

## COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION - INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES

Course unit title	Code
INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s)
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Cycle	Level of the course unit	Type of the course unit
Full-time studies (1 <sup>st</sup> stage)	1 out of 1	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Period of delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Face to face	1 <sup>st</sup> semester, autumn	Lithuanian

Prerequisites and corequisites	
<b>Prerequisites:</b> None	<b>Corequisites (if any):</b> None

Number of credits allocated to the course unit	Student's total workload	Contact hours	Self-study and research hours
3	80	32	48

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
The course unit aims to develop: <i>General competences:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• skills to communicate in written and verbal forms;</li> <li>• skills for self-development, learning skills in order to study general science resources;</li> <li>• ability to organize and plan their work and time;</li> <li>• ability to work independently.</li> </ul>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will be able to organize scientific activity	Lectures	Written computerized exam – 10 questions, each of them has 5 answers, student has to select correct answers.
Will be able to work with literature		
Will be able to present results in written and verbal forms		
Will know main documents regulating study process		

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Introductory lecture	2						2	3	Self-study: History and structure of Vilnius University
2. History and structure of Vilnius University	2						2	3	History and structure of the Faculty of natural sciences
3. History and structure of the Faculty of natural sciences	2						2	4	Positions and scientific degrees at University

4. Positions and scientific degrees at University	2						2	3	Documents regulating study process
5. Documents regulating study process	2						2	3	Assessment of knowledge. Check for plagiarism
6. Assessment of knowledge. Check for plagiarism	2						2	3	Students rights and duties
7. Students rights and duties	3						3	3	How to select research project
8. How to select research project	2						2	4	Basics of effective oral or poster presentation
9. Basics of effective oral or poster presentation	2						2	4	Basics of organization of scientific work
10. Basics of organization of scientific work	3						3	3	Basics of scientific papers writing
11. Basics of scientific papers writing	2						2	6	Work with literature
12. Work with literature	2						2	3	Academic ethics and bioethics
13. Academic ethics and bioethics	2						2	3	Studies abroad
14. Studies abroad	2						2	3	Curriculum vitae, recommendation
15. Curriculum vitae, recommendation	2						2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>						<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Written exam	100	During session	2-4 (insufficient) 5 (sufficient) 6 (satisfactory) 7 (highly satisfactory) 8 (good) 9 (very good) 10 (excellent)

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
<b>Compulsory reading</b>				
	2009	Lithuania law on the research and studies		<a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=343430&amp;p_query=&amp;p_tr2=">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=343430&amp;p_query=&amp;p_tr2=</a>
	2002	Statut of Vilnius University		<a href="http://www.vu.lt/site_files/Admin/statutas/VU_statutas.pdf">http://www.vu.lt/site_files/Admin/statutas/VU_statutas.pdf</a>
	2012	Regulations of Studies at Vilnius University		<a href="http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-reglamentuojantys-dokumentai/45-studijos/studijos/2557-studiju-nuostatai">http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-reglamentuojantys-dokumentai/45-studijos/studijos/2557-studiju-nuostatai</a>
	2004	Vilniaus universiteto studijų rezultatų vertinimo tvarka		<a href="http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-reglamentuojantys-dokumentai/45-studijos/studijos/2571-rezultatu-vertinimo-tvarka">http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-reglamentuojantys-dokumentai/45-studijos/studijos/2571-rezultatu-vertinimo-tvarka</a>
	2008	Studentų siuntimo dalinėms studijoms į užsienį		<a href="http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-">http://www.vu.lt/lt/studijos/studiju-procesas/studijas-</a>

		taisyklės		reglamentuojantys- dokumentai/45- studijos/studijos/2578- siuntimo-dalinems-studijoms- taisykles
<b>Optional reading</b>				
		Yearly Rectors report		