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Support for Innovative Methodology, Approaches and Tools
for Teaching through the Medium of English in order to
improve Educational Yield, Sustainability and
Internationalization [SMARTI]



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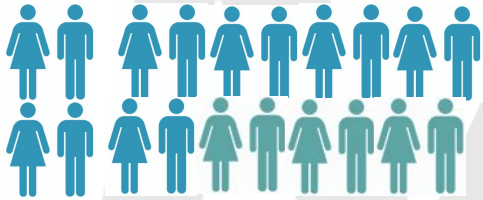


RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (RTU)

- 50+ study programs delivered in English (Bachelor, Master Doctoral; MOOCs in English; Intensive blended learning opportunities)
- Foreign students: about 30% in Bachelor study programme, about 20% in Master study programme and about 20% in Doctoral studies
- **Faculty of E-Learning Technologies and Humanities** (“Technical Translation”, “Digital Humanities”, “E-Learning Technologies”, “E-knowledge management”)
- **Institute of Applied Linguistics:** Teaching ESP to engineers in **more than 30 different fields**; degree in “Technical translation”; In-house training of RTU staff; Translation and editing of technical literature, research papers, internal regulatory documents.



RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (RTU) :DIGITAL HUMANITIES



43 STUDENTS

20% FOREIGN STUDENTS

Studies implemented in English

2018

A cross-disciplinary
study program was
established

5

COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS PER
YEAR

4

FACULTIES
INVOLVED

4

SPECIALIZATIONS

THE ONLY STUDY PROGRAM IN DH
IN EUROPE WITH THE SPECIALIZATION
“*TRANSLATOLOGY*”

25% of the
lectures
delivered
by foreign
instructors



Fields of specialization (majors)

Multimodal
information
processing

Preservation of
the cultural
heritage

Translatology

E-commerce
and
e-marketing

Winning points

- digital literacy
- visual literacy
- rhetorical skills
- cultural awareness
- creative self-direction
- intellectual curiosity
- hands-on training
- variability of study contexts
- research platform



SMARTI EMI EXPERT TEAM (RTU)

- ▶ **Marina Platonova** has research expertise in terminology, comparative analysis, textual linguistics, pragmatics, semantics, translation studies and digital humanities. She has significantly contributed to the curriculum development of the “Technical Translation” study program, available at all three study levels at RTU, as well as the interdisciplinary academic Master study program “Digital Humanities” in cooperation with RTU Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology and Faculty of Electronics and Telecommunications.
- ▶ **Tatjana Smirnova** is the Head of Curriculum Design and Testing Committee and the Department of Languages for Special Purposes of the Faculty of E-Learning Technologies and Humanities, Riga Technical University. Ms Tatjana Smirnova holds a M.A. in Philology from the University of Latvia and is currently a PhD candidate in Linguistics at Liepaja University. She is an Associated Professor at the Faculty of E-learning Technologies and Humanities at Riga Technical University.
- ▶ **Karlis Valtins**, as the head of the International Projects Unit of the International Cooperation and Foreign Students Department of RTU Mr Valtins leads the organizing participation in academic, cooperation, mobility and research projects. He has been responsible for the gradual introduction of English as a Medium of Education practices at RTU in conjunction with the language department and additionally has a considerable knowledge of IT consulting and education ICT solutions.
- ▶ **Ieva Ziemele** as an international project manager has coordinated several Erasmus+ projects and organized NORDPLUS higher education programs, intensive courses and summer schools, local and international conferences and other events, as well as worked on developing audiovisual materials within different projects. Ms Ziemele is currently working as a Project Manager at the International Projects Unit of Riga Technical University (RTU)
- ▶ **Anete Beinarovica** holds a Master Degree (M.A.) in Culture and inter-cultural studies from the Latvian Academy of Culture and has background in applied linguistics and technical translation acquired at the Faculty of E-learning Technologies and Humanities of Riga Technical University (Professional Bachelor Degree in Technical Translation and the Qualification of a Technical Translator-Desk Officer, study program “Technical Translation”). She has worked as a coordinator for foreign students at RTU (Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus+ KA107) for the last five years and currently works as a Project Manager at the International Projects Unit of the International Cooperation and Foreign Students Department, RTU.