

Dear Sir / Madam,

Greetings from Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), Kaunas, Lithuania!

We are pleased to invite your academic staff to share their knowledge and experience with VMU students and staff at our organized Erasmus+ Teaching Week **from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024**.

Please find **attached** (Subject Topics-Fields) the list of subject fields / topics that we would like your academic staff to teach on. Apart from teaching activities, VMU will offer social activities to all incoming lecturers, please find the tentative programme **attached** (Teaching Week-Social Programme).

**All interested lecturers shall fill out the [application form](#) until 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2024**. Please note that number of the offered places is limited, the results of selected applications will be announced on 10<sup>th</sup> of January at latest. The exact topic/s and time of class will be agreed on at the later stage after the application of participant is confirmed.

*Please notice that the mobilities shall be implemented in line with our Erasmus+ Interinstitutional Agreement.*

For more information, please contact us via email: [erasmus@vdu.lt](mailto:erasmus@vdu.lt).

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# Vytautas Magnus University STAFF TEACHING WEEK'24



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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> | 2024

### MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
16:30 – 17:00	Registration	VMU Great Hall (S. Daukanto g. 28, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor lobby)
17:00 – 19:00	Opening of the Week (Introduction to Lithuanian language, folk music and dances, food fair)	

### TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
17:00 – 19:00	A Walk Around Kaunas City with a Guide	VMU Multifunctional Centre (V. Putvinskio g. 23, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor lobby)



## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:30 – 18:00	<b>A Guided Excursion to Vilnius</b> (the Capital of Lithuania)	VMU Multifunctional Centre (V. Putvinskio g. 23, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor lobby)

## FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Closing Event</b> (Performance by VMU Music Academy students, “Fruit for thoughts” lecture, closing speeches, drinks and snacks, certificates of attendance)	TBA



\*Teaching activities will take place throughout the week. Exact time will be agreed between incoming lecturer and VMU academic units.



## PLACES TO VISIT IN KAUNAS

### **VMU BOTANICAL GARDEN** (Address: Ž. E. Žilibero g. 6)

VMU Botanical Garden is celebrating its centennial in 2023. Show your Staff Week tag at the entrance and visit it free of charge!

Take bus route **No. 35** from Vytauto Avenue  
Disembark at the bus stop: **Vinčų g.**



### **PAŽAISLIS MONASTERY** (Address: T. Masiulio g. 31)

Pažaislis Monastery is one of the best examples of Baroque architecture in Lithuania.

Take trolleybus route **No. 12** from Donelaičio g.  
Disembark at the bus stop: **Elektros tinklai**



### **LITHUANIAN ZOO** (Address: Radvilėnų pl. 21)

The Lithuanian Zoo in Kaunas opens to the public on after more than two years of renovation. In the Lithuanian zoo you can get to know the diversity of the world's fauna, endangered species and flora and fauna in Lithuania.

Take bus route **No. 37** from Donelaičio g.  
Disembark at the bus stop: **Zoologijos sodas**



### **YARD GALLERY** (Address: E. Ožeškienės g. 25)

Yard Gallery is famous for its transferred photos of Jewish families that used to live here on building walls.

**5 minutes walk** from the Student's Square



### **OAK GROVE (AŽUOLYNAS)** (Address: Sporto g.)

Located in the Žaliakalnis district the park is a popular promenade and sports place for Kaunas residents. In 2006, the Kaunas Oak Grove Park was listed in the Register of Immovable Cultural Values of the Republic of Lithuania.

Take bus route **No. 37** from Donelaičio g.  
Disembark at the bus stop: **Sporto g.**



### **SANTAKA PARK** (Address: Pilies g. 17)

Santaka Park which is next to Kaunas Castle is called the heart of Kaunas. Here you can see the confluence of the rivers Nemunas and Neris.

Take trolleybus route **No. 2** from Kęstučio g.  
Disembark at the bus stop: **Kauno pilis**



## BEST SOUVENIRS FROM LITHUANIA TO BRING HOME

### AMBER JEWELRY

Amber is known as “Lithuanian gold,” and many know it for its beauty in pieces of jewellery and art. It is the most popular souvenir from Lithuania.



### APPLE CHEESE

Apple cheese (**Lithuanian: Obuolių sūris**) is a traditional Lithuanian dessert, made out of boiled or cooked apples sweetened with sugar. Originally it was made with honey, which was later replaced by sugar.



### LITHUANIAN HONEY

It is a product made from Lithuanian plants like trees, meadows and uphill grasses nectar; rich in dissolved flavorings (essential oils), active minerals, plant-based acids and vitamins.



### LITHUANIAN MEAD

One of the world's oldest alcoholic drinks, Lithuania has made mead its own over the centuries. The savory materials were given up by honey, carnation blossoms, poplar buds, oak acorns, juniper berries, and many other valuable herbs.



### ŠAKOTIS

This many-branched dessert made from many eggs can keep for a long time without losing its shape or flavour. It is more than a dessert - a special souvenir, thousands of which travel from Lithuania to foreign countries every year. By the way, no wedding in Lithuania can be held without this dessert.



### LINEN PRODUCTS

Lithuanian Linen is a well-distinguished European Linen known for its quality and luxurious beauty. It is one of the best Lithuanian souvenirs you can buy. Whether you're purchasing linen napkins or sheets for the home or wardrobe staples such as linen blouses, you'll fall in love with the ease and elegance of this fabric.

