

**POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN ETHNOLOGY AT THE VILNIUS
UNIVERSITY, THE INSTITUTE OF LITHUANIAN LITERATURE AND
FOLKLORE, AND THE LITHUANIAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND
THEATER: THE COURSE ITINERARY**

Course	Research direction (branch), code	Institution	Department
TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY FOLK NARRATIVES	Ethnology H006	Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore	Department of Folk Narrative
Mode of studies	Hours	Mode of studies	Hours
Lectures:	10	Consultations:	10
Individual work:	170	Seminars:	10
credits:	8		
Course description			
<p>Main objective: This course aims at introducing the folk narratives in general, as well as methods of their analysis and research perspectives; shaping the general notion of the folk narrative and its individual genres or smaller varieties; developing the students' capacity of recognizing and discerning between various traditional and contemporary folk narratives; outlining the history of their collection and research (from the early 19th century when Simonas Daukantas edited the first collection of the Lithuanian folktales, till the recent fieldwork situation); presenting essential features of their structure, semantics and performance, as well as modes of existence both in the traditional agrarian and in the modern urban society; introducing specific features of their recording; presenting peculiarities of the internet folklore – its varieties (urban legends, rumors, chain letters, etc.), expression (written or visual), and dissemination (emails, social networks, and digital media); introducing the so-called life stories and a separate group of folkloric narratives (these are narratives based on individual experience and presenting individual view of the past events, changes in social life and values, etc.), defining their folkloric qualities (connections with tradition, possible variation), peculiarities of their recording, the shaping methods of their analysis and possible uses for interdisciplinary research; introducing the international research of folk narratives and the current research situation in Lithuania and its perspectives.</p>			
<p>Goals and competences: Students will develop a general notion of folk narratives, learn recognizing their varieties, get to know the history of their collection and research both in Lithuania and abroad; develop capacity for evaluating an individual folklore text, establishing its genre and recognizing its essential features, as well as capacity for individually discerning and identifying individual folklore pieces existing in the contemporary cultural media (including printed and digital publications or social networks); get to know different methods of analyzing the folk narratives and develop skills for their critical evaluation in order to select the most suitable ones; understand transformations of the traditional folklore and its continuity in the modern cultural context; form an idea of the interdisciplinary folk narrative research.</p>			
Syllabus:			

1. The notion of folk narrative. The main concepts (folklore, various kinds and genres of it, verbal folklore, folk narrative).
2. Folk narratives as subject of folklore research. History of their collection and research.
3. Traditional folk narratives: classification, genres, functions, popularity.
4. Folktales: varieties (fairytale, novella tales, tall tales, etc.), peculiarities, principles of classification, relations to other genres.
5. Folk-legends: varieties (etiological, mythological, place-legends), peculiarities, principles of classification, relations to other genres.
6. Other traditional folk narratives (fables, anecdotes, etc.)
7. Contemporary folk narratives (genres and modes of existence).
8. Life stories as a special group of folkloric narratives.
9. Historic survey of the main methods of folk narrative research.
10. Folk narratives at the crossroads of interdisciplinary studies: the research perspectives.

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Teachers: Name, surname, scholarly degree	Main publications on the subject published in the course of recent 5 years
Dr. Lina Būgienė	<p>Edited monograph: <i>The Storytelling Human: Lithuanian Folk Tradition Today</i>. Edited by Lina Būgienė (Lithuanian Studies without Borders), Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2020, 270 p. ISBN 9781644694237</p> <p>Research articles:</p>

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