

# INNOVATIONS AND TECHNOLOGIES – THE DRIVING FORCE OF BUSINESS BREAKTHROUGH

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Higher education institutions have to change as well, reconsidering study contents and programme supply; aware of what is necessary, not only today, but will be needed in the future. A modern, open and creative higher education school – the SMK University of Applied Social Sciences – seeks to give its students contemporary and universal education with a global perspective.

Therefore the SMK has created a new unique study programme Technology and Innovation Management. It is a Joint Degree study programme, which will be implemented together with Latvian Rezeknes Augstskola (RHEI) and presented only in the English language. According to this programme competitive, creative and skilful business specialists will be prepared, who will know how to apply the newest technologies and innovations in companies’ activities. WHY IS IT WORTH STUDYING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT?

In a junction of technological transformations and sustainable environment development the society vitally needs business creators and specialists who think innovatively – such, who could understand the need of the newest technologies and innovations, would know how to apply them for the development of economy, and would follow the principles of sustainable development, seeking for harmless created value to the environment, people and future generations.

The Technology and Innovation Management studies will help you to recognise innovations, to plan and make decisions in the processes of technological innovation creation and installation, to integrate technological solutions into business strategies and activate innovative business development, to develop advanced technologies’ installation projects and organise their implementation, to speed up commercialisation of advanced scientific achievements. ABOUT JOINT DEGREE

Joint degree programmes are study programmes implemented together with foreign partners in full agreement of study content and implementation conditions. Students, who complete the studies successfully and spend the established part of study period in partner institutions, receive a joint diploma of both educational institutions.

Joint degree in Technology and Innovation Management is implemented together with the partner in Latvia in Rezeknes Augstskola (RHEI), which maintains a high level of education in Latvia. Choose this programme and you will get an opportunity to study in two countries and two institutions (Lithuania – Latvia – Lithuania). You will be granted a joint diploma from the both institutions. All international study programmes last 3 years and totals 180 (ECTS) credits. Graduates from this study programme receive a Professional Bachelor’s Degree. If desired, you may continue your studies at any university around the world, as the SMK credits are fully transferable and accepted not only in the entire EU but also all over the world. The SMK intensively cooperates with European, Asian and American higher education institutions where you can spend a part of your studies according to bilateral cooperation agreements.

## MOBILITY OF STUDIES

The duration of studies – 3 years: the first study year – studies take place in the SMK University of Applied Social Sciences (SMK) in Lithuania. The second study year – studies take place in the higher education school Rezeknes Augstskola (RHEI) in Latvia. The third study year – studies take place in the SMK University of Applied Social Sciences (SMK) in Lithuania.

## ADMISSION

International students have to submit their School Leaving Certificate or a Higher Education Institution Diploma and its supplement for competitive score calculation. These documents have to be submitted to the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC) of the Republic of Lithuania, and approved by it that a person has acquired education not less than a secondary or its equivalent in non-Lithuanian schools. Students, who apply to the studies implemented by the SMK, have to submit a School Leaving Certificate or Higher Education Institution Diploma with a cumulative grade point average not less than 60 percent. The English language knowledge of a student and motivation to study at the SMK University of Applied Social Sciences will be tested during an interview in English (possible on Skype). Documents required for the application\*:

- An application form;
- A Copy of a valid Passport;

- A Copy of a School Leaving Certificate or a College Diploma;
- A Copy of the document confirming the applicant's knowledge of English at Upper Intermediate level &ndash; B2 (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or any other adequate certificate);
- A motivational essay;
- A teacher recommendation.

\*Application fee: 100 EUR

Health Insurance and Visa

- International students are required to have medical insurance in case medical treatment is needed.
- Students from outside the EU are required to obtain visas to enter Lithuania. The SMK International Relations Department assists such students to complete all the procedures by mediating with the Lithuanian Embassies abroad.

The Joint Degree Study Programme &ldquo;TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT&rdquo; is implemented in accordance with the project of PI SMK University of Applied Social Sciences &ldquo;A development and implementation of internationalization of Joint Degree Technology and Innovation Management Study Programme&rdquo; (No.: VP1-2.2.-SMM-07-K-02-087), funded in accordance with the means VP1-2.2-SMM-07-K &ldquo;Improvement of study quality, development of Internationalization&rdquo; of priority 2 &ldquo;Life-long Learning&rdquo; of the Action Programme of Human Relations Development 2007 &ndash; 2013.

More information:

<http://www.smk.lt/en/admission/studies/joint-degree-in-technology-and-innovation-management>