



Vilnius  
Academy  
of Arts

# Student Guide



**Good to know**

<p><b>prof. Ieva Skauronė</b> VDA Rector</p>	<p><b>1700 +</b> students</p>
<p><b>380 +</b> academic staff</p>	<p><b>130 +</b> international students annually</p>
<p>Academy founded in <b>1793</b></p>	<p>Studies are implemented in 4 faculties in <b>Viinius, Kaunas, Telšiai and Klaipėda</b></p>
<p><b>150 +</b> students benefit from mobility opportunities abroad annually</p>	<p><b>25</b> art and design laboratories</p>
<p>VDA subdivisions – <b>Nida Art Colony, Panemunė Castle, Mizarai practice and recreation base</b></p>	<p><b>180 +</b> exhibitions are annually organised by the VDA</p>
<p>VDA belongs to international networks such as <b>ELIA, CUMULUS, KUNO, CIRRUS, NBAA, SAR, etc.</b></p>	

**What's next?**

# Get a Lithuanian Student Card

The Lithuanian Student Card (LSP) is an important document proving that you are a student of the VDA and entitling you to use the Academy's facilities. The LSP also entitles you to access the country's public transport benefits and various student-only discounts throughout Lithuania and abroad.

To purchase an LSP you need to register on [isp.lt](https://isp.lt) and order your card. If you have any questions, please contact [sa@vda.lt](mailto:sa@vda.lt).

# Use the VDA electronic systems

## @STUD.VDA.IT

You will have a VDA email address for the duration of your studies at the Academy, consisting of your name and the @stud.vda.it ending.

You will receive all information related to your studies, timetable changes and important information for the VDA community at this email address. The use of this email address is mandatory.

Your VDA email address, which you will access at mail.google.com or www.gmail.com, will be created for you before the start of your studies.

The administrator will send your login details to your personal email account.

If you do not receive your login details or if you have any other questions regarding your VDA email, please contact [it@vda.it](mailto:it@vda.it).

## GOOGLE

With your academic email, you also get access to Google apps like Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Calendar and Google Forms. It's also the only email that connects you to the distance learning platforms Google Classroom, Google Meet or Google Video Meet or the VDA Moodle virtual learning environment.

## MOODLE

VDA Moodle ([moodle.vda.it/moodle/login](http://moodle.vda.it/moodle/login)) is a virtual learning environment where students can access learning materials uploaded by lecturers. Please log in with your VDA email address and password.

## Wi - Fi

In order to use the VDA wi-fi, you must get acquainted with the VDA procedure for the use of the resources of the computer system and fill in the application form at [vda.it/en/students/wi-fi/application](http://vda.it/en/students/wi-fi/application).

## WEB.LIEMISIS.IT

VDA AIS ([web.liemisis.it/vdais/stp\\_login](http://web.liemisis.it/vdais/stp_login)) is the Academy's information system, where you can track your study results, see the number of credits you have accumulated and choose your elective subjects. The deadlines for registering for elective courses each semester are indicated in the course schedule. Login details will be sent to the email address indicated in your contract.

If you have forgotten your login password, please contact [ais.pagalba@vda.it](mailto:ais.pagalba@vda.it).

**Study!**



# Follow the timetable and keep to your study plan

You need to accumulate 30 credits per semester, so you need to follow your study plan in the VDA AIS and calculate whether you are missing credits. In terms of content, your study programme consists of general university subjects (at least 15 credits), study field subjects (at least 120 credits), practical training (at least 15 credits) and electives to further your specialisation knowledge and/or to study the subjects of another specialisation. Most study programmes have electives already in the second semester of the first year of studies. During the registration period for electives, please log in to your account in the VDA AIS system and select your electives according to the number of courses and amount of credits, foreseen in your study plan. All bachelor's degree programmes are 240 credits in length (except for the integrated studies in Architecture, which is 300 credits in length).

You can find the timetable of lectures at [vda.it/it/schedule](https://vda.it/it/schedule).

# Exams and assessment

All semester assignments in the study programme are due during the semester. The examination session is held according to the schedule approved by the VDA Vice-Rector for Studies, comprised of the semester's creative projects' reviews and examinations, held at specified locations and at specified times. The coursework is analysed and evaluated by the departmental committee. In case of failure in attending the examinations or reviews, you must inform the programme leader or the head of the department of the reason for your absence by providing a document justifying the absence. In this case, you will be able to take the exam/review at another time during the semester, but no later than two weeks after the start of the new semester. The justified absences include illness or other health problems (with a doctor's certificate), important personal circumstances (e.g. illness or death of a close relative, becoming a victim of crime, loss of property), participation in activities of great significance for the Academy (e.g. representation at national, international or other events). In the event of a failure in a subject in the humanities, social sciences or other sciences, a student may retake the examination once during the session in accordance with the examination schedule approved by the Dean. In-session retakes are not considered as failed grades.

## Appeals

If you disagree with the grade(s) of the semester work(s) or exam(s), You have the right to submit a written request to the Dean of the Faculty for a review of the grade no later than 3 days after the results are published. As soon as the appeal board has assessed the written work, creative project or the oral examination, you will be provided with the board's decision.

## Failed exams (academic debts)

If you have not retaken an exam or failed an exam for the second time, it will result as a failed grade in your academic system (an academic debt). The failed grade can be cleared within one year of studies by paying the course repetition fee. A student who has failed more than two exams and who has failed to retake at least one exam during the retake period without a justifiable reason, shall be deemed as a failing student and shall be removed from the Academy's student lists.

**Get a taste of  
studying abroad**

During your studies at the VDA you can benefit from studying at any of the **200** VDA foreign partner art and design institutions or doing an internship abroad under the **Erasmus+** or **Nordplus** programme. Already in February you will get a chance to take part in the Erasmus+ competition for study exchanges abroad and choose to study from a list of 37 countries ranging from Iceland to Israel.

The Erasmus+ competition for internships abroad takes place in April.

The most important criterion during the competition – results of your past academic performance. Interested? Please contact [international@vda.it](mailto:international@vda.it)

**Create and protect!**

**The Art and Design Labs** are workshops where you can realise your creative ideas, develop your practical skills, experiment and implement your coursework and graduation projects. You have access to all VDA laboratories, regardless of which faculty you study at.

## Vilnius:

Design laboratory  
Photography and Media Art laboratory  
Graphic Art laboratory  
Ceramics laboratory  
Costume laboratory  
Monumental Art laboratory  
Restoration laboratory  
Metal laboratory  
Textile laboratory  
Printing centre

## Kaunas:

Graphic Art laboratory  
Ceramics laboratory  
Modelling laboratory  
Small Metal Plastics laboratory  
Computer and Printing Centre  
Glass laboratory  
Textile laboratory

## Telšiai:

Metal Art and Jewellery laboratory, Forge  
Sculpture laboratory  
Design laboratory  
Digital laboratory  
Restoration laboratory

## Klaipėda:

3D ir VR laboratory  
Photography and Media Studio

You will find out the exact conditions for using the laboratories at your faculty.

# Intellectual property

Works created in the course of the study process and/or in cooperation with the Academy's partners during projects or competitions are objects of intellectual property, which are subject to the VDA's intellectual property management regulations. For practical application regarding the VDA Intellectual Property Management Regulations, please contact the VDA Legal Department.

## Non-property rights (authorship)

The author owns the personal non-property rights towards the results of an intellectual property activity. The Design Innovation Centre is responsible for the management of intellectual property rights and intellectual property objects created at the Academy, and can provide you more information regarding the management of intellectual property at the Academy.

## Practice (internship)

It is a constituent part of the study programme, and is included in the study programme as a separate subject assessed by a grade. The Academy has two types of internships: creative internships and internships in enterprises, institutions, organisations and/or other institutions. The objectives, nature, duration, number of credits and assessment criteria of the internship shall be determined by the study programme and course description. Internships start after the completion of the first year.

## VDA practice and recreation bases:

Nida Art Colony in Neringa | Panemunė Castle in Jurbarkas district | Practice and recreation base in Mizarai in Druskininkai district.

**Browse and read**



The VDA Library serves visitors in four branches: in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda and Telšiai. The library's collection includes over 106,000 books, manuscripts, periodicals and documents on electronic media. The largest part of the collection consists of art publications - books, albums and periodicals. There are 40 730 publications in subscription-based e-research databases.

## You can:

- take publications home
- use the VDA virtual library
- work on the computer and use the media library
- use the VDA electronic catalogue of publications
- read important documents and manuscripts
- scan and copy documents

In case of any library-related questions, please contact [biblioteka@vda.lt](mailto:biblioteka@vda.lt).

Would like to receive a newsletter in English? Please contact [international@vda.lt](mailto:international@vda.lt)

**Need to know**

# Scholarships

## Earmarked (designated for a particular purpose)

Earmarked scholarships are awarded for a semester (5 months) or as a one-off.

Earmarked scholarship for a semester is awarded to: **the President of the Academy's Student Union; designated Student Union representatives at faculties; members of the VDA Chamber Choir; for participation in a mentoring programme with foreign students.**

An earmarked one-off scholarship is awarded for outstanding results of study and scientific activities, for significant achievements in artistic activities, for representation of the Academy in international projects, scientific conferences, competitions, exhibitions, social or sports activities. It may also be awarded in the event of the death of a family member, the birth of a child, prolonged illness, severe financial hardship and in other cases, provided that a motivated application and supporting documents are submitted.

**A competition is held twice a semester for an earmarked scholarship to support research, study, creative activity and exhibition projects.**

## Incentive

Incentive scholarships are awarded to the best bachelor's, master's and post-graduate students, based on a comparison of the academic results of students in the same year of the same study programme, without regard to the nature of the funding for their studies.

## Nominal

Students may be awarded nominal scholarships established by institutions, endowments or private individuals. Nominal scholarships are awarded to progressive students for exceptional achievement or merit.

## Social

The social grant is open to all students who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- are from a disadvantaged family or living alone and entitled to or receiving social benefits;
- have an activity level of 45 % or less or a severe or moderate disability;
- until 25 years of age and have been placed under guardianship (custody), or their parents (or the only parent they had) are deceased.

## Support for people with disabilities

Students with disabilities receive financial assistance for special needs and a targeted allowance to partially reimburse tuition fees for each semester. For more information, see [vda.it/en/financial-questions/disability-aid](https://vda.it/en/financial-questions/disability-aid).

In case of any scholarship-related questions, please contact us at [studijos@vda.it](mailto:studijos@vda.it).

# State-funded place

If you are studying as a fee-paying student but have achieved excellent academic results, you may be transferred to a state-funded place of the same study programme, form of study and course, if you are entitled to state-funded studies during that period in accordance with the procedure laid down by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania. If more than one student with the same grade point average applies for the place, the student with the highest grade point average in the previous semester shall be transferred. A state-funded student who is withdrawn or expelled from studies may be liable to reimburse the tuition fee to the State budget.

# Change of the study programme

If you realise that your chosen study programme is not for you, you can apply to change your study programme. You can do this no earlier than after you have successfully completed the first semester of your first year and if there are places available in another programme.

Differences in courses, having arisen due to the change of the study programme or faculty, will not be considered as academic debts. The differences must be settled by concluding a student contract and paying the fee specified in the contract. A student, changing the study programme, retains the remaining part of the state funding, but if he/she transfers from a bachelor's degree programme to a full-time integrated programme in Architecture, the fifth year of studies shall be financed at his/her own cost.

# Academic leave and termination of studies

If you are temporarily unable to continue your studies for personal reasons, sickness, pregnancy or baby care and can provide documentation to prove it (in the case of sickness and pregnancy or baby care), you will be granted academic leave. For pregnancy and infant care, leave is granted until the child reaches the age of 3, for personal reasons for a maximum of one year and only once during the study period.

A student on academic leave retains his/her social security. Only students who have been placed on academic leave for personal reasons are not exempted from the reimbursement of the tuition fee in the event of termination of studies. On return from academic leave, an application for continuation of studies must be submitted in the name of the Rector and delivered to the department or Dean's office at least 2 weeks before the start of the semester of studies. If you have any questions, please contact [studijos@vda.lt](mailto:studijos@vda.lt).

# Studies are terminated in case:

- . at the student's request
- . for dishonesty in the course of studies or in the assessment of the results of studies (e.g., writing off, plagiarism, etc.).
- . having more than two academic debts (failed and not retaken 2 exams)
- . failure to return on time after academic leave
- . failure to pay tuition fees on time
- . for serious violations of the laws of the Republic of Lithuania or the Statute of the Academy
- . failure to defend a final project or thesis (negative evaluation of the final project or thesis).

**Any free time left?**

Have questions but don't know who can answer them? Looking for help but don't know where to turn? Or do you have ideas that could add to students' daily routines or change the learning environment? A student is never alone - the Student Union is always here to help.

**Student Union** - is the Academy's student organisation dedicated to creating a better, smoother and more comprehensive education. The organisation provides support to students facing uncertainties in the study process, and represents the student community and their interests in the academic environment and in governance structures. At the same time, the Student Union ensures a rich, creative and fun student leisure time, organising events where students are encouraged to participate, to show their creativity and versatility, to make new friends and to have fun. **You can join the Student Union from your first day at the Academy.**

For more information on how to join the organisation, please contact [sa@vda.lt](mailto:sa@vda.lt), follow VDA SANARIAI on Facebook or Instagram [@vda.sanariai](https://www.instagram.com/vda.sanariai)

## Sing!

Join the VDA Chamber Choir!  
If interested, please contact us at [choras@vda.lt](mailto:choras@vda.lt)

## Do sports!

At the VDA Health and Sports Centre (Malūnų St. 5, Vilnius) you can work out in the gym, play table tennis or attend group classes in yoga, tennis, badminton and basketball. If interested, please contact us at [akvile.paskeviciene@vda.lt](mailto:akvile.paskeviciene@vda.lt)

VDA indoor football club, consisting of two teams playing in the Lithuanian top and lower leagues. If you like football too - join us! The coaches will assess your skills and offer you a position in the team. Check out the training schedule on Facebook [@FKVDA](https://www.facebook.com/FKVDA).

## VDA Galleries

- 1 – VDA exhibition halls "Titanic" Maironio St. 3, Vilnius
- 2 – VDA gallery „Akademija“ Pilies St. 44, Vilnius
- 3 – VDA gallery „Artifex“ Gaono St. 1, Vilnius
- 4 – A. ir A. Tamošaičiai textile gallery „Židinys“ Dominikonų St. 15/1, Vilnius
- 5 – "Creatorium" Maironio St. 6 (inner courtyard), Vilnius
- 6 – „VDA Outdoor Expo“ Maironio St. 6, Vilnius
- 7 – Gallery „5 Mills“ Malūnų St. 5 (1 floor), Vilnius
- 8 – Exhibition space "White Corridor" I floor, Old building Maironio St. 6, Vilnius
- 9 – Panemunė Castle gallery Vytėnų St. 53, Pilies I k. 74464, Skirsnemunės municipality, Jurbarkas district
- 10 – Telšiai gallery Kęstučio St. 3-2, Telšiai
- 11 – VDA Nida Art Colony gallery E. A. Jonušo St. 3, Nida

**Get noticed**



Every small and big achievement you make is important to the Academy. Be the pride of the Academy and spread the name of your Alma Mater! Share your achievements with us by e-mail [komunikacija@vda.lt](mailto:komunikacija@vda.lt).

All important information and news can be found on [vda.lt](http://vda.lt), Facebook and Instagram [@vilniausdailesakademija](https://www.instagram.com/vilniausdailesakademija)

In case of any study-related questions, please contact [studijos@vda.lt](mailto:studijos@vda.lt).

### VDA social media

Follow the latest news about the VDA and student life on our socials via Facebook and Instagram, as well as subscribe to our newsletter!

### Useful links

You can use the "Trafi" programme to search for information regarding bus transportation and purchase bus tickets.

### Health Insurance

All students enrolled at the VDA must acquire health insurance for the entirety of the period that they are residing in Lithuania. If you are an EU citizen, you can use a European Health Insurance Card as your basic health insurance, and purchase additional insurance packages, if you would like. For Non-EU citizens it is mandatory to purchase private health insurance. You can find both local and international health insurance companies via website [draudikai.lt/en/insurers](http://draudikai.lt/en/insurers).

### Enquiries regarding migration and relocation

To find answers to questions regarding living in Lithuania, residence permits, relocation requirements, and other, please search for information at MIGRIS migration department.

# CONTACTS

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