

**Students and other interested parties,
who wish to speak, read, listen to and sing in Latvian, to get acquainted with the
Latvian history, culture, art and everyday life, as well as to sightsee Riga and Ventspils
are invited to**

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF LATVIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE 2017
with no or little (A1+) to good (B1) prior knowledge of the Latvian language
July 24 – August 06, 2017**

For the third year, the University of Latvia in collaboration with the Latvian Language Agency organizes "Summer School of Latvian Language and Culture" for students and other interested parties who want not only to learn and improve their Latvian language skills, but also to expand their knowledge of Latvian history, art and folklore. The students who study the Latvian Language or other Baltic languages at their home universities are particularly encouraged to apply.

We offer:

- ❖ **intensive, modern and interactive Latvian language course** (grammar, reading, writing, speaking, 64 academic hours), which includes such topics as the human personality, experience, knowledge and skills, friendly contacts and time spent in Latvia, versatile and unique Riga, city tour and orientation, daily life and holidays in Latvia, Latvian traditional and modern culture, current events in Latvian media, Latvia's and Latvians' success stories in the world;
- ❖ **afternoon discussion on Latvian history and politics**, getting acquainted with modern Latvian history and political situation in Latvia;
- ❖ **afternoon discussion on Latvian culture and art**, getting acquainted with its historical development and key figures, especially, in the visual arts and architecture;
- ❖ **afternoon discussion on Latvian folklore: customs and traditions**, getting acquainted with one of the most interesting forms of folklore - Latvian folk songs or dainas, by singing and dancing;
- ❖ **guided tour of Riga, visiting several museums** (e.g., Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation or Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, Laima Chocolate Museum or Sun Museum, Latvian National Museum of Art, Riga Art Nouveau Museum, Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum);
- ❖ **a two-day trip to port city Ventspils**, sightseeing (e.g., the Seaside Open-air Museum with an opportunity to ride a narrow-gauge train Mazbānītis, Ventspils Crafts House, a boat tour aboard "Duke Jacob" (Hercogs Jēkabs) along the Venta River).
The students, having successfully completed the course, are awarded **4 credits (6 ECTS)**.



SCHOLARSHIPS

International students can apply for the University of Latvia and Latvian state (the State Education Development Agency) scholarships.

University of Latvia scholarships

The University of Latvia scholarships are granted only to students demonstrating minimum or good knowledge of the Latvian language.

The University of Latvia scholarship covers only the participation fee - 435 EUR (Latvian language classes, tours, study materials, participation in social and cultural events, a two-day trip to Ventspils (including accommodation, meals). The participation fee does not include accommodation and food in Riga.



Latvian state scholarships

The Latvian state scholarships are administered by the State Education Development Agency (SEDA). The Latvian state scholarships prioritise students and academic staff from the countries Latvia has concluded international agreements with. The list of the countries (in English) is available at SEDA website.



Summer school scholarship for the year 2017/2018 amounts to **711 EUR** per summer school participant. The scholarship is not issued to a scholarship recipient. SEDA transfers the granted scholarships to the organizer of the summer school.

The Latvian state scholarship covers living in a student hostel, meals two times a day, and a participation fee of 435 EUR.

The application for the University of Latvia and the Latvian state scholarships should be submitted to the Pre-Studies Training Centre of the University of Latvia, it being the organizer of the Summer School.

NB! Each scholarship is granted only once.

APPLICATION FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Deadline for **scholarship applicants**:

- **The Latvian state scholarships 01.03. - 04.05.2017.;**
- **The University of Latvia scholarships 01.03. - 14.05.2017.**

Deadline for **other applicants**: **03.07.2017.**

Documents to be submitted by all applicants:

- ✓ completed application form for participation in the summer school;
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae;
- ✓ letter of motivation (a personal statement);
- ✓ a language proficiency document or proof of English knowledge, for the applicants whose mother tongue is not English;
- ✓ copy of passport or identity card (ID) for the applicants who apply for the Latvian state scholarships;
- ✓ bank transfer statement to confirm the registration fee payment (15 euro) for the scholarship applicants;
- ✓ bank transfer statement to confirm the registration fee payment (15 euro) and participation fee payment (435 EUR) by 03.07.2017. for the applicants who are studying for a fee.

Information on the decision (scholarship granted or refused) will be sent to the applicant's e-mail address in late May.

The documents should be sent electronically to the e-mail sagkursi@lu.lv.



NB: Information for non-EU students.

Students are responsible for their visa application and other related arrangements. Summer school organizer does not cover fees for visa services. The University of Latvia helps with visa arrangements only to international students whose higher education establishments have entered bilateral international cooperation agreements with the University of Latvia.

Summer school participants with little or no knowledge of Latvian, who apply to study for a fee and who require a visa to enter the EU, should additionally submit:

- ✓ Curriculum Vitae;
- ✓ a letter of motivation;
- ✓ statement / confirmation of the university;
- ✓ passport or identity card (ID) copy.

Information on the decision taken will be sent to the applicant's e-mail address.

NB!The groups for students with little or no knowledge of Latvian are limited to 13 participants.

The documents should be sent electronically to the e-mail sagkursi@lu.lv.

ACCOMODATION

- The Latvian state scholarship recipients are accommodated at the UL hostel;
- The University of Latvia scholarship recipients are accommodated at the UL hostel at extra charge;
- The rest of the summer school participants, if necessary, at extra charge are offered accommodation in Riga (see the UL website - Summer School section).

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is **435 EUR**.

The registration fee is **15 EUR**.

The participation fee **does not include** accommodation and food in Riga.

PARTICIPATION FEE TRANSFER DEADLINE

Participation fee payment can be made by bank transfer by the date of **03.07.2017**.

Payment can be made at any bank, internet bank, post office, by specifying the following details:



Beneficiary: UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

Address: Raina blvd. 19, Riga, Latvia, LV-1586

VAT number: LV90000076669

Bank: Nordea Bank Plc Latvia branch

Account No. IBAN: LV51NDEA0000082414423

BIC code: NDEALV2X

Payment details: SUMMER SCHOOL OF LATVIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE 2017, Name and surname

of the applicant

INFORMATION

More information about the summer school, fees, program, application procedure is available at the UL website:

<http://www.latvianlanguage.lu.lv/>

More information about the Latvian state scholarship is available at the State Education Development Agency (SEDA) website:

http://www.viaa.gov.lv/eng/scholarships_gov/

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