

10th FORTHEM Campus in Riga, University of Latvia

February-June 2026

“Resilient minds, Sustainable lives”

Are you ready to spend a semester in Riga? Here you will find the planned activity schedule throughout the spring semester of 2026. Provisional course schedule will be published soon, stay tuned!

Semester Activity calendar

WEEK	DATES	ACTIVITY	
	27.01.-01.02.	Registration week	Visit Student Service and Mobility Division, Introduction lecture
1.	02.02.-08.02.	Studies start	FORTHEM welcoming activities
2.	09.02.-15.02.		Riga City excursion
3.	16.02.-22.02.		Student festival at UL “Universss@LU” *
4.	23.02.-01.03.		
5.	02.03.-08.03.		
6.	09.03.-15.03.		
7.	16.03.-22.03.		
8.	23.03.-29.03.		
	30.03.-06.04.	Easter Holidays	Easter celebration activities
9.	07.04.-12.04.	Studies	Trips to neighbouring cities
10.	13.04.-19.04.		
11.	20.04.-26.04.		
12.	27.04.-03.05.		01.05. Labour Day- Holiday
13.	04.05.-10.05.		04.05. Day of the Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia- Holiday
14.	11.05.-17.05.		
15.	18.05.-24.05.		
16.	25.05.-31.05.		Farewell activities
17.	01.06.-07.06.	Examination period	
18.	08.06.-14.06.	Semester ends	
19.	15.06.-21.06.		
20.	22.06.-28.06.		23.-24.06. Midsummer celebration “Līgo”**

More to wait for! Different excursions, trips and activities throughout the semester to make the most of your mobility in Latvia.

Opportunities for the best experience!

UL Sports

UL Sports Center offers different fitness trainings and sports. Play Basketball, volleyball or join fitness group classes and the gym.

<https://www.lu.lv/en/sport/>

Life in the city of Riga!

Riga is a lively and culturally rich city with cozy cafes, walkable city center and welcoming atmosphere. An ideal destination for students looking to experience life in the Baltics.

<https://www.liveriga.com/en//>

Public transport in Riga and connections:

All students have easy access to public transport possibilities in Riga and easy bus and train connections with other cities.

Student accommodation

University of Latvia offers two student hotels for International students: "Prima" and "Reznas" student hotel. There is a well-developed public transportation and it takes about 20 minutes to reach the city centre.

<https://www.lu.lv/en/studies/student-life/accommodation/>

You can explore other accommodation option as well as renting apartments together with other students.

FORTHEM Buddy program

Connect with other FORTHEM university students online and onsite in UL. To get to know more about upcoming activities, join the community already!

<https://www.forthem-alliance.eu/get-involved/students/forthem-buddy-programme>

ESN Riga

Erasmus Student Network Riga is one of the largest volunteering organisations that dedicate their time to make international students' life in Riga unforgettable.

<https://riga.esn.lv/>
Instagram: @esn_riga

Explore the event possibilities already prior to your arrival.

UL Student council

UL Student Council works to improve the quality of student lives in the university. They organize different events for students during the semester (Student festivals, Sports Games, etc.) where each student is welcome to join.

<https://www.lusp.lv/en/>

Instagram: @studentiemlu

*** Student festival at UL “Universss@LU”**

Universss@LU is a free two-day festival designed to give future students and their supporters a comprehensive look at the diverse academic and extracurricular opportunities offered by the University of Latvia. Visitors can explore over 150 study programs, engage in hands-on activities, meet inspiring lecturers and students, and experience the dynamic study environment at the UL Academic Center

****Midsummer celebration “Līgo”**

Traditional Midsummer festival or “Jāņi”, celebrated on the night of June 23rd with bonfires, folk songs, flower wreaths, and ancient rituals that honor the summer solstice and the power of nature. It's one of the most magical and joyful Latvian holidays—an experience everyone should take part in at least once in their lifetime.

Riga is waiting for you! Are you ready?