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### TRAVEL TO LITHUANIA

You can come to Lithuania by plane, train, bus, ferry or car. The main airport for international flights is in Vilnius. You can come to Šiauliai by bus (there are frequent busses from Vilnius and Kaunas), by car (A2, A9), by train (trains from Vilnius, Klaipėda, Riga, Kaunas).

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### ACCOMMODATION

Šiauliai State College has two Students' Hostels.

#### Student's Hostels

18 and 20, Čiurlionio Street

Tel. +370 41 438348,

+370 41 437402

Prices: 150 Lt per person per month (for Šiauliai State College students)

200 Lt per person per month (other students)

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### MEALS

College has a canteen that serves an assortment of good-quality low-cost meals. It is open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.:

40, Aušros alėja.

You can eat delicious food in pizzerias, canteens and cafes. There you can eat not only national dishes, but also dishes of other nationalities.

#### Canteens:

**Pas Bronelę** / 21a, Draugystės pr.

#### Pizzerias:

**Bella Italia** / 167, Vilniaus Street

**Čili Pica** / 128, Vilniaus Street

#### Cafés, taverns:

**Juonė Pastogė** / 31a, Aušros al.

**Kapitonas Morganas** / 183, Vilniaus Street

**Laikas** / 172, Vilniaus Street

**Presto** / 134, Vilniaus Street

**Prie Teatro** / 151, Tilžės Street

**Retro** / 146, Vilniaus Street

**Senasis sodžius** / 3, Stoties Street

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### HEALTH CARE AND INSURANCE

International students are requested to have medical insurance valid in Lithuania for the study period (for EU citizens European Health Insurance Card).

#### Doctors:

**Šiauliai Odontology Clinic**

101, Vytauto Street, tel. 8 41 522381

**Šiauliai Hospital:**

99, V.Kudirkos Street, tel. 8 41 524252

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### **Šiauliai Health Care Centre**

101, Vytauto Street, tel. 8 41 523869

### **Pharmacies:**

#### **Šiauliai Central Pharmacy**

27, Varpo Street, tel. 8 41 598201, information about medicines – 8 41 437301

#### **"Valerijonas"**

173, Vilniaus Street, tel. 8 41 432646

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### **FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

The blind persons and persons with eyesight impairments can study massage (programme of 4th level).

The disabled can participate in the activities of Riding for the Disabled Association.

The Centre of Non-Formal Education organises seminars and training courses for disabled people.

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### **STUDY FACILITIES**

#### **Library and self-study centre**

The library is a modern information centre with direct communication to teachers, students and town society having different knowledge needs. One of the most important goals of the College library is to satisfy professional information needs of students and teachers, to foster favourable conditions for receiving study literature.

The funds of the College library consist of about 70 thousand books and periodicals. The library closely collaborates with other libraries of Lithuania.

Open: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Self-study centre of the College library is the centre of modern technologies. The goal of the centre is to provide favourable conditions to use the Internet, electronic databases, to foster IT skills. The library has joined the Lithuanian Net of Academic Libraries.

Students can also use the city libraries:

#### **Šiauliai County P.Višinskis Public Library**

Address: 62, Aušros al., tel. 8 41 523745

Open: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

#### **Lithuanian Technical Library, Šiauliai Branch**

Address: 11, Višinskio Street, tel. 8 41 524498

Open: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **Šiauliai Municipality Public Library**

Address: 83b, Tilžes Street., tel. 8 41 525002

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### **VISAS**

Visas are issued in diplomatic missions and consular posts of the republic of Lithuania. Visa free entry is for the citizens of Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia,

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Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Salvador, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela.

You can find more information on the web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.urm.lt>

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### **SPORT AND HEALTHINESS CENTRES**

Fitness and bodybuilding club "Elada" / 263, Vytauto Street  
 Sport and healthiness centre "EuroGym" / 55, Vasario 16-osios Street  
 Sports club "Impuls" / 2, Vairo Street  
 Sports Club "ArenaGym" / 16, Jablonskio Street  
 Fitness and bodybuilding club "Gylys" / 44, Vilniaus Street  
 Bicycle Rent: Šiauliai Tourism Information centre / 213, Vilniaus Street  
 Paragliding / Parachuting: Hotel "Šaulys" / 40, Vasario 16-osios Street  
 Tennis Courts / 8, Gardino Street  
 Rekyva Yaht Club / 14, Poilsio Street  
 Swimming-pool / 11a Ežero Street  
 Paintball: Club "Grizliai" / 19-40 Gardino Street

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### **PLACES OF INTEREST**

Šiauliai has numerous museums and places of interest. Many are located in the city centre within walking distance of the College. Others are accessible by public transport.

#### **Šiauliai Tourism Information centre**

213, Vilniaus Street  
 Tel. +370 41 52 31 10  
 Fax +370 41 52 31 11  
 E-mail [tic@siauliai.lt](mailto:tic@siauliai.lt)

Gaidžio laikrodžio (Cockerel Clock) Square / The intersection of Vilniaus Street and Tilžės Street.

Kurtuvėnai Regional Park/ Parko 2, Kurtuvėnai.

Prisikėlimo (Resurrection) Square

Salduvė Mound

Sukilėlių (Rebels') Hill / 263, Vilniaus Street

Sun Clock Square / The intersection of Ežero Str. and Šalkauskio Street

Šiauliai Municipal Authority Building / 62, Vasario 16-osios Street

The Hill of Crosses / 12 km from Šiauliai City, near Kaliningradas-Riga road

#### **Churches:**

Sts. And Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral / 3, Aušros takas

St. Ignatius Church / 247b Vilniaus Street

St. George's Church / 17 Kražių Street

Sts. Peter and Paul's Church of the Orthodox parish / 2a Rygos Street

Church of Immaculate Conception of the Most Holly Virgin Maria / 8, Aido Street

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### **Museums:**

The Zubovs palace / 50, Aušros Alley  
Museum of Cats / 18 Žuvininkų Street  
Frenkel's Palace / 74, Vilniaus Street  
The Venclauskai House / 89, Vytauto Street  
Bicycle Museum / 139, Vilniaus Street  
Radio and TV Museum / 174, Vilniaus Street  
Museum of Photography / 140, Vilniaus Street  
The Žaliukiai Windmill (Open for visitors from May to October) / 73, Architektų Street  
Aušros Alley Mansion / 47, Aušros Alley  
Museum of poet Jovaras / 116, Vytauto Street  
Railway Museum / 44, Dubijos Street  
Fire Safety Museum / 89, J. Basanavičiaus Street  
Water Supply Museum / 103 Vytauto Street  
Anatomic pathology Museum / 99, Kudirkos Street

### **Galleries:**

Šiauliai Art Gallery / 245, Vilniaus Street  
Art Gallery of Šiauliai University / 141, Vilniaus Street  
"Laiptai" Art Gallery / 83, Žemaitės Street  
"Retro" gallery / 146, Vilniaus Street  
"Skrynelė" Gallery / 100, Vilniaus Street  
Gallery "Akis" / 133, Vilniaus Street

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## **RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

### **Bowling:**

Entertainment Centre "Neopolis" / 47, Vilniaus Street  
Café-bowling club "Dakaras" / 12, Aido Street

### **Cinemas:**

Atlantis Cinemas, Tilžės 225  
Forum Cinemas, Aido 8

### **Theatre:**

Šiauliai Drama Theatre / 155, Tilžės Street

### **Concert Halls:**

National Philharmonic Society / 15, Aušros Al.  
Šiauliai Culture Centre / 31, Aušros Al.  
Concert Hall Saulė / Tilžės St 140

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## **STUDENT EMBASSY**

Student Embassy acts according to the approved regulations and represents students' interests in the activities of the College self-governing institutions with the right of the deciding vote. It expresses students' opinion on the questions concerning students. The Embassy cooperates with student organisations of other institutions, consults students, organises events.

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### **USEFUL INFORMATION:**

#### **Speed limits**

50 km/h in built-up areas, 90 km/h on country roads and 110 km/h on motorways. Seat belts for drivers and front seat passengers are compulsory.

#### **Climate**

Climate is transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers. Warm clothing is necessary in winter. Business dress is conservative but relatively informal, with a jacket and tie expected for meetings. A raincoat is useful during spring and autumn.

#### **Social Customs**

Social behaviour is fairly informal. Lithuanians are open and hospitable. Straight professional questions receive straight answers. Business cards are used widely and shaking hands is the common form of greeting and farewell. Most Lithuanians are punctual – being late for a meeting can be a bad start.

#### **Eating habits**

Baltic cuisine tends to be plain and sturdy, with potatoes in a variety of forms featured prominently. Beetroot soup, rugstinies (sorrel soup), various meat dishes, including suktiniai (beef olives with a mushroom and onion filling), are among the specialties. The main drinks are coffee and beer.

#### **Electricity supply**

220V AC, 50Hz. European plugs are required.

#### **Šiauliai Public transport system**

The city public transport system includes:

Carriage of passengers by buses;

Carriage of passengers by private taxi-buses;

Carriage of passengers by taxi-cabs.

The buses run from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. You can buy tickets in the bus or in the kiosks.

The price for the ticket is 1.40 Lt and 1.60 Lt (purchased from the bus driver).

The private taxi-buses run from 6 a.m. until 11.30 p.m. You can buy tickets in the taxi-bus. The price for the ticket is 1,80 Lt.

The taxi-cabs run 24 hours.

It is possible to call a taxi by numbers 1400, 1421, 1422, 1444, 1445, 1450, 1452, 1453, 1456, 1458, 1459.

#### **Stations:**

**Bus Station** / 109, Tilžės Street

**Railway Station** / 44, Dubijos Street

#### **Shopping**

Shops are open from 10 a.m. till 7 p.m. (Monday – Friday), from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Saturday. Grocery shops are open from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m., some – 24 hours. Shopping centres are open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.