spring)
Managerial Accounting	3	2 (spring)
Marketing research	3	2 (spring)
Selling Management	3	2 (spring)
Social psychology	3	2 (spring)
Tax Laws and Procedures	4.5	2 (spring)
Time Management	3	2 (spring)
Auditing and Revision	3	2 (spring)
Budget Planning	6	2 (spring)
Business Communication	3	2 (spring)
Capital Market	3	2 (spring)
Labour Protection	3	2 (spring)
Managerial Accounting	6	2 (spring)
Survey of Philosophy	3	2 (spring)
Taxation Management	3	2 (spring)
Business Communication	3	2 (spring)
Coaching*	4.5	2 (spring)
Imports and Exports	3	2 (spring)
Labour Protection	3	2 (spring)
Leadership	4.5	2 (spring)
Logistics Business Management	6	2 (spring)
Managerial Accounting	6	2 (spring)
Marketing research	3	2 (spring)
Project Management	3	2 (spring)
Selling Management	3	2 (spring)
Transport SystemS and Processes	3	2 (spring)

3RD STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business Etiquette	3	1 (autumn)

Coaching	4.5	1 (autumn)
Finances and Crediting	3	1 (autumn)
Financial Management	6	1 (autumn)
Formation of Company's image	3	1 (autumn)
Intellectual Property Law	3	1 (autumn)
International Marketing	3	1 (autumn)
Office work	3	1 (autumn)
Personel Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Psychological Aspects of Business	4.5	1 (autumn)
Risk Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Survey of Philosophy	3	1 (autumn)
Database Management	3	1 (autumn)
Distribution Logistics	3	1 (autumn)
Process Management	3	1 (autumn)
Procurement Process Organization	3	1 (autumn)
Production and Service Operation Planning	6	1 (autumn)
Time Management	3	1 (autumn)
Warehouse Management	6	1 (autumn)
Complex of Marketing Communications	3	2 (spring)
Consumers behaviour in market	3	2 (spring)
Development of Analytical Thinking	3	2 (spring)
Financial Instruments and Markets	3	2 (spring)
Financial Management	6	2 (spring)
Intellectual Property Law	3	2 (spring)
International Business Enviroment	4.5	2 (spring)
Labor law and safety	3	2 (spring)
Labour Rights and Legislation	3	2 (spring)
Personel Management	4.5	2 (spring)
Problem Solving	3	2 (spring)
Quality management	6	2 (spring)
Survey of Philosophy	3	2 (spring)
International Transactions	3	2 (spring)
Quality Management and Systems	6	2 (spring)
Tactic Planning and Stress Management	6	2 (spring)

4TH STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Commercial Transactions	4.5	1 (autumn)
Diversity Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Leadership	4.5	1 (autumn)
Logistics	4.5	1 (autumn)
Project Management	6	1 (autumn)
Statistical Research Methods	4.5	1 (autumn)
Strategic Management	4.5	1 (autumn)

FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

1ST YEAR STUDY COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Food and Beverage Service	3	1 (autumn)
Hospitality and Customer Service	4.5	1 (autumn)
Information Technologies 1	4.5	1 (autumn)

Introduction into Tourism	4.5	1 (autumn)
Tourism Geography	3	1 (autumn)
Basic of Operating a Salon	3	2 (spring)
Food and Beverage Service	3	2 (spring)
Holistic approach to human health	6	2 (spring)
Hotel Department`s Management	6	2 (spring)
Information Technologies 2 and Cybersecurity	3	2 (spring)
Introduction to Research Methods	3	2 (spring)
Nutrition Education	3	2 (spring)
Tour Agences and Information Systems	6	2 (spring)
Tourism Geography	3	2 (spring)

2ND STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Accounting	3	1 (autumn)
Business process regulations	4.5	1 (autumn)
Economics	4.5	1 (autumn)
History of Culture	3	1 (autumn)
Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Management of Catering Enterprises	3	1 (autumn)
Meetings and Conferences	3	1 (autumn)
Personal Data Protection	3	1 (autumn)
Social psychology	3	1 (autumn)
Systems of Hotel Managment	3	1 (autumn)
Taxes	3	1 (autumn)
Tour Operations and Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Tourim Logistics	3	1 (autumn)
Tourism Business	3	1 (autumn)
Accounting	3	2 (spring)
Business process regulations	4.5	2 (spring)
Economics	4.5	2 (spring)
History of Culture	3	2 (spring)
Management of Catering Enterprises	3	2 (spring)
Meetings and Conferences	3	2 (spring)
Personal Data Protection	3	2 (spring)
Social psychology	3	2 (spring)
SPA & Health Tourism Enterprises Management	3	2 (spring)
Systems of Hotel Managment	3	2 (spring)
Taxes	3	2 (spring)
Tour Operations and Management	4.5	2 (spring)
Tourism Business	3	2 (spring)

3RD STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business Etiquette and Communication in Hospitality	3	1 (autumn)
City as sustainable tourism destination	3	1 (autumn)
Creativity and Leadership	3	1 (autumn)
Culture of Baltic States	3	1 (autumn)
Digital Commerce	3	1 (autumn)
Financial Management	6	1 (autumn)
Personel management	3	1 (autumn)
Self-realization Skills in Team	3	1 (autumn)

Service and Tourism Marketing	4.5	1 (autumn)
Survey of Philosophy	3	1 (autumn)
Tourism and Hospitality Sales	4.5	1 (autumn)
Tourism and Market Research	4.5	1 (autumn)
City as sustainable tourism destination	3	2 (spring)
Creativity and Leadership	3	2 (spring)
Culture of Baltic States	3	2 (spring)
Digital Commerce	3	2 (spring)
E-Marketing in Tourism	3	2 (spring)
Financial Management	6	2 (spring)
Personel management	3	2 (spring)
Self-realization Skills in Team	3	2 (spring)
Service and Tourism Marketing	4.5	2 (spring)
Survey of Philosophy	3	2 (spring)
Topicalities in Riga and Guide Work*	3	2 (spring)
Tour Guiding	6	2 (spring)
Tourism and Hospitality Sales	4.5	2 (spring)

4TH STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability	3	1 (autumn)
Front Office Operations (AHLEI)	3	1 (autumn)
Health and SPA Tourism	3	1 (autumn)
Intercultural Communication	3	1 (autumn)
Internatonal relationships	4.5	1 (autumn)
Rural Tourism	3	1 (autumn)
Tourism Economics and Globalization	6	1 (autumn)

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION

1ST STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business	3	2 (spring)
Communication in International Organizations	6	2 (spring)
Communication research methods and presentation	6	2 (spring)

2ND STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Creative industries: Music	3	1 (autumn)
Management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Marketing communication and brand management	4.5	1 (autumn)
Political Science	3	1 (autumn)
Communication Ethics, Applied Etiquette and Protocol	6	2 (spring)
Creative industries: Multimedia	3	2 (spring)
Critical Thinking	3	2 (spring)
Digital Marketing	3	2 (spring)
International networking	6	2 (spring)

3RD STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Leadership	3	1 (autumn)
Communication rights	3	1 (autumn)
Diplomatic protocol and etiquette	3	1 (autumn)
International marketing	6	1 (autumn)
Leadership	3	1 (autumn)
Personal Data Protection	3	1 (autumn)
Project Management	6	1 (autumn)
Creative industries: Audio and video	3	2 (spring)
Creative industries: Event management	3	2 (spring)
Creative industries: Photo	3	2 (spring)
Language theory and practice	6	2 (spring)
Product innovation	6	2 (spring)
Survey of Philosophy	3	2 (spring)
Visual Editing	6	2 (spring)

4TH STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Creative industries: Cinema	3	1 (autumn)
Crisis Communication	6	1 (autumn)
Environment Communication	6	1 (autumn)
Media literacy	3	1 (autumn)

IT DEPARTMENT

1ST STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Design Thinking in the IT Industry	3	1 (autumn)
Introduction to Computer Architecture, Computer Engineering and Computer Systems	6	1 (autumn)
Latvian Language	3	1 (autumn)
Mathematics	6	1 (autumn)
Numerical methods of elliptic differential equations	3	1 (autumn)
Software Development Fundamentals 1, Java	6	1 (autumn)
Algorithms, Data Structures and Complexity	6	2 (spring)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	2 (spring)
Linear Algebra and Analytical Geometry	3	2 (spring)
Object-Oriented Programming	3	2 (spring)
Software Development Fundamentals 2, Java	9	2 (spring)

2ND STUDY YEAR

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Database Systems 1	6	1 (autumn)
Discrete Mathematics	3	1 (autumn)
Economics and Entrepreneurship	3	1 (autumn)
Enterprise Continuous Application Software Integration	6	1 (autumn)
Software Development Fundamentals 3	6	1 (autumn)
Database Systems 2	3	2 (spring)
Software Testing and Quality	3	2 (spring)

STUDY COURSES FOR MASTER STUDENTS

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1ST STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Business Models	3	1 (autumn)
Crisis Management	3	1 (autumn)
Data Protection Rights in International Environment	3	1 (autumn)
EU support to entrepreneurship (SME)	3	1 (autumn)
Financial Investment Management	3	1 (autumn)
Optimization of Taxes	3	1 (autumn)
Place Marketing	6	1 (autumn)
Processes Effectiveness in Company	3	1 (autumn)
Regional Economics	3	1 (autumn)
Scientific research	3	1 (autumn)
The Latvian language	3	1 (autumn)
Conflict Management and Mediation	3	1 (autumn)
Corporative Social Responsibility and Ethics	3	1 (autumn)
Networking in Global Business Environment	3	1 (autumn)
Strategic and Change Management	3	1 (autumn)
Business Models	3	2 (spring)
Crisis Management	3	2 (spring)
Data Protection Rights in International Environment	3	2 (spring)
EU support to entrepreneurship (SME)	3	2 (spring)
Financial Investment Management	3	2 (spring)
Optimization of Taxes	3	2 (spring)
Place Marketing	6	2 (spring)
Processes Effectiveness in Company	3	2 (spring)
Regional Economics	3	2 (spring)
Scientific research	3	2 (spring)
The Latvian language	3	2 (spring)
Business Economics	3	2 (spring)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	2 (spring)
Communication and Media Management	3	2 (spring)
Conflict Management and Mediation	3	2 (spring)
Corporative Social Responsibility and Ethics	3	2 (spring)
Couching and Supervision	3	2 (spring)
Emotional intelligence	3	2 (spring)
Intercultural Communication	3	2 (spring)
Labour Protection	3	2 (spring)
Networking in Global Business Environment	3	2 (spring)
Project Management	3	2 (spring)
Research Methodology	3	2 (spring)
Strategic and Change Management	3	2 (spring)
Sustainable development and Innovation	3	2 (spring)
Team Building and Management	3	2 (spring)

2ND STUDY YEAR COURSES

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Economics	3	1 (autumn)

International Business Environment	3	1 (autumn)
Logistics	3	1 (autumn)
Project Management	3	1 (autumn)
Quality management	3	1 (autumn)
Risk Management	3	1 (autumn)
Business Economics	3	1 (autumn)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	1 (autumn)
Communication and Media Management	3	1 (autumn)
Couching and Supervision	3	1 (autumn)
Emotional intelligence	3	1 (autumn)
Intercultural Communication	3	1 (autumn)
Labour Protection	3	1 (autumn)
Project Management	3	1 (autumn)
Research Methodology	3	1 (autumn)
Sustainable development and Innovation	3	1 (autumn)
Team Building and Management	3	1 (autumn)
The Latvian language	3	1 (autumn)

FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

Study course	ECTS	Semester
Baltic Destination Studies	3	1 (autumn)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	1 (autumn)
Communication of Organization	3	1 (autumn)
EU support to entrepreneurship (SME)	3	1 (autumn)
Hotel Operations Management	3	1 (autumn)
International Tourism Research (ITB)	3	1 (autumn)
Sustainable Development and Tourism	3	1 (autumn)
The Latvian language	3	1 (autumn)
Tourism and Entrepreneurship	3	1 (autumn)
Baltic Destination Studies	3	2 (spring)
Civil and Environmental Defence	3	2 (spring)
Communication of Organization	3	2 (spring)
EU support to entrepreneurship (SME)	3	2 (spring)
Research Methods	3	2 (spring)
International Tourism Research (ITB)	3	2 (spring)
Strategic tourism marketing	6	2 (spring)
Strategical Tourism planning	6	2 (spring)
Sustainable Development and Tourism	3	2 (spring)
The Latvian language	3	2 (spring)

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

Student Applications		
	Term 1 (Fall Semester)	Term 2 (Spring Semester)
Deadlines	June 30, 2020	November 15, 2020
Application procedure	Online in web page https://www.turiba.lv/en/admission/exchange-studies	

ADMINISTRATION FEE – upon arrival at *Turiba University*, student will be required to pay the administration fee of 30 EUR.

GRAIDING SYSTEM IN LATVIA

The grading system in Latvian higher education institutions is the following

Achievement level	Grade	Meaning	Approx. ECTS grade
very high	10	izcili (with distinction)	A
very high	9	teicami (excellent)	A
high	8	ļoti labi (very good)	B
high	7	labi (good)	C
medium	6	gandrīz labi (almost good)	D
medium	5	viduvēji (satisfactory)	E
medium	4	gandrīz viduvēji (almost satisfactory)	E/FX
low	3-1	negatīvs vērtējums (unsatisfactory)	Fail

STUDENTS LIVING

ACCOMMODATION

Turiba Campus

On *Turiba* campus we have **Youth Hostel** for *Turiba* University students. Students have a possibility to stay in rooms for 1 to 4 persons and the price differs from 67 EUR to 265 EUR per month.

We can guarantee our students a place in room for 4 persons however for the availability of places in rooms with less persons, please contact the Hotel Manager Mrs. Iluta Ernstsone (iluta@turiba.lv).

More information about *Turiba* hostel you can find at www.hostelturiba.lv

Please also note some simple but important rules of our campus:

- **Smoking is allowed only in special place outside buildings, in other places (hostel, study buildings, etc.) smoking is prohibited;**
- **Please be quiet in Hostel after 23.00.**

TRANSPORT

Turība can be reached by public transport:

By Trolleybus

Trolleybus No.27 Railway Terminal - Turība, 20 minutes ride from the City Centre
The price – 1.15 EUR (*if ticket bought beforehand*). Trolleybuss stop “Graudu iela”.

By Minibus

Minibus route No.233 City Centre – Ziepniekkalns, 15 minutes from the City Centre
From 1.15 – 2.00 EUR

By Train

10 minutes ride from the Railway Terminal. Train direction – Jelgava. Railway station Biznesa
augstskola Turība.

The price – 0.90 EUR

Turība is 250m from the gas station Circle-K and NESTE OIL.

CATERING

In university campus are one canteen and one cafeteria.

Canteen “Nike” is located in first floor of Building C

Cafeteria “Cafe Turība” is located in first floor of Building C

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The closest hospital from *Turība* is:

RP SIA "Rīgas 2. slimnīca"

Ģimnastikas street 1, Rīga, LV – 1004

Phone: +371 67614033; +371 67607243

r2slimn@riga.mail.telia.com

Emergency call: 112

The closest Doctor:

MFD medical center

Vienības gatve 109, Rīga.

Phone: +371 67131316

Working hours: Working days – 8:00-20:00 (8am-8pm); Saturdays – 9:00-15:00 (9am-3pm)

www.mfd.lv

USEFUL INFORMATION – where to call in urgent situations?

HOTLINE FOR TOURISTS - +371 22033000

Fire station	112
Police	110
Ambulance	113
Inquires	1180, 1188, 1199
Central phone (in case of any accident)	112

The closest police station from *Turība* is:

4th police station – Address: 25 Ieriku street, Rīga; Phone: 110; e-mail: dd24@riga.vp.gov.lv

INSURANCE

Students from an EU or EFTA member state must provide an EHIC chip card (European Health Insurance Card) as proof that they are insured under a statutory health insurance scheme in their home country.

Students from other countries must take out student health insurance to cover their stay in Latvia. International exchange students can either use a private health insurance recommended by the Latvian diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in the relevant home country or, alternatively, can take out a student health insurance cover in Latvia which typically costs about €50 per year.

STUDENTS ORGANISATION

International collaboration group of student parliament

The main duties of this group are to enable exchange students becoming part of *Turība University* environment, establish and maintain cooperation with universities of foreign countries, to organize events for foreign students to get to know each other better and to unite. In the frames of its competence group helps to address social life problems of foreign students.

One of their duties is to involve other *Turības* students too. To introduce these foreign students with school, with Latvia and integrate them in Latvia's environment, there are organized events like Welcome party, film watching evenings in student's hostel, Sauna party and excursions to well-known and the most beautiful and exciting tourism objects and places in Latvia.

Everyone from *Turība University*, including international students are welcome to participate in these events and to get to know foreign students and to improve language skills.

LIBRARY AND INTERNET (BATIS) ACCESS

Access to University Library students get after receives students ID. Before it students can use library with passport or personal ID.

University provides for student's online informative system BATIS. In BATIS students can find information about chosen study courses, study results, study materials, contact information. For access to BATIS every student receives personal username and password after student arrives and is registered at the International Relations Office.

PREPARING TO COME TO LATVIA

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

<p>Comment on visa applications</p>	<p>EU and EEA Citizens/ Citizens of Countries with which Latvia have non-visa regime</p>	<p>Non- EU and Non-EEA Citizens/ Citizens of countries who need entrance visa for coming to Latvia</p>
	<p>When entering Latvian territory, citizens from the EU and the EEA countries and Citizens of Countries with which Latvia have non-visa regime are required to produce either a valid passport or an identity card approved as a valid travel document.</p>	<p>Citizens from those countries not belonging to the EU and EEA need a valid passport. Visa requirements vary according to the nationality of the visitor and length of the stay. Applications for a visa must be submitted to a Latvian diplomatic mission in the applicant's country of permanent residence before travelling to Latvia. Please note that the process can take several weeks. The student is responsible for applying the visa him/herself. The international office at <i>Turība</i> University will provide you an invitation number and assistance regarding this process. Please remember to request for it attach to applications form. Further information: http://www.ocma.gov.lv</p>

STUDENTS LIFE IN RIGA

MUSEUMS

Riga is often called a city of parks, a city of Art Deco, the city of inspiration – and rightly so. These labels are all valid, but to the list we could easily add another concept – Riga as a city of museums. There are more than 50 museums in the capital city of Riga, inviting one and all to learn about the history of Riga and of Latvia. Visitors can also learn about the Latvian fine arts, the sciences and many other subjects of interest, all presented through a whole series of interesting displays. The thematic range of Riga's museums is extensive. They cover branches such as **history** (the Latvian Museum of History, the Latvian War Museum, the Latvian History and Maritime Museum, the Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum, the Latvian Occupation Museum, the Mentzendorf House, the museum of the Latvian People's Front, the "Jews in Latvia" museum, the "Dauderi" museum of culture); **art** (the National Museum of Fine Art, the Museum of Decorative and Applied Arts, the Museum of Foreign Art); **literature** (the Museum of Writing, Theatre and Music, the Andrejs Upītis Memorial Museum, the Ojārs Vācietis Memorial Museum, the Aleksandrs Čaks Memorial Museum, the Jānis Akurāters Museum and the Krišjānis Barons Memorial Museum); **nature** (the Latvian Nature Museum); **medicine** (the Pauls Stradiņš Museum of Medical History, the Museum of Pharmacy, the Jēkabs Pīmanis Museum of Anatomy). The progress of technology and history can also be seen as the Riga Motor Museum, the Mini Motor Museum, the Lattelekom Telephone Museum, the VEF History Museum, the Latvian Railroad History Museum and the Museum of Aviation.

The most extensive source of information about Riga's museums is the Internet homepage of the Latvian Association of Museums, found at www.muzeji.lv.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Līvu aquapark

Address: Viesturu street 24, Jurmala

Phone: +3717755636

www.livuakvaparks.lv

Lido Recreation Centre

Address: Krasta street 76, Riga

<http://ac.lido.lv/>

CINEMAS

Where to spend your free time? Lots of people immediately think of the cinema. Cinemas in Riga are equipped with the most modern technologies, and screenings of the latest films from all around the world are available at the highest level of quality. There are Hollywood blockbusters, romantic French melodramas, the best examples of alternative cinema, film retrospectives and much, much more.

Find the nearest cinema, settle down in your comfortable seat and enjoy the masterpieces of the cinematic world! Riga's modern cinemas guarantee perfect sound and image, a nice way to spend your time and always - positive emotions.

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

<https://multikino.lv/>

SHOPPING

Closest to University Stores:

Maxima (supermarket) - Address: Vienības gatve 113, Riga

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

Working hours: 8:00 – 23:00 (except Sundays: 9:00-23:00)

RIMI (supermarket) – Address: Vienības gatve 95, Riga

http://www.rimi.lv/lat/veikali/rimi_lielveikali/riga/

www.rimi.lv

Working hours: 8.00 - 22.00

Spice (shopping centre) – Address: Lielirbes street 29, Riga

www.spice.lv

Working hours: 10.00 - 22.00

Rīga Plaza (shopping centre) – Address: Mukusalas street 71, Riga

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

Working hours: 10.00 - 21.00



ABOUT RIGA

History of Riga

The Riga City history is more than eight hundred years long, and it has an abundance of dramatic events stored in countless volumes of works and monuments, legends, songs, memoirs and tales.

The archaeological discoveries in the territory of Riga testify that a settlement existed there already in the 12th century. A broadening was formed in the place where the Rīdziņa River ran into the Daugava, which is the present region of Albert's Square; this was called Riga Lake. This place was convenient for a harbour because settlements of local tribes – the Cours and the Livonians were formed in its vicinity.

At the end of the 12th century, crusaders came here as well when the German merchants tried to widen and strengthen their area of activities along the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea. Their first leader Bishop Berthold in 1198 was killed in action near the Riga Old Mountain. When the chronicler Indriķis recorded the word “Riga”, it appeared for the first time in the written sources. The next bishop Albert in 1201 moved from Ikšķile to Riga, and after negotiations with the local Livs started to build a fortification near the Riga Lake. 1201 became the official year of the foundation of Riga. Already in 1202 the first colonists German landowners came here. Little by little Riga became an aggression base against the local Baltic tribes. In the 13th century trade boomed in Riga, and it beck

Even by the end of the 16th century disagreements about governmental rights did not cease among inhabitants of Riga: –bishops, Knights of the Sword (later - Livonian) and Riga's landowners. Sometimes the disagreements grew into armed conflicts.

As a result of the Livonia war (1558-1583), after a little state of Livonia failed, Riga fell under the subordination of Poland. Later when Poland waged a war with Sweden (1600-1629), after fierce resistance Riga in 1621 fell under the Swedish rule and became an administrative centre of its Baltic division. The 18th century started with the Northern War (1700-1721), in which Russia and Sweden struggled for supremacy in the Baltic Sea. As a result, in 1710 after long-term siege and plague epidemic Riga fell under the rule of Russia.

Industry rapidly grew in Riga during the second half of the 18th century. German guilds lost their monopoly position in manufacturing and trade. In the 19th century Riga became one of the main seaports of the Russian Empire and an important railway transport junction. During the second half of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century the area of Riga increased 10 times, in 1913 the number of inhabitants was 80 times higher than in the beginning of the 18th century. Riga was the second largest city (after St. Petersburg) in the western part of Russia.

1915-1917 was the breaking point in the development of Riga when with the start of World War I it became at the front line of the war. About 200,000 workers and members of their families together with industrial enterprises were evacuated from Riga to the central part of Russia.

By the end of World War I the possibility emerged to establish an independent Republic of Latvia, which through the complicated political situation, was proclaimed on 18 November 1918. The Latvian liberation war broke out. Riga endured severe sufferings during this time (1918-1919), experiencing three different changes of political regimes. After August of 1920 the devastated Riga became the capital of equally devastated Republic of Latvia. During 1920-1930 Riga developed into the centre of trade, light and food industries, as well as an important cultural and educational center.

Soviet tanks came to the streets of Riga on 17 June 1940. The Soviet Union occupied Latvia.

During the World War II the Old Town of Riga suffered hard, the port and railway junctions were destroyed. After the war Riga became one of the biggest centres of the western part of the Soviet Union, where according to the industrialization plans both light industry and significant enterprises of the military industrial complex were developed. Riga became also the centre of the Baltic military district. In order to provide the newly built enterprises with manpower, extensive immigration from other Soviet Republics started. As a result, the number of the inhabitants in Riga increased by seven times from 1950 till 1980.

Restoring Latvia's sovereignty, Riga became the centre of the Awakening Movement. In January 1991, the population of Latvia gathered on barricades in Riga to face the possible attack from the USSR military units.

The history of Riga over more than 800 years testifies that the city has vast experience being proud and rich and knowing how to rise once again after war, starvation and disaster. And how to be proud again.

The Symbols of Riga

The current coat of arms of Riga was approved on 31 October 1925 and the approval was renewed in 1988. Riga has a large and small coat of arms.

The shield of the **coat of arms** depicts a silver field with opened gates and two towers that symbolise the city's rights to autonomy. Under the raised grate of the gates is a golden lion's head. Above the gates are two crossed black keys symbolising the patronage of the Pope, and above the keys is a golden cross and a golden crown, indicating subservience to the bishop. The holders of the large coat of arms are two golden lions on a grey plinth. The small coat of arms is contained within the shield of the large version.

The current **flag** of Riga was approved on 4 May 1937, using the white and blue colours of the 17th century flag as a foundation. To these are added the city's coats of arms.

The flag of Riga is a square with two horizontal bands of equal width. The upper band is light blue and the lower one is white. In the middle of the flag is a large, coloured coat of arms whose height is 2/5 of the flag's width. The proportions between the flag's width and height are 1:2. The flag's dimensions are 1x2 m and 1.5x3 m; the heights of the coats of arms are 40 cm and 60 cm respectively. Two crossed keys are displayed on the flagstaff.

Riga, the capital of Latvia, was officially founded in 1201. Riga is divided into six administrative districts: Centra, Kurzeme, Ziemeļi, Latgale, Vidzeme and Zemgale districts.

Riga is located along the Baltic Sea at the southern coast of the Gulf of Riga, on the Rigava coastal plain. The historical core of Riga is situated on the right bank of the Daugava River, about 10 kilometres from where the Daugava flows into the Gulf of Riga. The natural terrain of this area is a flat and sandy plain, about 1 to 10 meters above the sea level.

Climate in Riga is influenced by its proximity to the sea; therefore it is moderately warm and humid. Summers are comparatively cool and cloudy (average temperature in July +16.9 C; average precipitation (rainfall) – 85 mm). Winters are comparatively warm with frequent thaws (average temperature in January – 4,7 C, thaw days are about 10 days a month). Snow cover forms in the middle of December and remain through the middle of March. About 40% of the days in a year are cloudy (overcast), average precipitation – 700-720 mm a year.

Traditions and holidays

The traditions and festivals of ancient Latvians were all related to the rhythms of nature and the placement of the Sun in the sky. Holidays relating to religious events took on a distinctly pagan nature.

The most important holiday for every Latvian is the Summer Solstice festival, or *Jāņi*, which is celebrated on the night of June 23. Farms are bedecked with garlands of oak and birch branches and meadow flowers. Nearly everyone leaves the city for the open air so that the shortest night of the year can be spent in the merry company of friends. Campfires are lit, special songs are sung, and dancing is a universal element during the festival. Traditional caraway seed cheese and lots of beer are on the menu.

Latvians are very proud of their quadrennial Song and Dance Festival. This festival has been organized since 1873, and each time it brings together literally tens of thousands of singers and dancers, dressed in their best folk costumes and coming from every region in Latvia. The festival

always unifies the Latvian nation, strengthening its spiritual self-esteem. The Song and Dance Festival has never lost its significance, and it helps in upholding ancient traditions of song and dance in Latvia. The festival is always held in Riga, with the culminating concert on the grand open-air stage in Mežaparks. A massive parade of participants weaves through the city, and every resident and guest of Riga is on hand to watch the spectacle.

Holidays or commemorative days

New Year's Day, January 1

Good Friday, First and Second Easter

Labor Day, May 1

The anniversary of Latvia's declaration of independence in 1990, May 4

Mother's Day, the 2nd Sunday in May

Whitsunday, May 30

The Summer Solstice festival, June 23 and 24

Latvian Independence Day, November 18

First and Second Christmas, December 25 and 26

New Year's Eve, December 31

Events in Riga - Riga is unquestionably the Baltic centre for culture and economic life. Each month there are countless exhibitions, international conferences, music festivals and competitions. Latvia's rich cultural heritage and the relevant traditions are carefully nurtured and passed on from generation to generation. Performers from Europe, America and Australia come to Latvia for globally important competitions. Outstandingly organized international conferences and exhibitions can compete with the European and world level in terms of importance, the number of participants and the number of concluded.



ABOUT LATVIA

History of Latvia: a Timeline

9000 BC Arrival of the first inhabitants on Latvian soil, after the withdrawal of the glaciers.

Early 2000 BC Proto-Balts (forefathers of the modern Latvians) settle Latvia's territory.

900 AD – early 1200 AD Individual Baltic tribal groups (Couronians, Latgallians, Selonians, Semgallians) start to form specific tribal realms.

Latter half of the 1100s – 1200s Arrival of German traders, missionaries and crusaders in Latvia. Tribal territories fall into the hands of the Germans. Livonia is established. Rīga

1201 City of Rīga founded.

1500s Livonian War (1558-1583). Latvian territory under Polish-Lithuanian rule. The Duchies of Courland-Semigallia and Polish Livonia (Inflanty) are formed.

1600s Polish-Swedish War (1600-1629). Vidzeme (Livland) and Rīga under Swedish rule. Rīga – Sweden's largest city. Dukedom of Kurzeme experiences an economic boom.

1700s Great Northern War (1700-1721). Vidzeme and Rīga come under Russian rule. Latgale (Latgallia) and the Duchy of Courland are annexed to Russia.

1850s – 1870s National awakening of the Latvian people. The New Latvians (*jaunlatvieši*) movement occurs.

1905-1907 Latvian Revolution.

November 18, 1918 Proclamation of independence of Latvia.

August 11, 1920 Soviet Russia (later – the USSR) and the Republic of Latvia sign a peace treaty. Russia acknowledges Latvia's independence and forever withdraws its claims to the territory of Latvia.

August 23, 1939 Non-aggression pact between the USSR and Germany (so-called 'Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact'): both totalitarian states divide Eastern Europe between them. According to the secret protocol, Latvia together with Estonia and later also Lithuania, are absorbed within the Soviet sphere of influence.

October 5, 1939 Threatening armed intervention, the USSR forces Latvia's government to sign an agreement allowing Soviet army bases on Latvian territory (officially called a 'mutual assistance agreement').

June 16, 1940 Violating all agreements and treaties between the two states, as well as the principles of international law, the USSR delivers an ultimatum to Latvia. It demands the formation of a new pro-Soviet government and announces the immediate deployment of Soviet armed forces to the country.

June 17, 1940 Latvia occupied by USSR troops.

July 23, 1940 The USA Foreign Affairs department declares that the occupation of the Baltic countries is illegal and their incorporation into the USSR is not recognised by the USA.

June 14, 1941 15,424 Latvians are deported from Latvia to Siberia: the political and business elite of Latvia is considered to be hostile towards the occupation regime. Among the deported are almost 100 infants under the age of 1 and more than 3000 children under the age of 16.

1941 – 1945 Latvia occupied by the German Third Reich.

March 1943 Germany begins compulsory recruitment of Latvian civilians into its occupation army.

1941 – 1944 The German occupation regime exterminates over 90,000 Latvian civilians, mainly Jews.

May 8, 1945 End of the Second World War. The German occupation army capitulates and the USSR occupation power is re-established in the territory of Latvia.

1945 – 1956 End of the Second World War. The German occupation army capitulates and the USSR occupation power is re-established in the territory of Latvia.

March 25, 1949 More than 43,000 innocent people are labelled as enemies of the re-established Soviet regime and are deported to Siberia.

June 14 and August 23, 1987 The first large anti-Soviet and anti-occupation demonstrations in Rīga.

May 4, 1990 Adoption of a declaration restoring independence with a transition period.

August 21, 1991 Complete reinstatement of Latvia's independence.

August 31, 1994 The last troops of Russian (former USSR) occupation army leave Latvia.

April – May 2004 Latvia becomes a member of NATO and the European Union.

28-29 November, 2006 Latvia hosts NATO summit.