

Mobility of Students with disabilities: Vytautas Magnus University Case

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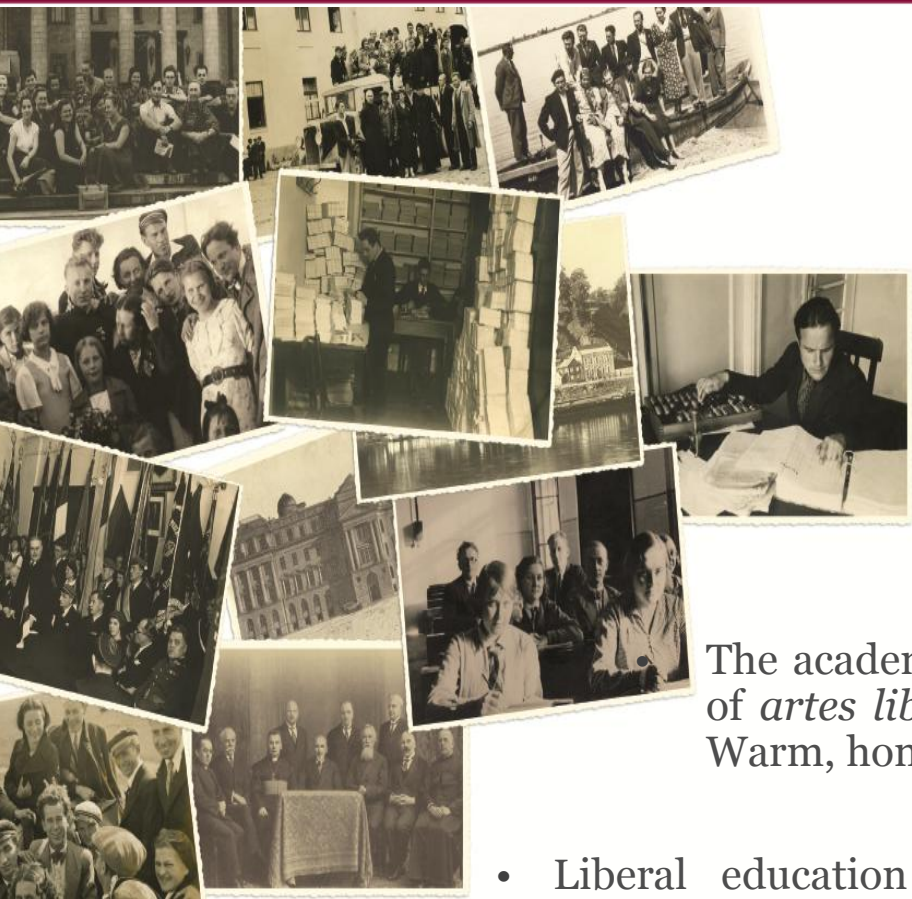
Vytautas Magnus University— Liberal Arts university

- Established in **1922**
- Closed down in **1950**
- Re-established in **1989**

The academic community of university is united by the idea of *artes liberales*, i.e. the classical university of liberal arts. Warm, honest interaction and liberal humanist atmosphere.

- Liberal education includes a general education curriculum that provides broad learning in multiple disciplines and ways of knowing along with more in-depth study in a major.

- This type of education can prepare students for many fields in today's workplace.





VMU in numbers:

- Around 10 000 Bachelor's & Master's degree students |
- Over 300 PhD students |
- More than 550 scholars and researches |
- More than 24 000 university graduates (since 1989)

Faculties @ VMU

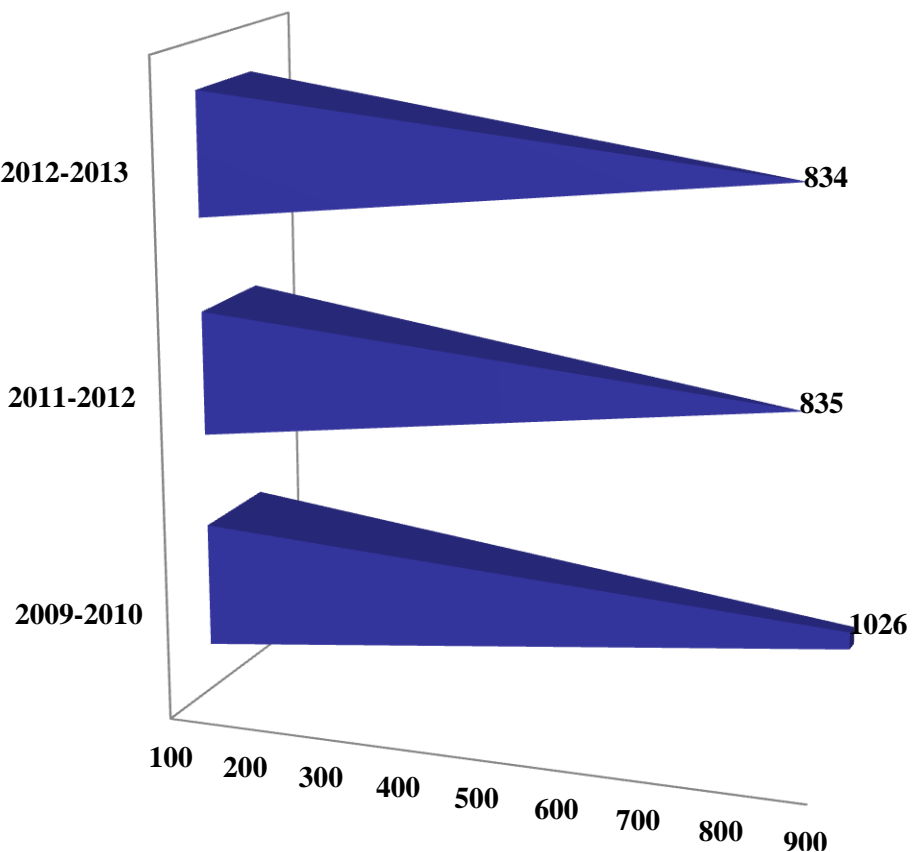
- Arts |
- Catholic Theology |
- Economics and Management |
- Humanities |
- Informatics |
- Law |
- Music Academy |
- Natural Sciences |
- Political Science and Diplomacy |
- Social Sciences with Institute of Social Welfare|

Disability-friendly University

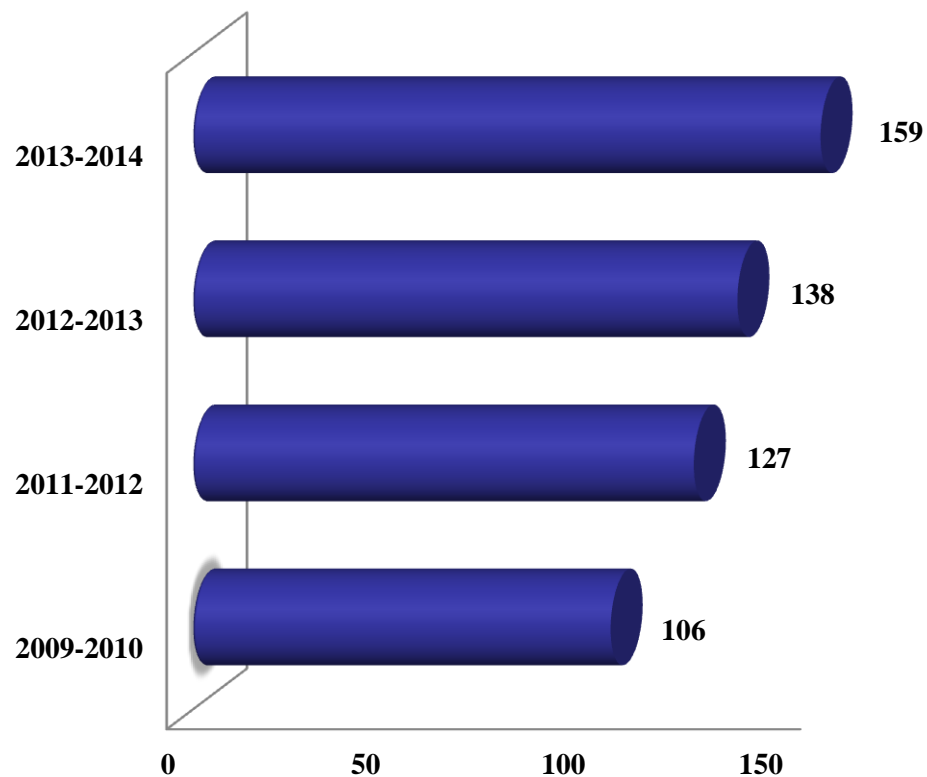
VMU is the first of Lithuanian higher education institutions which began to take care of the integration of persons with disabilities into society through the higher education program me.



Students with disabilities in Lithuania and VMU



■ Number of students with disabilities in HEIs in Lithuania



■ Number of students with disabilities in VMU

Infrastructure and studying process

- Material basis of the university is constantly being built, reconstructed, adjusted and adapted to the needs of students with physical disability
- People with disabilities live in the dormitory rooms that are adapted to their needs, with the option provided for their companions to be accommodated with them
- Many study programs are flexible and can be adapted to the needs of the person with disability by organizing the process of studies: distance learning, various forms of examination and etc.
- Present equipment and infrastructure are continuously being improved



The beginning you need to form by yourself!

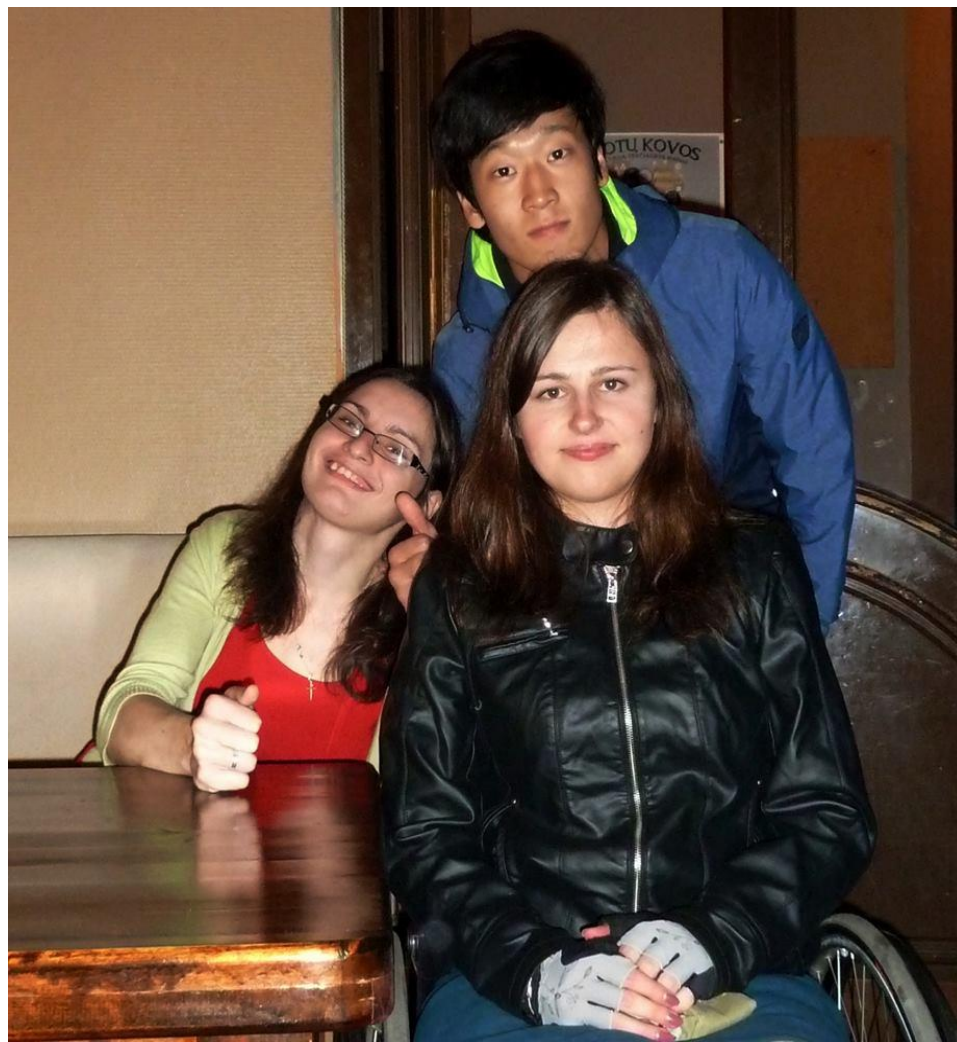
- VMU administration periodically organizes meetings with VMU students with disabilities
- Disability Coordinator (function - activities related to students with disabilities studying at the university, coordination, academic disabilities inclusion programme accomplishment)



On 2011 VMU was awarded by Lithuanian Education Exchanges Support Foundation as an “Education and study institution, which most actively promoted people with special needs mobility by Erasmus program from 2007 to 2010”

Useful...

- To encourage to cooperate between university affairs and other institutions
- Be open and prepared
- Have people with disabilities in team





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 VMU on the move

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Thank you for attention!