Welcome to Daugavpils!

ERASMUS+ STUDENT GUIDE TO
HELP YOU GET STARTED

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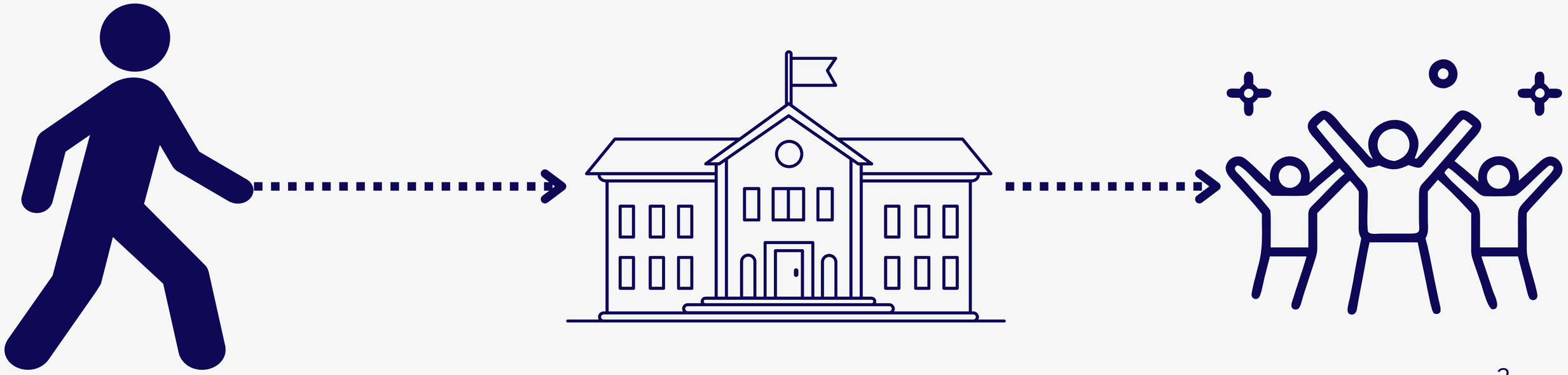
Welcome, students!

We’re excited to have you here as part of the Erasmus family. This guide will help you get settled, avoid common issues, and enjoy your time in Latvia’s second largest city.



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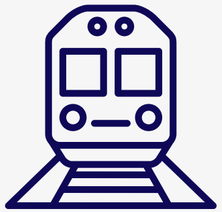

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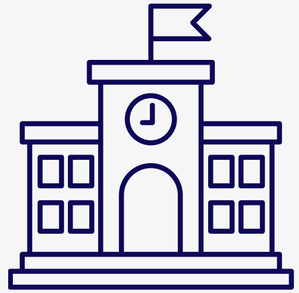



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Arrival in Daugavpils by train

Riga Central Railway Station
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Arrival in Daugavpils by train

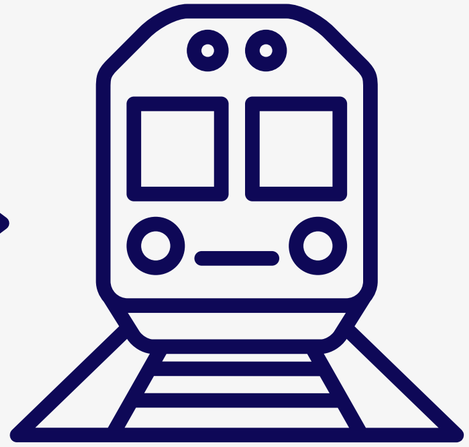
Step 1:

Riga international airport (RIX)





Riga central station



Arrival in Daugavpils by train

Step 2:

Buy a public transport ticket in Riga:

Physical e-ticket at a ticket machine inside/outside the airport



Digital bus ticket on these apps:

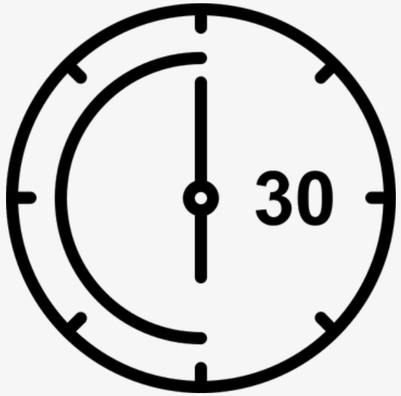
Mobilly App

Rīgas satiksmes koda biļete

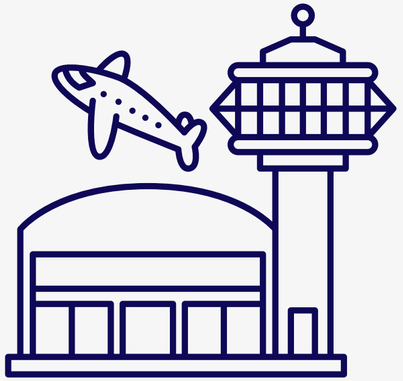
Arrival in Daugavpils by train

Step 3: **Take bus number 22. (lidosta 22) to the central stop “centrālā stacija”.**

Travel time ~30 min



The stop is located right outside the airport



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Arrival in Daugavpils by train

Step 4: Buy a train ticket

Riga central station is located in the central shopping center “Origo”.

Physical ticket at the cash register



Buy one digitally via these apps:

Mobilly App

vivi app or vivi.lv/en/

Price: 8-10 EUR*

Baggage ticket is sold separately

Travel time: 2,5-3,5h

Arrival in Daugavpils by bus



Riga International Coach Terminal in 2019.02

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Arrival in Daugavpils by Bus

Step 2: Buy a bus ticket

Riga Bus Station (Prāgas iela 1) is located 10 minutes away from the train station by foot.

Physical ticket there at a cash register

Buy one digitally via these apps:

Mobilly App

Lux Express app

Price: 8-15 EUR*
Baggage ticket is sold separately

Travel time: 3,5h - 4h

Arrival in Daugavpils by Bus/Train

Step 3: Go to the chosen Daugavpils University dormitory

Taxis around the station



The bolt taxi app works well

Bolt



From both stations any dormitory is a 10-15 minute walk away

Arrival in Daugavpils by Bus

Step 3.1:

There is public transportation such as trams and busses in Daugavpils. The price is 1 EUR and you can buy the ticket inside the tram/bus by paying the conductor (ONLY CASH)

Intercity trains and buses do not run late at night. If your flight arrives late, you may need to stay one night in Riga.

! Plan your arrival time carefully !

Daugavpils public transport

Step 3.2: Monthly ticket (not compulsory)

If you are planning to use public transport on a regular basis, keep in mind that you can get a monthly public transportation ticket (for both tram and bus)

- **All days of the month - 45 EUR**
- **Only weekdays - 35 EUR**

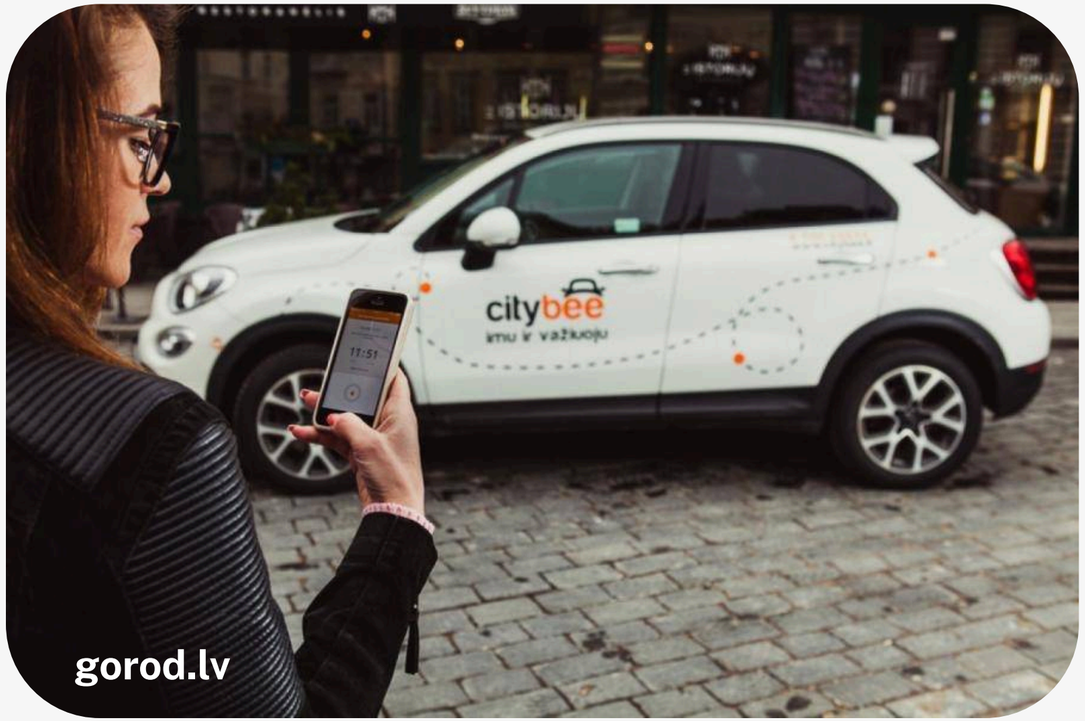
Can be accquired from each month's 20th till 6th:

- **At the bus station, Viestura iela 10. 07.00 to 19.00 (lunch break 11.00-11.30 and 15.30-16.00). Payment in cash and by credit card.**
- **from the conductors (adult monthly tickets only). Cash only.**



Daugavpils car-sharing

Step 3.2: Car rental (not compulsory)



If you have driving license you are given possibility of renting a car using CityBee app

citybee



Daugavpils University

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Daugavpils University buildings



Vienības street 13



Parādes street 1



Vienības street 13

- The building of humanitarian and social sciences
- Student council room (room 127)
- Erasmus+ office (Room 201)
- Chill spots and coffee machines

In case of questions write to erasmus@du.lv



Parādes street 1

- STEM science students, psychologists, health-care students, lawyers and others
- University IT department
- Chill spots and a food kiosk
- Library



DU library registration

DU library is located on Parādes street 1. To become a reader you must register in person showing Student ID or any identification document.

Remote registration can be done by writing to biblioteka@du.lv



Remote order of books in DU library

Right after registration you will receive your username and password to access https://biblio.du.lv/Alise/en/home.aspx

To take books home you must order books remotely on website



Daugavpils University dormitories







Sporta street 8 dormitory (4th floor)

Block-type apartments with 2 rooms:

- **Double room - 85 EUR/Month**
- **Tripple room - 65 Eur/Month**









Sporta street 8 dormitory (4th floor)

- Kitchen: shared by the whole floor
- Laundry 2,50 EUR - 4 EUR (WashMate app required)
- Bathroom facilities: shared by both rooms (towels and sheets provided)
- Dishes and utensils are available
- +Wi-fi



Sporta street 8 dormitory (3rd floor)

Fully renovated

Block-type apartments with 2 rooms:

- **Double room - 150 EUR/Month**
- **Single room - 200 EUR/Month**










Sporta street 8 dormitory (3rd floor)

- Kitchen: shared by the whole floor
- Laundry 2,50 EUR - 4 EUR (WashMate app required)
- Bathroom facilities: shared by both rooms (towels and sheets provided)
- Dishes and utensils are available
- +Wi-fi



Sporta street 6 dormitory

Only single rooms!

Price - 200 EUR/Month








Sporta street 6 dormitory

- Kitchen: shared by the whole floor
- Bathroom facilities (shower and toilet): shared among 5 rooms.
- Laundry 2,50 EUR - 4 EUR (WashMate app required)
- Recreation room is available
- Dishes and utensils are available
- +Wi-fi



Parādes street 11 dormitory

Price list:

- **Double rooms - 110 EUR**
- **Tripple rooms - 90 EUR**











Parādes street 11 dormitory (2nd floor)

- Dormitory with an access for students with limited mobility.
- Kitchen: shared by the whole floor
- Laundry 2,50 EUR - 4 EUR (WashMate app required)
- Recreation room is available
- Dishes and utensils are available
- +Wi-Fi







Parādes street 11 dormitory (2nd floor)

- Bathrooms and lifts are adapted to students with limited mobility.
- Separate toilet for men and women
- Hairdryer is not availbale (in all dormitories)

Laundry change day

1. Hand over your used laundry to the cleaner
2. Pay 6.05 EUR
3. Show payment receipt to the cleaner
4. Take clean set of laundry

Takes place every Wednesday

Receiver: Daugavpils University
VAT Reg. No.: LV90000065985
Account No.: LV64HABA0551055786378
Bank: Swedbank AS
SWIFT code: HABALV22
Payment purpose: *Hostel address*, veļas maiņa

Fire alarm rules

- Don’t smoke or vape inside the rooms (there are separate smoking places)
- Be careful when spraying sprays, aerosols near the smoke detectors as they can set them off.
- If the fire alarm goes off, leave the room and gather outside the dormitory

Quiet hours: 23:00-07:00

Work schedule for the staff: 8:00-16:30

Do not cover smoke detectors

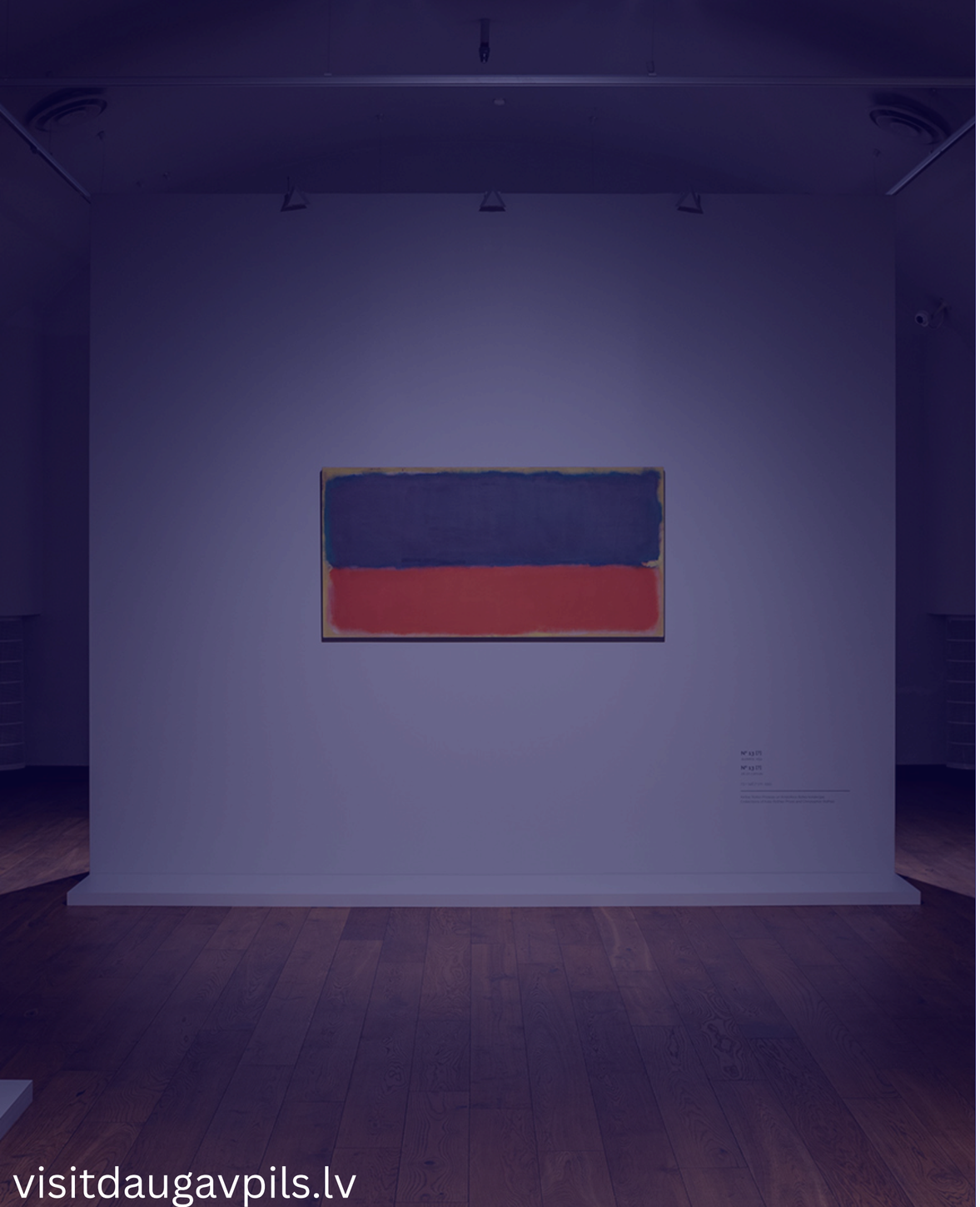
What to do and see in the city?



Daugavpils Fortress

One of the largest fortresses in Eastern Europe. Inside, you'll find museums, galleries, and cultural spaces.

Take bus Nr. 13A or Nr. 4 to the "Cietoksnis" stop
Or tram Nr. 3 or Nr. 5 to the "Cietoksnis" stop



Mark Rothko Art Center

Located within the fortress, the museum is dedicated to the world famous abstract painter born in Daugavpils.

Mihaila iela 3, Daugavpils

Individual price for students is from 3 euro to 8 euro (with Student ID)

Take bus Nr. 13A or Nr. 4 to the "Cietoksnis" stop
Or tram Nr. 3 or Nr. 5 to the "Cietoksnis" stop

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Stropi Forest & Stropi Lake

A large green area with walking trails, cycling routes, and a popular swimming lake during summer.

Take a Tram number 3 or 5 to the "Stropu ezers" stop
Or bus Nr. 3 to the "Stropu pamatskola" stop.



Daugavpils lead shot factory

DSR (Daugavpils lead shot factory) is the last working lead shot tower in the Northern Europe. Tour includes various facts on history of DSR and lead shot itself. (dsr.lv/en/)

Students with ISIC card - 10 EUR
Adress: Varšavas street 28



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Daugavpils Regional Studies and Art Museum

One of the oldest museums in Latgale. It allows to explore history of Daugavpils and local area at different historical stages. Requires registration prior to the visit

Students with ISIC card - 3 EUR
Address: Rīgas street 8



Shmakovka museum

Museum presents exciting tour about the oldest Latgalian alcocholic beverage (Shmakovka). This beverage became an integral part of Latgalian culture through the course of many centuries (smakovka.lv/en/)

18+

Students with ISIC card - 3 EUR

Address: Rīgas street 22A



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Daugavpils Ice hall

Daugavpils Ice hall is available all year long. Daugavpils Ice hall offers the opportunity of ice skating. Individual, pair or group reservations are available. Skates, hockey sticks and other equipment can be rented.

Students with ISIC card - 3 EUR/1h

Address: Stacijas street 45A



Daugavpils Olympic Center

Daugavpils Olympic center provides trainings for athletes. That includes swimming pool and gym (each subscription sold separately). For regular visit "Olympic card" is advised.

Check prices here

Address: Stadiona street 1



Daugavpils Theatre

The Daugavpils Theatre is one of the oldest professional theatres in Latvia. In Latvia, it is the only theatre where both Latvian and Russian companies of actors work simultaneously. (visitdaugavpils.lv/en/)

Check events here

Address: Rīgas street 22A



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Leisure activities

- Skatepark - Daugavas street 32
- Bowling -"Orange Bowling" Shopping Mall "Ditton"
- Cinema - "Starline Cinema"; Shopping Mall "Ditton"



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Cultural events

Musical, artistic, drama, sports related events occur often in places like:
Vienības nams (Rīgas iela 22a)
Daugavpils Kultūras pils (Smilšu iela 92)

Find more about it here



Everyday life

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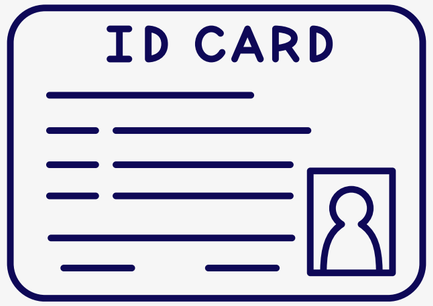
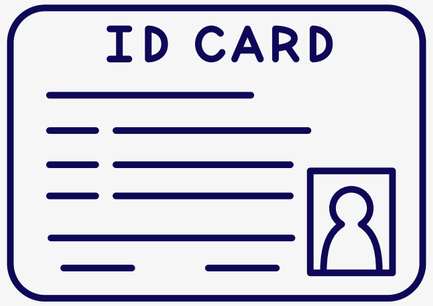


Student ID discounts

Students can apply for ISIC card on the official ISIC website by filling the form and adding your picture

ISIC website form

ISIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD



Student ID discounts

If Student has Student ISIC ID he or she can apply for discounts in various stores in Daugavpils

More about discounts

HESBURGER®

C&C®

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Groceries

There are supermarkets like Lidl, Maxima, Rimi, all very close to the dormitories:

Tip: get Maxima loyalty card as well as the Rimi and Lidl app for discounts

Rimi

Cietokšņa iela 72A

MAXIMA

Cietokšņa iela 60

LIDL

Cietokšņa iela 74

SIM cards and mobile operators

The main providers: Tele2, Bite, LMT. SIM cards are available at the physical stores, located in the center of the city

Addresses: Tele2, bite and LMT are all located in “Ditton” (Rīgas iela 9)



Food and nightlife

The closest food spots:

- "Lidadis park" Cafe (Rīgas iela 14)
- "Gubernators" Restaurant (Lāčplēša iela 10)
- "Pieci" Cafe (Saules iela 10-12)
- "Pasaules brīnumi" cafe (Vienības iela 15)
- "Vēsma" gastrobar (Rīgas iela 49)

The most popular bars and clubs:

- Iggi bar (Rīgas iela 22)
- One More Club (Viestura iela 53)

Tip: choose closest food spot to your dormitory to always be on time

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Emergency contacts and info

DU nurse







Nurse is located at Parādes street 11 but the entrance is from the yard. It is on the right corner - steps up.

Emergency numbers:

112 - General Emergency (police, ambulance, firefighters)
113 - Direct ambulance line
110 - police line

Tip: Get the 112 Latvija app on the Play Market or App store to communicate with emergency services faster



Hospitals in Daugavpils:

Daugavpils Regional Hospital (Daugavpils Reģionālā Slimnīca)
Address: Vasarnīcu iela 20, LV-5417

Take tram Nr. 3 or Nr.5 to the "Pilsētas slimnīca" stop



Pharmacies (Aptieka)

They are located around the city and work from ~9:00 - ~19:00

- Mēness aptieka
- Euroaptieka
- Apotheka aptieka
- Benu aptieka
- and others

There is only one 24/7 pharmacy
Address: Smilšu iela 101

Take a tram Nr. 1 or Nr. 5 to the "Kultūras pils" stop



Dentistry (Zobārstniecība)

- **Daugavpils Zobārstniecības poliklīnika (Lāčplēša street 12)**
- **Sonrisa Dental Clinic (Ģimnāzijas street 28)**
- **Diadent stomatology (Rīgas street 51; Rīgas street 69; Jātnieku street 78; Saules street 47)**

EHIC Card cannot be used at any commercial helthcare service provider (including dentistry)

Health insurance

EU Students: make sure to bring your EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card)

Non EU Students: Private health insurance is required for visa/residence permission

See you in Daugavpils

Now you are ready to start your Erasmus+ journey! Wishing you amazing memories and a great time!

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