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*Welcome to Šiauliai State College!*

*For professional career and future  
perspectives*

*Guide for International  
Students*

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## *Dear International Students!*

Congratulations on choosing Šiauliai State College for your studies or internship abroad! Šiauliai State College implements qualitative higher college studies, oriented towards practice. Striving for high-quality college education has organized an industrious, creative and viable academic community. During studies and internship students cooperate with competent teachers, who steadily improve their qualification, participate in conferences, seminars, and work placements in Lithuanian and foreign companies and higher schools.

Nation-wide and international external relations of Šiauliai State College offer wide opportunities for cooperation in academic, public and cultural space. Therefore, we are happy to invite foreign youth to study at our higher school.

We look forward to welcoming you and sincerely hope your stay in Lithuania will be a pleasant and rewarding one.

*International Relations and Project Management Department*

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## I. What a beautiful land!

The hilly landscape of Samogitia (or Lower Lithuania) is patterned with clear lakes and torrential rivers; it merges with quiet valleys, fertile fields and forests of Higher Lithuania.

Our region is very interesting and attractive. Šiauliai is a city in the North West of Lithuania, the roots of its origin dates back to the Battle of the Sun in 22, Sep 1236. Šiauliai was titled the city of the Sun due to its peculiar image: a bright Broadway, original and vivid cultural activities; the city is always young and full of life energy. There are about 15 000 people studying at Higher Schools in Šiauliai; about 2 700 of them study at Šiauliai State College.

Guests of the County as well as its inhabitants have a possibility to get acquainted with significant cultural monuments and famous places. There are museums, estates, mounds, more than 20 homesteads, natural monuments and parks in the region.

### Basic information.

Facts about Lithuania	
<b>Location</b>	Central Europe
<b>Area</b>	65 300 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Time</b>	Winter time: UTC +2; Summer time: UTC: +3
<b>Official language</b>	Lithuanian
<b>Currency</b>	Euro
<b>Population</b>	2,89 million
<b>Political system</b>	Parliamentary Republic

# II. Short information about Šiauliai State College

Šiauliai State College has proved that during more than ten years of its activity it has been acknowledged to be a Higher School in which qualified studies have been pursued. The studies are practice – orientated; modern and democratic environment of College has been created.

Šiauliai State College offers more than 20 study programmes for its students. The programmes include biomedical, social and technological fields. Such a wide spectrum of study programmes has been indicated by needs of labor market and perspectives of the development.

The students of Šiauliai State College have all possibilities not only to study in modern and cozy rooms and laboratories, but to stay at renewed dormitories, to go in for sports, to take part in applied scientific activity as well as in various events, contests of entrepreneurship, social projects and professional mastership; to implement their creative projects.

Šiauliai State College that:

- provides higher college education;
- provides opportunities to acquire Bachelor's degree as well as professional qualification that are based on applied scientific activity; it ensures quality of the studies as well as the study process that meets the standards of the European Union;
- quickly and flexibly reacts to the changes in labor market; trains qualified specialists, performs re-qualification, continuing education, educates the society that is open to culture, education and knowledge;
- educates a personality that is creative, respectable, educated, ethically responsible, civil, independent and entrepreneurial.

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## Buildings

### Central building

(Aušros av. 40, Šiauliai)



### The Faculty of Business and Technologies

I building (Aušros av. 40)



### The Faculty of Business and Technologies

II building (Vilnius str. 137)



### Health Care Faculty

(M. K. Čiurlionio street 16A)



### III. General Information on Academic Year

- **Autumn Semester – 01.09.2015 – 29.01.2016**

Christmas Holidays – 24.12.2015 – 04.01.2016

Exam Session – 04.01.2016 – 29.01.2016

- **Spring Semester – 01.02.2016 – 30.06.2016**

Easter Holidays 28.03.2016 – 03.04.2016

Exam session – 01.06.2016 – 30.06.2016

- **Summer Holidays – 01.07.2016 – 31.08.2016**

### IV. Application Procedure

Incoming Erasmus+ students have to fill in the documents provided by Šiauliai State College or they can be found on the website:

<https://svako.lt/en/the-department-of-international-relations-and-projects->

**Documents to send before the departure:**

- Application form
- Learning Agreement for Studies / Traineeship (3 originals)
- Transcript of Records

**Forms must be sent by e-mail.**

After submitting necessary documents, International Relations and Project Management Coordinator will provide Invitation and Acceptance letters. For non-EU citizens will be issued Meditorial letters for visa.

**Application deadlines:**

- **Autumn semester:** 30<sup>th</sup> of June
- **Spring semester:** 31<sup>st</sup> of December

Application deadlines may differ during academic year. If it occurs, International Relations and Project Management Coordinator will notify the Host institution.

## V. Attendance and Marks

### Erasmus+ studies:

- During 4 weeks after arrival to SSC – students have to make all changes to their original Learning Agreements. Students have to arrange their Changes to LA with department<sup>1</sup> . **Incoming students have to print out and sign the arranged agreements in 3 copies, and bring to International Relations and Project Management Department.**
- The schedules of lectures are given out by certain department<sup>2</sup>.
- The marks consist of: Attendance, Work during classes, Assignments and Exam.
- The attendance will be guided by each teacher.
- During Exam session teachers will fill in the Transcript of Records. Final versions of TOR will be issued by the end of the semester.
- Each student will receive the Certificate stating one's period of stay.

### Erasmus+ internship:

- During 4 weeks after arrival to SSC – students have to make all Changes to original Learning agreement for Traineeship (if there is a need to change).
- The mark consists of Attendance, Work during internship and extra assignments.
- Certificate and Transcript of records will be issued by the end of the internship.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the study programme students came.

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## Grading system at Šiauliai State College

ECTS Grade	Percentage	Šiauliai State College Grade	
A	100-96	10	PASSED
B	95-86	9	
C	85-76	8	
D	75-66	7	
E	65-61	6	
E	60-46	5	
FX	45-36	4	FAILED
FX	35-26	3	
F	25-16	2	
F	15-0	1	
NP	NOT PARTICIPATED		

## VI. Working Hours

**I – IV:** 08:00-17:00 (Lunch Break: 12:00 – 12:45)

**V:** 08:00 – 15:45 (Lunch Break: 12:00 – 12:45)

**VI-VII:** College is closed

## VII. Contacts

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## VIII. Important dates

### **Official days when College is closed**

Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Feb. 16	Independence Day
March 11	Day of the Restoration of Independence
May 1	International Labour Day

### **Other important days in Lithuania**

Jan. 13	Day of the Defenders of Lithuania's Freedom
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May 1	Mother's Day (Sunday)
June 14	Day of Mourning and Hope
June 24	Midsummer Day
July 6	State Day (The coronation of Lithuania's only King, Mindaugas, in 1253)
July 15	Grunwald Battle (Žalgiris Battle in 1410)
Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption
Aug. 23	Black Ribbon Day
Sep. 1	Science and Knowledge Day
Sep. 8	Day of the Nation (The coronation of Grand Duke Vytautas was planned for this day in 1430; he died before it took place)
Sep. 23	Commemoration Day of the Victims of the Holocaust

## IX. Accommodation

Exchange students are accommodated on their demand at Šiauliai State College Students dormitories:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Student Dormitory – M. K. Čiurlionio g. 18
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Dormitory – M. K. Čiurlionio g. 20


**The price for a month: 130 Eur / person**

### Dormitory rules

1. Peace and rest time from 11 p. m. till 7 a. m.
2. Guest visitors can visit till 11 p. m.
3. The student who has a visitor is responsible for keeping up with the rules.
4. The dormitory's residents carry out the dorm manager's requirements.
5. The residents maintain the order and cleanliness of the rooms and other premises.
6. The resident saves electricity and water. Turns the lights off before going out of the room, turns off the water before going out of the shower or kitchen.
7. To maintain the cleanliness in the kitchen according to given schedule.
8. It's strictly forbidden for dorm residents to:
  - 8.1. to move to another room without manager's permission;
  - 8.2. to selflessly carry out dormitory's inventory to other rooms;
  - 8.3. to return to dormitory intoxicated;
  - 8.4. use alcoholic drinks, drugs, gamble in the dormitory premises, play loud music after 11 p. m.
  - 8.5. make noise, litter, smoke in rooms, hallways, kitchens, lavatories, toilets, stairweels;
  - 8.6. keep easily flammable liquids, explosives, use electric heating devices in the room;
  - 8.7. provide accommodation for unauthorized persons;
  - 8.8. pour garbage through the window, throw in the toilet and other common areas

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- 8.9.** use kitchen lavatories or toilets if the sewerage is out of order.
  - 9.** The resident have to let dormitory's manager, watcher or other College's staff into their room at any time of the day.
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### X. Additional information about the city

As you have heard already, Šiauliai is not just a simple city. Šiauliai is the City of the Sun! And there are SEVEN objects of the Sun:

**Sun Clock** (Sts.& Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral), Aušros takas 3.





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Fountain „The Discs of Sun“, in front of the municipality, Vasario 16-osios str. 62



Stained glass „Sun Battle“ at cinema „Saulė“, Tilžės str. 140



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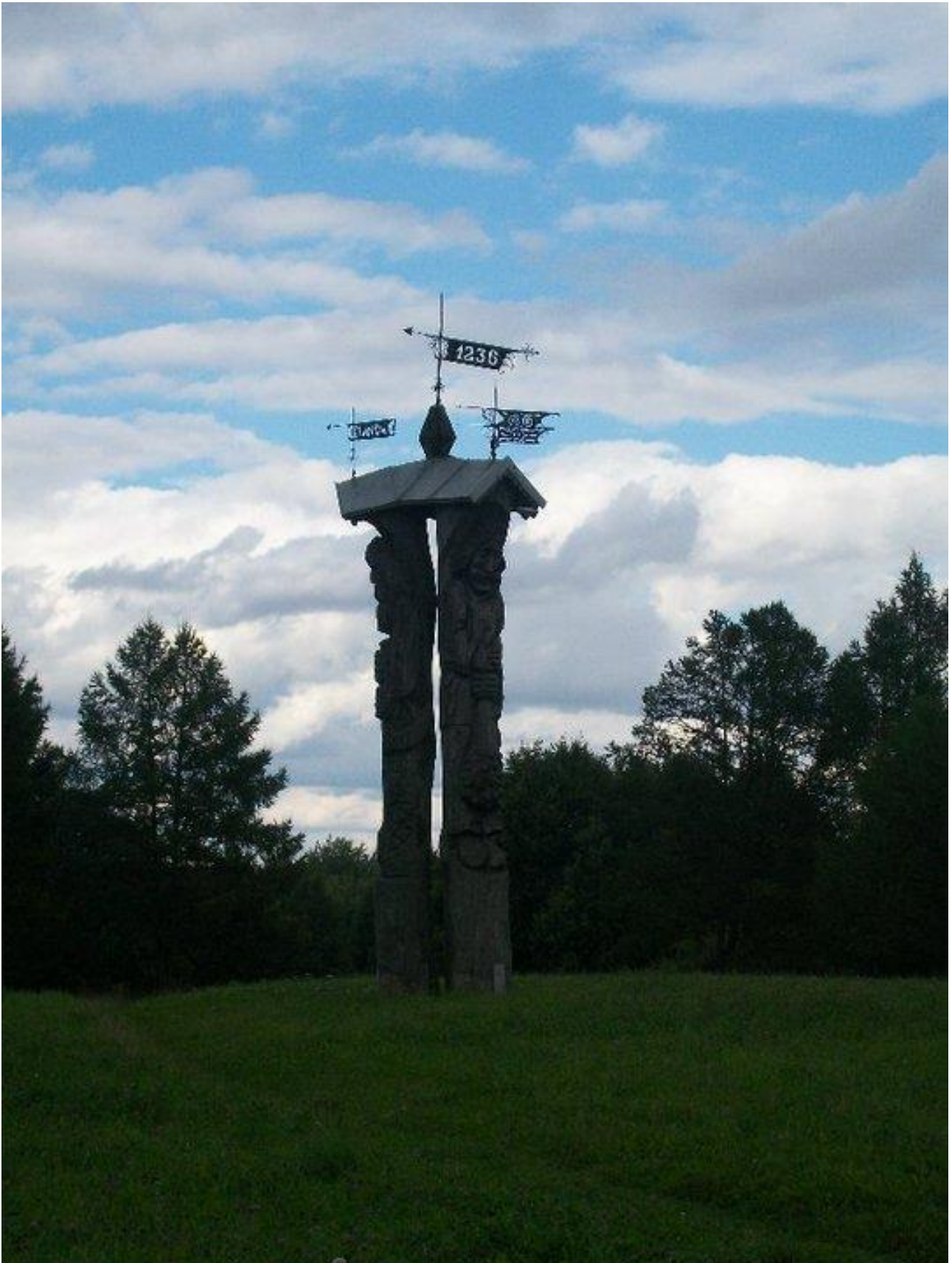
**Sundial Square**, the intersection of Ežero sts. & S. Šalkauskio str.



Sundial Square embodies the three symbols related to the origins of the city, its history and name: the sun, the archer and the time. The sun symbolises the battle of Saulė, which was fought in the vicinity of Šiauliai, while the archer is related to the origin of the city's name. The symbol of the sun and the archer unite the third one, the time.



## Monument for the Sun Battle in Salduve park



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**Cockerel clock** in pedestrian street, the intersection of Vilniaus str&Tilžės str.



Lovers and businesslike people, also come here for a date or a meeting „See you at the cockerel's“ is a common phrase. This symbol of downtown Šiauliai not only crows, but welcomes passers-by with his „welcome to Šiauliai“ in many languages.



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**Sculpture „Dawn“** , the intersection of Aušros Avenue and Kaštonų Avenue.



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And do not forget about our symbol of the city – **The Golden boy!!!**



### Other Places to visit

If you want to hear scary stories, see scary places go the **Old City Semetery** in Ežero str.

One of our newest sculptures in the city is „**The Fox**“, it is located near the lake **Talkša**.

Notice small sculptures of all sorts of animals in the pedestrian street, and not only in the street, but also on the rooftops of the buildings.

**The Arch**, the intersection of Vilniaus Str, and Vasario 16-osios str.

The special about this arch is that if you think of a wish and pass under the arch, your wish will come true. However, if you forget about it and walk back under the arch, your wish will vanish into thin air.

***Out in the City!***

## Transport

### **Railways**

You can reach capital of Lithuania and other major cities using the railway system. It is also possible to use this mean of transportation for reaching Poland, Russia, etc.

For more information you can visit:

<http://www.litrail.lt>

### **Bus routes**

Šiauliai is in a very comfortable position for reaching Latvia, Poland, Germany and other countries.

For more information about bus routes check at:

<http://www.busturas.lt/en/>

### **Driving**

If you want to drive a car you must have a driver's license. Usually the traffic is not very heavy in Šiauliai. Rush hours in the morning are from 7a.m. till 9a.m. and in the evening from 4p.m. till 7p.m. The traffic is on the right side!

### **Bicycle rent**

You may see a lot of people driving the bicycle and not the car. Enjoy the beautiful weather by going everywhere by the bike!

You can rent the bicycle in:

Šiauliai tourism information centre, Vilniaus Str. 213

### **Arrival**

#### ***From Vilnius Airport***

You can take the train to going to Šiauliai.

## XII. Student organizations

**Student Association** – a student organization of the Šiauliai State College. This organization is organizing all the events that concern students, like Freshmen year Christening, etc.

**AIESEC** – an international non-profit organization that provides students with leadership, training and internship opportunities at for-profit and non-profit organizations.

### **Other important links**

<http://tic.siauliai.lt/en> - Šiauliai tourism information centre

<http://maps.lt/en/> - maps of Lithuania

<http://jnn.svako.lt/en/> - Šiauliai State College Youth Hostel, website

<http://aiesec.lt/local-committees/siauliai/> - AIESEC organization



### XIII. Funky Erasmus Rules

- You must try traditional food. For example: cepelinai (made of potatoes and meat), šaltibarščiai (a cold borsch soup [very, very delicious☺]), kugelis (made of potatoes and meat) or kastinys (it is supposed to be eaten with boiled potatoes).
- Rise up our economics making shopping days for instance: in Akropolis or Saulės miestas.
- Don't go for a walk alone at night, because sometimes you can meet some unfriendly people.
- Always smile for the receptionist of your dormitory☺.
- Do sports – Erasmus lifestyle = pigs lifestyle.
- Use every day, every minute for your memories – Erasmus happens only once in your life, find new friends, go out with them.
- Do things you would never do in your hometown.
- Eat more potatoes and meat than ever before in your life.
- Use “Labas” instead of “Hello”, it is way cooler.
- You have to fall in love with LITHUANIAN.
- Do not get caught by police being drunk, anywhere.
- Goodbye and thankful present for your friends in Lithuania.
- Do not be late, we hate to wait 30 minutes!
- Remember, Maxima and Rimi is the best friend when you are hungry.
- Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.
- Don't even try to understand why some people like to wear socks and flip-flop together.

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- Remember, if during the night you see drunk and smiling person feel free to go further, if only drunk better change the way.

- Keep on partying with your friends: organize theme parties, crazy parties, alternative parties,; but make them always in your friends' flat.

- Bring your Erasmus spirit among your friends: get them drunk of independence, dissipation and fun.

- Erasmus students generally come back home in December/January or in May/June: for the first group I'm sorry but you will get the syndrome. For the second: enjoy the summer at least.



# XIV. Erasmus English – Lithuanian short dictionary

**Hello!** – Labas!

**Yes!** – Taip

**No** – Ne

**Thank you!** – Ačiū!

**Excuse me** – Atsiprašau

**Good morning** – labas rytas

**Good afternoon** – Laba diena

**Good evening** – Labas vakaras

**Good night** – Labanaktis

**See you! Bye bye!** – Iki! Ate!

**Enjoy!** – Skanaus!

**What is your name?** – Koks tavo vardas?

**My name is ....** – Mano vardas.....

**Nice to meet** – malonu susipažinti

**How are you?** – Kaip tau sekasi?

**Good/Fine/Ok** – Gerai

**I am from.....** - Aš esu iš.....

**I'm lost** – Aš pasiklydau

**I live in a students' dormitory** – Aš gyvenu studentų bendrabutyje

**I live in a Hostel** – Aš gyvenu hostelyje

**I don't have internet** – Aš neturiu interneto

**I don't know** – aš nežinau

**I don't understand** – Aš nesuprantu

One **coffee/Tea/beer** please– vieną kavos/arbatos/alaus prašau.

**I don't eat meat** – Aš nevalgau mėsos

**Bring my bill please** – Sąskaitą prašau

**I like it** – Man patinka

**Today** – Šiandien

**Yesterday** – Vakar

**Tomorrow** – rytoj

**Tonight I'm going to .....** – šį vakarą aš einu į.....

**Your eyes are very nice** 😊 - tavo labai gražios akys

**You are very beautiful** – tu labai graži

**I want to call a taxi** – Noriu išsikviesti taxi

**I love you** – Aš tave myliu



