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## Governance

For nearly two decades, EHU has been led by Rector Anatoli Mikhailov, a highly respected academician. A co-founder of EHU in Minsk in 1992, he sought to build an alternative to the system of education inherited from the Soviet Union. After the closure of EHU in Minsk in 2004, Prof. Mikhailov has not returned to his home country.

EHU has an international Governing Board responsible for the strategic direction, finances, and effective functioning of the University. Academic staff and students serve on the Senate, a self-governing body which ensures the quality of education and research. The General Assembly of Part-Owners brings together the organizations that re-established EHU in Vilnius.

The Rector is assisted by a leadership team emphasizing Belarusian leadership in academic affairs and regional research collaboration, Lithuanian experience in modernizing university administration and integrating into the Lithuanian academic community, and European and North American experience and know-how in development and international cooperation.

*The Strategic Plan adopted by the Governing Board in October 2008 is available online from: <http://en.ehu.lt/about/governance/>.*



## More information

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## Academic Programs

### UNDERGRADUATE

**Belarusian Studies:**  
*History of Belarus and Cultural Anthropology*  
(Awards: Bachelor of History)

**Theory and Practices of Modern Art**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Arts)

**Cultural Heritage and Tourism**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Recreation and Tourism)

**Media and Visual Design**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Multimedia Art)

**Political Sciences and European Studies**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Political Sciences)

**Social and Political Philosophy**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Philosophy)

**Media and Communication**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Communication and Information)  
- Mass Communications and Journalism  
- Visual Culture

**International Law**  
(Awards: Bachelor of Law)

### GRADUATE

**International Law and European Law**  
(Awards: Master of Law)

**Cultural Studies**  
(Awards: Master of Sociology)  
- Gender Studies  
- Visual Culture

**Preservation and Interpretation of Cultural Heritage**  
(Awards: Master of History, Specialist in Cultural Heritage Protection)

**Public Policy**  
(Awards: Master of Political Science)

**Comparative History of North-Eastern Europe**  
(Awards: Master of History)

**European Studies**  
(Awards: Master of Political Sciences)

**Social Theory and Political Philosophy**  
(Awards: Master of Philosophy)

**Business Administration**  
(Award: Master of Business Administration)

*“...By educating and informing young Belarusians and others, your school serves as a beacon of hope and gives the next generation of leaders the knowledge and understanding to build a world where people everywhere enjoy freedom and dignity...”*

- George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America, in a letter from the White House to EHU on March 1, 2006

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- Per Unckel  
Chairman of the Governing Board  
Governor of Stockholm  
and former Secretary-General of the  
Nordic Council of Ministers

*“They have courage and devotion to do something different. They are ready to meet challenges and solve problems that do not make their lives easier. For this they need support.”*

- Anatoli Mikhailov,  
EHU Rector on students  
and teachers

*“EHU is characterized by openness, independence, critical thinking and analysis, and the students are highly motivated and ready to make choices. I feel more free here. Here, I am independent.”*

- Anastasiya, 22, EHU student

## What is EHU?

European Humanities University (EHU) is a Belarusian university located in Vilnius, Lithuania. EHU was founded in Minsk in 1992 and closed by authorities in 2004. It re-launched activities in Vilnius in 2005 and was granted the status of a Lithuanian university in 2006.

Currently, EHU is the only Belarusian university committed to academic freedom and the process of integrating European higher education on BA and MA level. The University offers quality liberal education and research. Students can choose face-to-face or low residence study. EHU aims to become a part of the international academic network, thereby reaching out to other universities for constructive cooperation.

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## Why is EHU important?

Being the only Belarusian university that offers Belarusian students an education based on the principles of academic freedom, openness, and free intellectual inquiry, EHU has unique symbolic value. The University provides students and teachers new experiences and perspectives within the context of the realities they face.

Thanks to international cooperation, the University has created study programs and research projects through which Belarusian students and teachers can pursue knowledge, think critically and develop skills otherwise less accessible in Belarus itself. EHU's strong reputation has rapidly brought it into cooperation with well-known European and American universities, which is due both to the quality of its educational programs and the structure of its academic life.

In its nearly 20-year history, EHU developed distinct competencies as a leading university that retained real autonomy while in Belarus and modernized university administration and academic programs according to European practices while in Lithuania.

## The Students and Teachers

To study or teach at EHU carries with it personal risks: students and faculty often have to leave their families behind and adapt to a new environment in the host country. Their future in Belarus is still uncertain. Yet Belarusians choose

to study in Vilnius, committing their futures to the values and educational principles that EHU represents. They need support in return.

More than 2,000 Belarusians study at EHU on BA and MA level in an environment free from discrimination of any kind. Each year, there are more applicants than study places. Besides studies and research, students engage in extracurricular activities such as the student newspaper, cinema, photo, theater clubs and team sports.

EHU faculty have developed innovative programs, courses and research. Their contemporary teaching methods, high standards and collaborative approaches earn international recognition.

## Graduates

The graduating class of 2010 brings to 500 the number of students who completed their degrees since EHU relocated to Vilnius. The fact that they chose EHU despite personal risks indicates high motivation and deep commitment. The majority of MA graduates have returned to Belarus, where they work primarily in independent media, NGOs, professional services, or other positions which help to keep civil society alive. BA graduates either chose to continue their studies on the MA level or returned to Belarus.

## Why does EHU need donors? And where does the money go?

The University is supported by 20 donors in 13 countries who underwrite over 80 percent of the cost of study programs and research activities and all support functions necessary to maintain them.

The task at hand is to become self-sustainable in an unusually challenging environment. Having a predominantly Belarusian faculty and staff and no campus of its own brings additional costs for EHU that other universities do not have. Donor support is essential to ensure that Belarusian youth may continue to receive a European higher education at an affordable cost.

## Channels of Support

Depending on the size and the purpose of the funding, it may be channeled through the EHU Trust Fund, managed by the Nordic Council of Ministers in Copenhagen, Denmark, directly to the European Humanities University in Vilnius, Lithuania, or through the Friends of EHU, Inc., based in Washington, D.C., USA. Each option offers European and North American contributors the flexibility to meet different needs. Donations can be made online via the Trust Fund and Friends of EHU website.