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STUDENT SUCCESS IS THE KEY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE QUALITY OF UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Mykolas Romeris University (MRU) is not a classical university, the strategy prepared by the academic community in 2016, suggests. Having defined our strengths and the areas we need to strengthen, we identify ourselves as the university for the state and society, focused on law, public governance, civil service, and public security. We actively cooperate with international educational institutions, private and public sector institutions to ensure the highest quality of studies.

Having set a minimum admission score we have not enrolled several hundred of young people who were improperly prepared for studies last year. Positive changes in the quality of studies and research along with optimization of institutional structure and activities are taking place at MRU.

Responding to the current necessities and expectations of our partners, we consistently orient our study programmes to meet the needs of the labor market. Approval of our partners works like a patent and we all win from such cooperation: young people, employers, university and the state. In addition, I would to emphasize research that ensures the quality studies. We support all groups of researchers encouraging synergies and participation in international projects.

Although we focus on law, civil service and public security, these areas are very broad. In today’s world, even specific professions require the synergy of various competencies. In order to prepare well-educated lawyers or civil servants, university needs to provide them with psychology, philosophy and mediation knowledge as well as fluency in foreign languages and leadership skills. For us it is important that young people begin to act in their professional area as soon as possible. Getting involved into useful professional networks early in studies helps them to make a better decision regarding their specialization and future career. I think that student success is the key when we talk about the quality of university activities.

In recent years, we have seen a devaluation of social sciences and humanities. The 21st century requires professionals that have a wide range of competencies. MRU graduate employment rate remains one of the highest in the country. We are one of the leading higher education institutions in Lithuania and it encourages us to move forward.
OUR VISION

As sustainable, open, nationally and internationally recognized institution of higher education of the society and the state, having achieved the highest academic standards and capable of releasing, developing and focusing human creative power towards the goals of sustainable progress.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the University is to create the culture and the state of the society in accordance with principles of democracy, to educate an academic society, to promote sustainable progress of organizations and communities and to lead each member of our community to their individual and professional success.

OUR DUTY

Our duty is to foster civic values, to educate a sophisticated personality, to reveal and develop personal abilities, critical thinking, creativity, leadership and social responsibility, to create favourable conditions for all members of the society for lifelong learning and application of knowledge and its production.

OUR IDENTITY

Our identity is the University of society and state sciences, which achieves its aims in cooperation with social and business partners, as well as alumni.

EMBRACE SUCCESS NOW!
Aims and Objectives

We will become a leading institution preparing specialists of the highest qualification in Lithuania

To achieve this we will:
Base the study programmes of all cycles on the standards of international science and sustainable career.
Relate the study process with the long-term needs of Lithuania society and demand of labour market.
Develop sustainable partnership with the main national and international stakeholders of all implemented study fields.
Achieve, that only properly prepared and motivated persons from Lithuania and other countries would be admitted to the studies of all cycles.
Ensure professional and methodological competence of the teaching staff corresponding to international quality criteria of research and studies.
Make international mobility a systematic element of the studies.
Adapt the infrastructure of the University to the demands of international studies.

We will become a leading university in Lithuania oriented towards student’s personal success and citizenship

To achieve this we will:
Create the system of academic support of the development of personal abilities of Lithuanian and international students.
Expand the development of creativity, entrepreneurship, social and civic competences.
Develop the means of students and graduates’ professional, academic and social integration.
Provide the teaching staff and the management of the studies with the competences and means necessary for student’s personal development.

We will develop the opportunities for the lifelong learning needs of the society and University graduates

To achieve this we will:
Elaborate the support systems of continuous professional and further career development.
Create the system of ‘the second opportunity’ of university admission for the motivated people who do not meet the regular admission criteria.
Develop flexible study modes for economically or geographically disadvantaged groups, employed or senior people.
Ensure favourable conditions enabling people with special needs to study at University.

Promote collaboration with Lithuanian universities, colleges, schools of secondary education.
To achieve this we will:
Carry out subject-specific, interdisciplinary (cross-field), fundamental and applied scientific research of high international level.
Focus University scientific research and project activity on the priorities stated in the strategies and programmes of the development of Lithuanian.
Increase the number of articles of the results of scientific research in publications included into the databases of Thomson Reuters Web of Science and Scopus (giving priority to joint publications with foreign partners) and internationally recognized monographs and reviewed textbooks.
Increase the number and improve the quality of national, international projects, contracted research and expert counselling.
Encourage the involvement of academic staff into international professional subject-specific networks, editorial committees of scientific journals, national and international expert groups of research programmes.
Present scientific research data during academic events of high international level.
Develop the system of open access to scientific publications and research data.
Become an internationally recognized leader in the field of academic training and career.
Ensure the international level of the scientific research infrastructure.

Major research programmes:
- Justice, Security and Human Rights.
- Social Technologies.
- Sustainable Growth in the Context of Globalisation.
- Improving the Quality of Life and Advancing Employment Opportunities.
- Continuity and Change of Values in Global Society.
WE WILL DIRECT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO ENSURING THE WELLBEING OF THE COUNTRY AND SOCIETY, AS WELL AS DEALING WITH GLOBAL CHALLENGES

To achieve we will:

Become a significant national, regional and international competence centre while developing social innovations and contributing to the solution of global social challenges.

Create an effective collaboration system of research, business and government.

Achieve, that the majority of competent members of University community would be actively involved into the activities of expertise and consultations, groups of state institutions and provide suggestions for improving the activity of democratic institutions.

Consolidate research and innovation for the development of tertiary sector.

Develop a mechanism for the dissemination of the results of scientific research and social innovation to the public.

Involve the members of the community into social discussions, encourage them to provide professional opinion on relevant issues in media.
Social Innovation research areas and programs at the University are developed by interdisciplinary groups of scientists, researchers and students, united in Social Innovations Network of Laboratories MRU LAB.

Laboratory networking concentrates on consolidating the usage of the scientific production and collaborating with experienced group of researchers. The main purpose is to prepare and implement international projects and contract research for public and business sectors under the new funding schemes. It is also very important to develop competitive, high knowledge, innovation based study-business partnership and ecosystem management.

Laboratories invites to participate not only MRU, but also scientists, researchers, students and social partners from other public institutions, in order to cooperate and find solutions for the major challenges of modern society.
Students and staff, all members of the Mykolas Romeris University community, can develop their talents and take part in extracurricular activities offered at the University. As the number of foreign students grows, more and more international events are held at MRU. Local and international artists and photographers exhibit their works, classical or pop music concerts are often held at MRU. Students can also join choirs, sports activities or dance groups.
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We will encourage sociality, develop cultural life of the University, promote healthy lifestyle

To achieve this we will:
Foster harmony, psychological wellbeing and social sensitivity of the community, effectively disseminate information about the advantages of healthy lifestyle.
Involve the members of the community into the decision-making process.
Foster the traditions and creativity of the community, to uphold the atmosphere of cultural life, provide opportunities to develop individual aesthetic abilities.

We will develop the system of student and staff support

To achieve this we will:
Develop a flexible, socially oriented discount system on payment for studies and accommodation, to provide social scholarship.
Improve conditions for constant development and in-service training of the members of the community.
Develop an incentive scheme for the teaching and other staff, to provide conditions for self-development and development of professional career.
Expand the active involvement of academic staff into the activities of international professional organizations, networks and consortia.
Create a service package to be used by the members of the community under favourable conditions.
ENABLERS

WE WILL DEVELOP THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

To achieve this we will:

Unite Didlaukis campus while involving not only University, but also neighbouring educational institutions, to make new spaces suitable for communication and discussion.

Implement the concept of universal design while improving the infrastructure, to take into account the requirements of healthy life style, to provide more conditions for health promotion among the members of the community.

Follow the principles of sustainable development while managing the infrastructure.

Create a favourable environment for cultural diversity at University and Didlaukis campus.