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AND WITH JOY!**



**SUMMER SCHOOL OF
LATVIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
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This summer school is being organized by the University of Latvia for the 11th time. We kindly invite students* and other interested parties with no to little (A1+) up to good (B1) prior language skills to join, not only to learn and improve their Latvian but also to expand their knowledge of Latvian history, art, and folklore.

The Summer School of Latvian Language and Culture 2025 will take place from August 5 to August 18, 2025.

We offer:

- **An intensive, modern, and interactive Latvian language course** (totaling 64 academic hours), that takes place in the historical building of UL in the heart of Riga. The course includes plenty of a grammar, reading, writing and speaking practice. Participants will be placed into separate groups according to their language level.
- **A lecture on Latvian history and politics**, providing insights into modern Latvian history and political situation in Latvia.
- **A lecture on Latvian culture and art**, exploring the historical development and key figures, especially in the visual arts and architecture.
- **A lecture on Latvian folklore:** customs and traditions, including one of the most fascinating forms of folklore – Latvian folk songs or *dainas*.
- **A guided tour of Riga and visits to several museums** (e.g., the National Library, Archives of Latvian Folklore, and the Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum).
- **One-day guided tours outside of Riga** to Cēsis, including the Cēsis Castle and Old town, and to Kuldīga, featuring the Venta Rapids and Old town.
- **Other activities**, including a workshop at the Archives of Latvian folklore, movie night, dancing, and singing.

The language of communication during the Latvian classes, lectures, and excursions is **English**.

As the summer school is currently undergoing various changes, it will not offer ECTS credits or scholarships this year. However, considering the course content and available activities, it can still be a highly valuable addition for students (as well as academic staff) whose studies and research are related to Latvian or Baltic culture.

The participation fee for the course is 699 EUR. It covers the language classes and lectures, study materials, museum visits, and tours in Rīga, Kuldīga, and Cēsis. The transportation costs to Kuldīga and Cēsis are also included. The participation fee does not cover accommodation and food in Riga.

For an additional fee, the summer school participants are offered accommodation in Riga. The UL Dormitories offer both double and single rooms.

Participants are also responsible for their visa applications and other related arrangements. The summer school organizers do not cover visa service fees.

The University of Latvia assists with visa arrangements only for international students whose higher education institutions have bilateral international cooperation agreements with the University of Latvia.

You can apply by filling out the online form at:

<https://www.latvianlanguage.lu.lv/en/summer-school/application/>

The deadline for the application is **July 1, 2025**. Late applications will be considered only if there are any remaining spots.

The participation fee payment confirmation must be sent by **July 15, 2025**.

Please note that the number of places in language groups is limited (13 persons per group).

For more information please visit: **<https://www.latvianlanguage.lu.lv/en>**

