

## VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Established as Higher Education Institution on September 1, 1956 Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU) attained its status of university in 1990. Recently the university comprises 8 faculties: Environmental Engineering, Architecture, Electronics, Fundamental Sciences, Mechanics, Civil Engineering, Transport Engineering, Business Management and Antanas Gustaitis Aviation Institute with the total number of 49 academic departments. There is also an International Study Centre, Centre for Continuing Education,.

13 554 students are studying at the University (female students- 38%), whereas full-time students for BSc degree amount to 8465, the total number of full-time postgraduate students (MSc and Dipl Engr) being 2079. Up to 250 students are engaged in Doctor's degree studies. Part-time and evening studies attract up to 2500 students for BSc and over 500 students for MSc degree. The two – tier system of studies (4+2) has been implemented in 1990 at VGTU: .Bachelor's degree studies (4 years), Diploma Engineer's degree studies ( 1-2 years), Master's degree studies ( 2 years). The Ph. D. studies duration is 3 years. Main fields of studies are :

*Technological sciences:* Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Civil Engineering, Safety Engineering, Transport Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Bioengineering, Energy planning, Informatics Engineering, Industry Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Measurement Engineering, *Physical Sciences-* Informatics and Statistics, *Social Sciences-* Management and Educology, *Art-* Architecture.

The adjustment of curriculum development to labour market requirements and quality assurance of study process are the main priorities in the development plan of VGTU. For that purpose the close cooperation with national and international study assessment bodies (NARIC, Ministry of Education and Science etc.) is maintained. The structure of internal quality assurance is created at VGTU, encompassing all levels of study organisation (from central to departmental ones). The interaction with national and international professional associations and employers' organisations is set as an important element for the curriculum development and improvement of the content, structure and methodology of teaching at VGTU.

Researchers and academic staff make 876 persons (female staff- 45 %), including 110 professors, 459 associate professors and Doctoral degree holders and 46 researchers. Research is carried out at 49 departments, 2 research centres, 7 research institutes and 14 laboratories. VGTU is a member of over 50 international Organisations and has more than 45 foreign partners according to bilateral agreements and over 200 partners consolidated by international projects.

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