



ACADEMIC DEGREES

Studies at Šiauliai University are organized in **3 study cycles**: *first cycle* – Bachelor's degree or Professional studies, *second cycle* – Master's degree or Special professional Studies and *third cycle* – Doctoral studies.

ACADEMIC TESTING

A student must be tested on a course during the session. Students are examined by the subject lecturer or by the department commission, which sets the form of examination and informs students about it. Cheating, plagiarising and other forms of dishonesty or deception during the testing, course work or examinations may be punishable by expulsion from the University. Students can retake an examination for a better mark with the Dean's permission.

ECTS CREDITS

ECTS credits represent a relative value, reflecting the amount of work each course requires in relation to the total amount of work necessary to complete a full year of study at the academic institution. The value is based on the estimated time necessary for all activities related to the course (lectures, seminars, study time, fieldwork, projects, papers, examinations etc.) and is not limited to classroom hours. In ECTS, the workload for one-year of study is valued at 60 credits; with each semester normally worth 30 credits, and each term, 20 credits. ECTS credits are awarded only when all course work has been completed and all examinations successfully passed. ECTS credits can be awarded for any work that is a part of the normal curriculum. So, in addition to classroom work this can include such activities as thesis and project work, and practical placements. However, special courses should not be created for the purpose of awarding ECTS credits.

ECTS PARTICIPATION: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students may not be in their first year of study.

Students must be citizens of the EU Member State or of a country for which special national arrangements have been made within the European Union (or recognised by the EU Member State or one of the remaining old EFTA countries as having the official status of refugee, stateless person or permanent resident).

To be eligible for a grant, students from non-EU Member States may only participate in exchanges with the EU Member State. Grants are not given for exchanges between non-EU Member States.

The host institution cannot charge tuition fees. Home institutions, however, may require students to continue to pay normal tuition fees during the period of study abroad.

Institutions may not interrupt, discontinue, or reduce the national grant or loan to which a student may be entitled while the student is studying in another state with a LLP/ERASMUS grant.

The period of study abroad should be at least three months and not exceed one year.

ECTS GRADE CORRELATION SCALE

Šiauliai University Grade	ECTS Grade	Knowledge percentage %	Definition	Pass/ Fail
10	A	95- 100 %	Excellent	Pass
9	B	85- 94 %	Very good	
8	C	75- 84 %	Good	
7	D	65- 74 %	Highly satisfactory	
6	E	55- 64 %	Satisfactory	
5	E	50- 54 %	Sufficient	
4	FX	40- 49 %	Insufficient	Fail
3	F	30- 39 %	Insufficient	
2	F	20- 29 %	Insufficient	
1	F	0- 19 %	Insufficient	