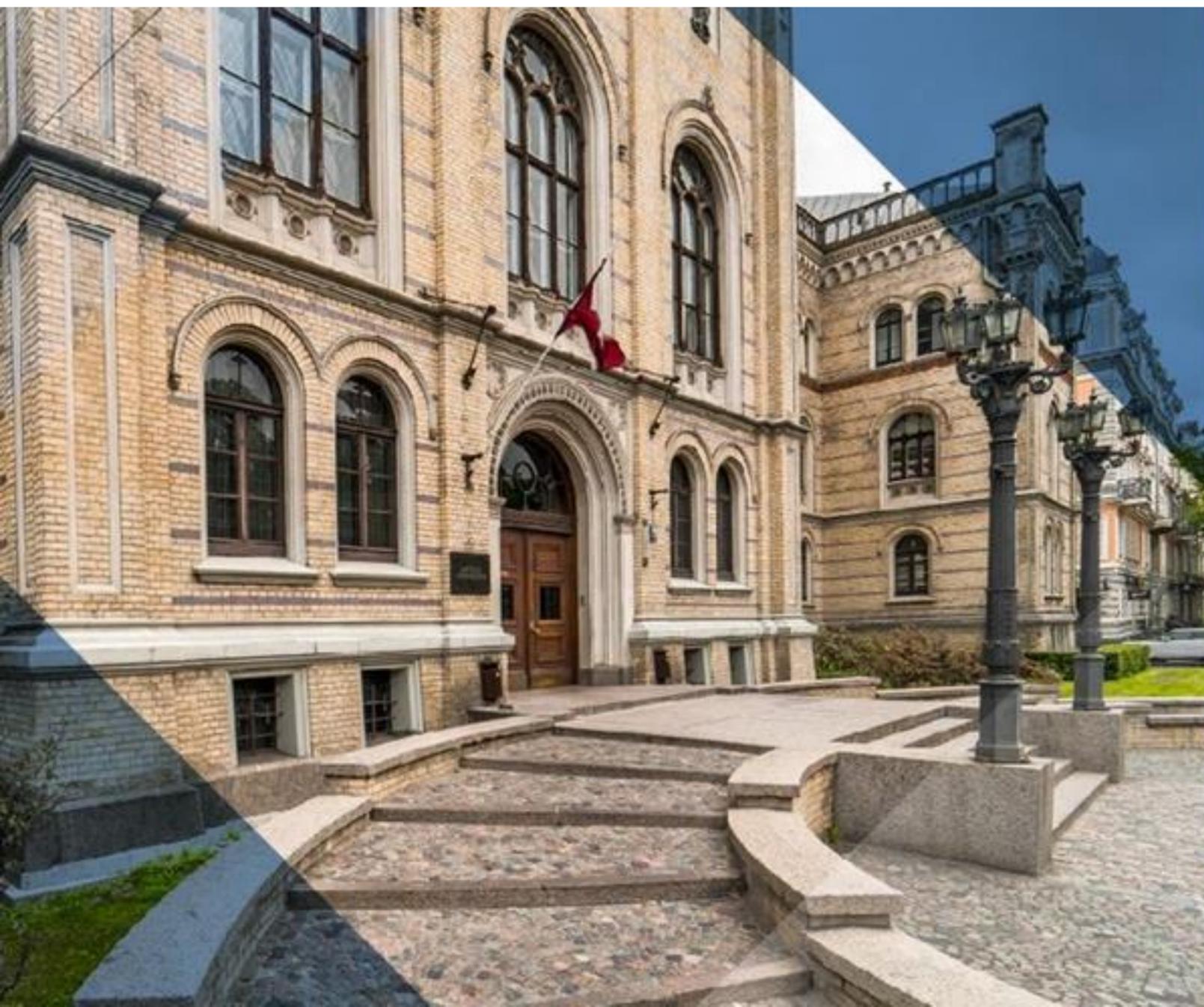




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**KULDĪGA
BRANCH**



The **Kuldiga Branch** of the University of Latvia is located in one of the most beautiful towns of Latvia, Kurzeme, with old cultural and historical heritage.



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Kuldiga is the most magical town in Latvia. It was founded in **1242** and experienced a period of economic expansion in the 17th century when it became a major centre of commerce, governance, and culture in the Duchy of Courland. Between 1596 and 1616, Kuldiga was a capital of the Duchy of Courland. Like most Latvian towns, it used to have a name in German - Goldingen. The historic buildings of the town and its nature create a unique, harmonious ensemble incomparable to anything found in Latvia or elsewhere in Europe. **The old town of Kuldiga and the red-brick bridge across the Venta River were inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List in September 2023.** The town is also famous for the widest waterfall in Europe.



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The Same

The red brick bridge has always attracted visitors to Kuldīga. The **164-metre-long bridge was built in 1874 over the Venta River. It is the longest bridge for cars in Europe.** The bridge, with seven spans of brick arches and boulder abutments, was not only the largest and most ornate on the territory of Latvia but also one of the most modern of its time in the whole Europe. It was built according to Russian Tsarist road standards: 11 metres wide, allowing two carriages to pass each other on it. The bridge was renovated in 2008.



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The Same Trail

The widest naturally formed waterfall in Europe (249 metres wide) is associated with several legends and historical events.



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The Kuldīga Branch has been offering higher education studies since 1996, but as a branch of the University of Latvia since 2017.



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Kuldīga Branch offers studies in several study programs:

- ❖ First-level professional higher education study program "**Preschool Teacher**";
- ❖ First-level professional higher education study program "**Sports Coach**";
- ❖ Professional Bachelor study program "**Elementary Education Teacher**";
- ❖ Professional Bachelor study program «**Social Worker**»;
- ❖ Master study program "**Educational Sciences**".





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- The modern study environment, the friendly and comfortable atmosphere of the university in the Kuldīga Branch allows fully evaluate the study process and learn the chosen study program with high quality. Every student is always welcome in the Branch, with an individual approach motivating and supporting each step of the study process. Also, part-time studies closer to home make it possible to successfully combine them with work and private life.
- Our branch is proud of its many graduates who are managers of institutions and companies, specialists in various fields and successful educators. The education obtained at the Kuldīga Branch of UL is a sure steppingstone for further life and career.
- The Kuldīga Branch is also involved in the scientific research activities of the LU, participating in the organization and conduct of the annual LU Regional Conference "Creation of Sustainable Values and Public Welfare in the Regions of Latvia".
- The Kuldīga Branch also offers extensive opportunities for lifelong learning.

The Kuldīga Branch offers part-time studies, that is, one day of face-to-face study - once a week, the rest of the time students' study independently.

The study programs are taught by the same professors as at the University of Latvia in Riga.

Students come to Kuldīga from all over Kurzeme and even from more distant locations. Altogether from 13 districts!

307 students study in the Branch. 98% of them work in their chosen profession.

Municipalities support Absentee studies both with scholarships and with a paid study day, and they provide possibilities for internships in municipal institutions and companies.



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Cooperation with Latvian municipalities and Ministry of Education and Science



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Memorandum of Cooperation



- The Cooperation Memorandum envisages the creation of **bases for teaching practices of prospective teachers and involvement of mentors, centralized methodical work with talented students and improvement of teachers' professional competence**. It is planned to introduce a comprehensive database of teacher vacancies to ensure effective publication of current vacancies, their analysis and to promote the short-term employment of pedagogues.
- The participants of the Memorandum have also agreed on the creation of a psychological support system for teachers and students.
- LU is committed to creating study programs for social teachers, specialized teachers, music, sports and visual arts teachers. As a result of the cooperation, the diversification of educational paths for pedagogues is expected in accordance with the current requirements of the labor market, including the introduction of a modular system with transitions among study programs in universities, an increase in state funding for teacher education in all forms of study, and the creation of teacher certification.

Every year, as part of the International Conference of the University of Latvia, the Regional Conference on current topics in the development of regions is also organized, where municipality leaders, specialists in various fields, and education leaders from all over Latvia speak. More than 300 participants take part in the conference.

Conference theme: "Creation of sustainable values and public welfare in Latvian regions, plenary session."



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Ilgspējīgu vērtību radīšana un sak
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Otrdiena, 2024. gada 12.martā plkst. 9.00

Tiešsaistē ZOOM:

The diagram consists of two overlapping circles. The left circle is labeled 'Lineārā lasīšana, Horizontālā skenēšana' and 'seriālā (analogā) lasīšana'. The right circle is labeled 'Scanning, scrolling and interfering with incoming messages, hyperlinked content' and 'Paralēlā apstrāde (digitālā lasīšana)'. The intersection is labeled 'mēs 2024'. Below the circles are two blue boxes. The left box is titled 'Analogās lasīšanas priekšrocības:' and lists: 'nepārtraukta uzmanības koncentrācija (uzmanības procesi tiek uzlaboti horizontālās skenēšanas gaitā), Traucēkļu izstumšana / neievērošana lasīšanas gaitā' and 'Vecumposmu / attīstības priekšrocības'. The right box is titled 'Digitālā lasīšana – ātrāka, bet satura uztvere vājāka'.

LU leading researcher prof. Jurgis Škilters, presentation slide.

Some collaborative activities



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In cooperation with Ventspils High Technology Park, within the framework of the European Digital Innovation Project "Digital Accelerator of Latvia", 30 pre-school and primary education study program students at the Kuldiga Branch of the University of Latvia participated in the training of a digital learning resource created in Latvia, «Pratne», led by a VATP Educational Technology expert.

Ventspils Board of Education
Organised participants for
professional development
courses

"DREAM, THINK, DO"
on October 24, 2023

"Story of Inspiration"
Director of the Kuldiga Branch
of the University of Latvia,
Ruta Karloviča

On March 14, 2024, 22 volunteers and 12 youth workers who have got achievements in volunteer work and are involved in organizing the life of young people were awarded at the Kuldiga Youth House. Honorary awards were presented by Kuldiga Council deputy, Head of Kuldiga Branch of UL Kuldīga, Ruta Karloviča.



«What, where and why would you recommend studying?»

The newspaper for all Kurzeme is one of the biggest promoters of the Branch's activities.



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**Kuldīga Branch of the University of Latvia -
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promotion of economic growth!**

