

ABOUT LATVIA

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
LATVIAN

POPULATION
1,9 MILLION

DENSITY/
PEOPLE
PER 1km² **30**

CAPITAL
RIGA

POP. 620 000

METRO. 100 5 000

Arctic Circle

OSLO

STOCKHOLM

HELSINKI

COPENHAGEN

LONDON

BERLIN

PARIS

VIENNA

BERN

MADRID

ROME

LISBON

CURRENCY
EURO

CLIMATE
SUMMER +20°C to +30°C
WINTER +5°C to -20°C

AREA
64 589 km²

AVERAGE LATVIAN SPEAKS
LANGUAGES 3

MEMBER STATE OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND NATO SINCE 2004

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Documents to be submitted electronically

- ☐ Online application via RSU website
- ☐ Digital uploads onto the online application system:
 - Your photo
 - Bachelor's Degree diploma and official transcript of grades

Documents to be submitted by postal mail

- ☐ Printout of signed application form
- ☐ Hard copies of official Bachelor's Degree diploma and official transcript of grades
- ☐ 2 letters of recommendation
- ☐ Letter of motivation
- ☐ Proof of English proficiency (international test score/ secondary school grade)
- ☐ 2 copies of passport
- ☐ Confirmation of application fee payment

Additional documents for non-EU/EEA students

- ☐ 4 photos (size 3x4cm)
- ☐ Chest x-ray radiograph and radiologist's report
- ☐ Police clearance certificate
- ☐ Proof of financial means sufficient to cover tuition and cost of living

Application timeline

- ☐ **September admissions**
EU/EEA: 1 March – 1 July
Non-EU/EEA: 1 March – 1 May

QUESTIONS?

International Admissions Office

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**RĪGA STRADIŅŠ
UNIVERSITY**

STUDY SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME



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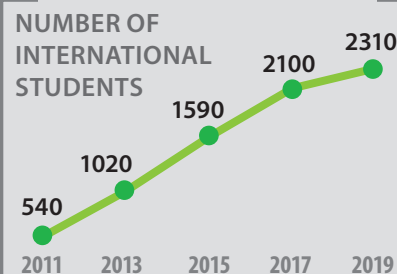
FOUNDED IN
1950

STUDENTS
FROM **60**
DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES

25%
OF STUDENTS ARE
INTERNATIONAL

>35 STUDY
BASES

>550
STUDENTS OF SOCIAL WORK



12 STUDY
PROGRAMMES
IN ENGLISH

TOP 6
INTERNATIONAL
COUNTRIES

BY STUDENT NUMBER:

GERMANY
SWEDEN
FINLAND
NORWAY
ITALY
PORTUGAL

Modern society requires that professional social workers comprehend cultural differences and the international nature of social problems. Joint Master's study programme "Social Work with Children and Youth" of Riga Stradiņš University and Mykolas Romeris University brings together students from various countries who wish to develop their expertise in organising and managing social work with children and youth and solving social problems in intercultural environment.

Assoc. Prof. Lolita Vilka,
Head of the Department of Welfare and Social Work

SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Degree	Professional Master's Degree in Social Work
Programme duration	1.5 or 2 years*
Type of studies	Full-time
Language	English
Credit points	90 ECTS or 120 ECTS*
Forms of studies	Lectures and seminars
Course structure	Year 1: Theories and interactive methodologies in social work Year 2: Intercultural communication and master's thesis

*Depending on previous academic/professional qualifications

WHY STUDY SOCIAL WORK AT RSU?

- Diplomas recognised world-wide
- More than 30 years of experience in educating international students
- Multicultural study environment
- Student-centred learning with a balanced student-teacher ratio
- Joint degree in cooperation with Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)
- Programme taught by experienced academic staff in the field of social work with professional experience abroad
- Opportunity to engage in various professional activities: seminars and conferences, volunteer work, etc.

Skills acquired during my studies in Master's study programme "Social Work with Children and Youth" have helped me accomplish my professional goals. This joint programme provided me with a unique opportunity to explore two countries and two capitals and meet students with different backgrounds from all over the world. Visiting various institutions during the study period allowed me to explore the field of social work from within.

Aslihan, student from Germany

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Bachelor's degree in health or social sciences**
 - Diploma
 - Diploma supplement/transcript of grades
- Excellent **English** language skills*
- **Eligibility for master's studies** in the country where Bachelor's degree was acquired
- Additional certifications or strong background in **social work** (optional)

* International test score (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, etc.)/ Bachelor's degree grade

It is an excellent opportunity to study a specifically designed combination of academic and practical subjects providing exposure to current issues in the field of children and youth. One of the strengths of the programme is the encouragement from the teachers to think globally, care about social development and social justice, explore multicultural aspects and undertake comparative social policy studies related to youth. Successful learning requires from the students ability to carry out a significant amount of independent research and study work, balanced by active participation during intensive in-class seminars in Vilnius and Riga and in e-study formats.

Ulla, student from Latvia

