

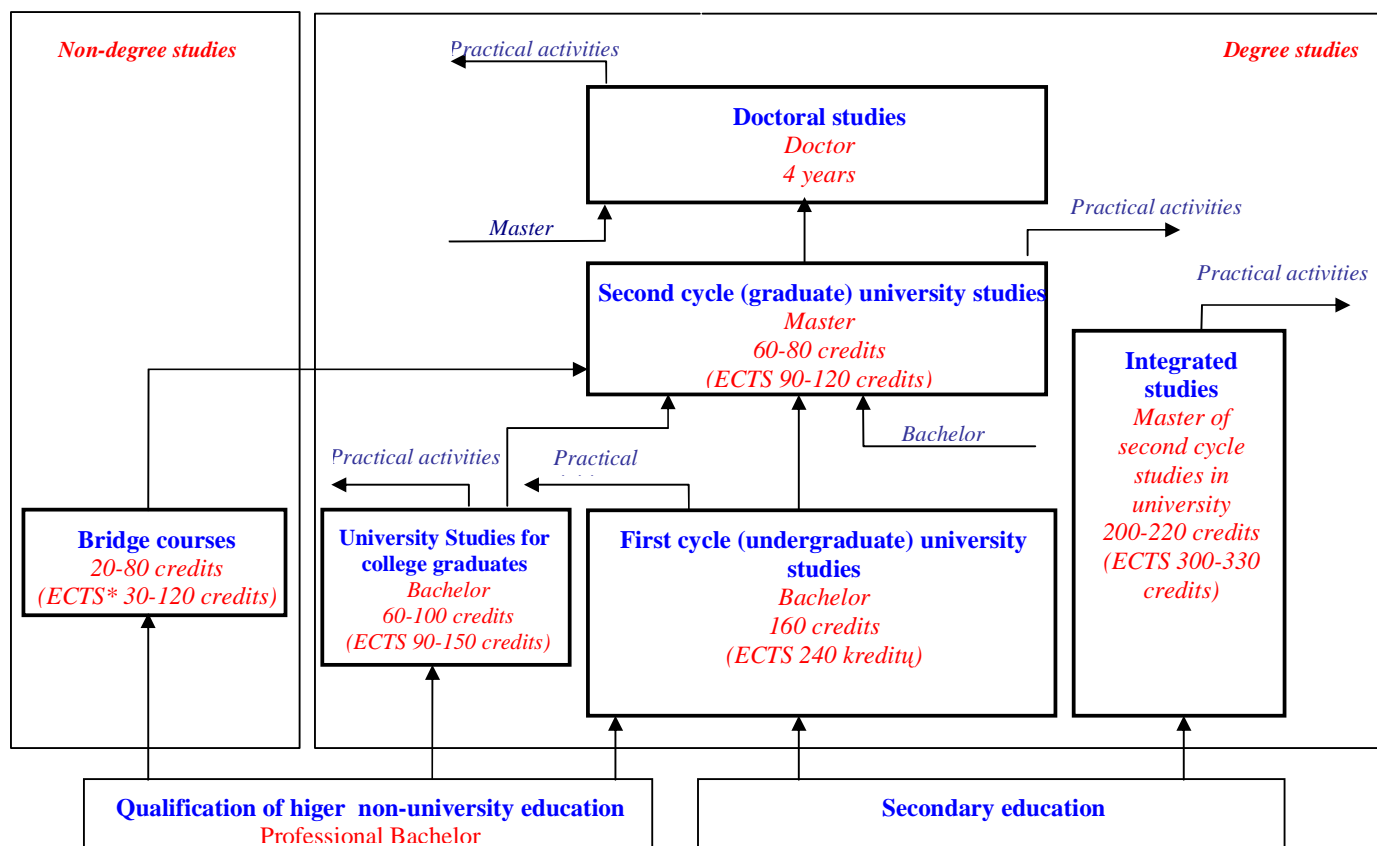
UNIVERSITY MODEL OF STUDIES AT VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

The system of studies at Vilnius Gediminas technical university is based on the three cycles:

- **First cycle** – undergraduate (Bachelor) university studies;
- **Second cycle** – graduate (Master) university studies;
- **Third cycle** – post-graduate (Doctoral) university studies.

Vilnius Gediminas technical university is organizing studies to prepare Bachelors, Masters and Doctors.

VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY MODEL OF STUDIES



*³ECTS – European Credit transfer system

First cycle – undergraduate (Bachelor) university studies – these studies’ study programmes are oriented to universal basic background, academic preparation and the highest level of professional skills. Upon the completion of undergraduate university studies, Bachelor Diploma is awarded, testifying Bachelor’s degree.

The First cycle studies’ programmes are dedicated to educate general erudition, professional skills and to convey theoretical study course’s basements. It is needful to form self-dependent work.

The first cycle studies involves 4 years full-time studies and 5,5 years – part-time studies. Undergraduate studies consist of 160 credits.

In order to apply to an undergraduate programme at a higher education institution, Maturity Certificate or comparable qualification is required. Admission to first cycle studies takes place on a competitive basis according to the admission rules set up by the institution of higher education agreed with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

Each student, upon successful graduation receives Diploma and Diploma Supplement, testifying the level of education obtained and the results achieved.

The first cycle studies give access to continue studies in graduate studies.

Second cycle – graduate (Master) university studies – it is academic studies which task is to up an individ's professional and sciential qualification.

Master's studies are dedicated to prepare self-dependent science (art) work or other work which requires science knowledge and analytical skills.

Workload in credits of graduate university studies varies between 60 – 80 credits (according to ECTS 90 – 120 credits). It can be 60, 75 or 80 credits. The duration of study programme which consist of 60 credits is 1,5 years for full-time studies and 2 years for part-time studies; 75 credits – 2 years for full-time studies and 2,5 years for part-time studies; 80 credits – 2 years for full-time studies.

To be admitted to the second cycle university programmes individuals should:

- Hold Bachelor's Degree;
- Have completed non-university studies and bridge courses and hold Bachelor's Degree;
- Have completed university studies for college graduates and hold Bachelor's Degree.

Upon the completion of graduate Master's studies, Master's diploma is warded, testifying Master's qualification.

The second cycle studies give access to continue studies in post-graduate studies.

Integrated studies – these studies are aimed to acquire qualification of the second cycle, when studies of the first and second cycles are combined.

Integrated studies consist of 200 – 220 credits (according to ECTS 300 – 330 credits). The duration of these studies is 5 years.

To be admitted to the integrated studies individuals should have secondary education but not less. Admission to integrated studies takes place on a competitive basis according to the admission rules set up by the institution of higher education agreed with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

After successful completion of integrated studies, Master's Degree is awarded and access to third cycle studies is granted.

Third cycle – post-graduate (Doctor) university studies – dedicated to qualify academics. Doctor's Degree means that individual is prepared to do scientific researches and experimental development works. First year of post-graduate studies are nominated to pass exams. In next years it is writing a doctor's dissertation. Total post-graduate studies duration is no longer then 4 years.

In order to enter the third cycle university studies, an applicant should have either Master's or corresponding degree in the selected study field.

Admission to third cycle studies takes place on a competitive basis according to the admission rules set up by the institution of higher education agreed with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

After successful completion of post-graduate studies, Doctor's Degree is awarded.

University Studies for college graduates – it is the first cycle studies. These studies are dedicated to college graduates who finished the same profile study programmes and who have higher non-university education and gained professional qualification or Bachelor's degree and professional qualification. Workload in credits of these studies varies: from 60 to 100 credits (according to ECTS 90 – 150 credits). The duration of these studies is 2 – 2,5 years.

Successful completion of university studies of college graduates gives access to continue studies in graduate studies.

Bridge courses – it is complementary studies which are needed to get an access for admitting to graduate studies. In bridge courses students are studying first cycle studies' disciplines that are needed for specific graduate study programme. Bridge courses are dedicated to individuals who finished other direction of university studies and gained Bachelor's degree or finished college and gained professional qualification,

testifying Bachelor's degree. Workload in credits of these studies varies: from 20 to 80 credits (according to ECTS 30 – 120 credits). The duration of these studies is 1 – 2 years.
After successful completion of bridge courses, certificate about courses is given.

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