

# First-Year Student Memo '25

**What are Group A and Group B subjects? How many do I need to take, and when?**



Studies are divided into **3 subject groups**:

Groups A and B - general university subjects (artes liberales). You must collect **at least 56 credits** from Groups A and B in total. These credits must be earned within the first four semesters.

- **Group A:** You must choose at least one subject from each subgroup (a total of at least 4 subjects = 16 credits).
- **Language credits:** You must use not less than 12 and not more than 24 credits to language studies. If your English level C1 was not recognized with IELTS, TOEFL, etc., you will need to reach this level at the university by choosing an English language course based on your level, as determined by a diagnostic test.
- **Group B:** Introductory subjects from other study programs, which you may choose freely.
- **Group C:** Subjects of the student's chosen study program (specialty). You must pass all of them with a positive final grade; otherwise, you will not be able to successfully complete your studies.

During the semester, you must choose study subjects totaling **not less than 24 and not more than 36 credits** (not more than 42 credits for those who have chosen minor studies). The recommended number of credits per semester is 30.

Registration takes place **on August 28** (the second stage will be held on **September 2-5**) only through the Student Portal ([studentas.vdu.lt](https://studentas.vdu.lt)). On the registration day, you must register for all 3 specialty subjects + enough subjects from groups A and B so that the total number of credits is around 30.

When registering for subjects, make sure that:

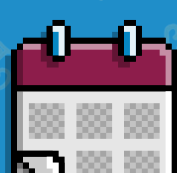
- you must register not only for one laboratory work or practical training group, if practical works are provided;
- lectures and labs cannot overlap, meaning that they cannot take place at the same time;
- if you cannot register for a desired lecture/lab work group, look for another one

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If your name appears in red in the registration list, it means you need to register for a different group. This one is already full :(

**How many credits can I take in one semester, and how does registration work?**

**How are assessments graded? What should I do if I have missed something?**



VMU uses a cumulative grading system to evaluate academic performance. The lowest passing grade is **5**. A subject is considered successfully completed if your final cumulative grade is  $\geq 5$ , so it's important to remember that **4,99  $\neq$  5**.

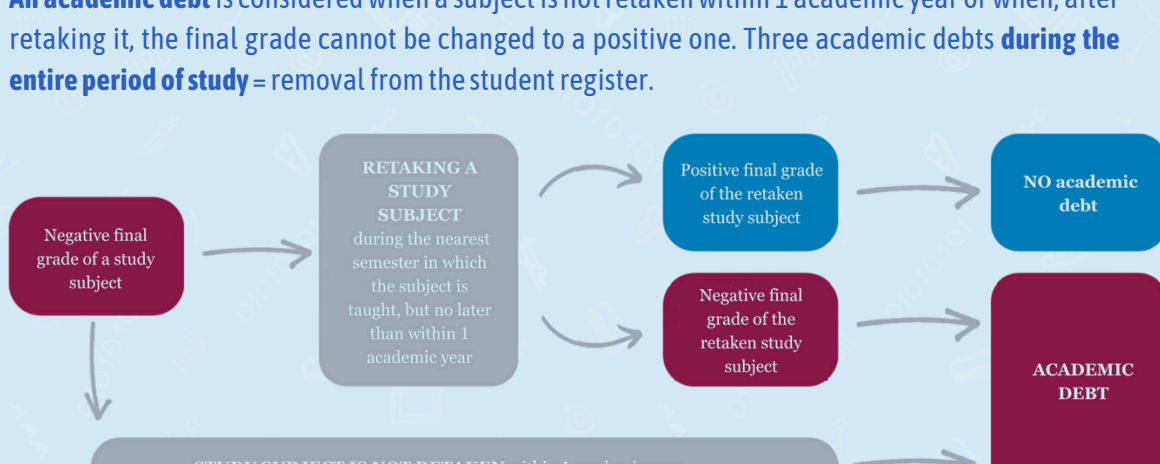
Students are allowed to retake a midterm or final exam **once**. The final exam grade is considered to be either the retake grade or, if you don't retake it, the initial exam grade.

If you miss an exam or other assessment **without a valid, documented reason**, or if you cheat during an assessment, **you will not be allowed** to retake it at another time. If you have a justified reason, you must contact the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Informatics within 5 working days after the reason preventing your attendance is resolved.

If you miss the exam without justification, 0 grade will be entered in the Students Portal. **A missed exam = a failed course**. In such cases, you must retake the subject next semester when it's offered, and pay a fee as set by the university.

**A negative final grade** is given when the overall final grade for the subject is  $< 5$ . Three negative final grades in **one semester** = removal from the student register.

**An academic debt** is considered when a subject is not retaken within 1 academic year or when, after retaking it, the final grade cannot be changed to a positive one. Three academic debts **during the entire period of study** = removal from the student register.



**What is academic debt and how does it differ from a negative final grade?**

**When do assessments and exams take place? What else is important during the semester?**



**September 20** - Monday schedule  
**October 11** - Tuesdays schedule  
**October 25** - Wednesdays schedule  
**November 8** - Thursdays schedule  
**November 22** - Friday schedule

**Key dates:**

Start of the semester - August 25  
Science and Knowledge Day celebration - September 1 (**no lectures**)  
Last day of lectures - November 28  
Exam session - December 1 to December 23  
Student holidays - December 24 to January 2  
Exam retake session - January 5 to January 7  
Start of the 2025/2026 spring semester - February 1

[Full academic calendar](#)

**Which subjects do I need to register for this semester?**

**FOR MULTIMEDIA STUDENTS**

Code	Title of the Subject	Number of Credits
INFN1009	FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	6
MAT1021	MATHEMATICS 1	6
INF1009	BASICS OF AUDIOVISUAL ART	4

The remaining -14 credits are for A and B group subjects, languages, for example:

**Two A group subjects + English / Total per semester - 30 credits or**

**Three A group subjects / Total per semester - 28 credits**



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INFN1003	FUNDAMENTALS OF PROGRAMMING	6
MAT1021	MATHEMATICS 1	6
INFN1004	INFORMATICS	4

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**Important LINKS**

[VMU STUDY REGULATIONS](#)

[ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

[TIME-TABLE FOR AUTUMN SEMESTER](#)

[SYSTEM OF CREDITS AND GRADING](#)

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