

# Woodcraft and Art

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## SUMMER SCHOOL

AUGUST 14–25 | 2017 | LATVIA

The deadline for submitting the application is:

**May 5, 2017**

Please enclose the following documents in English:

- Application form ([summerschool.rtu.lv](http://summerschool.rtu.lv));
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Letter of motivation (1 page).

For those who apply for a partial scholarship:

- Certified copies of higher education institution diploma supplement (for graduates);
- Transcript of records for the whole study period at university (for current students);
- One letter of recommendation.



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**S**tudents from all over the world who are interested in wooden design are welcome to join the «Woodcraft and Art Summer School» taking place in Riga and Ligatne (Latvia) from August 14 to 25, 2017 organized by the Institute of Design Technologies of the Faculty of Material Science and Applied Chemistry and the International Relations Department of Riga Technical University.

**Let's get acquainted!**



## Host

Riga Technical University at present is the largest university in Latvia and gathers nearly 15 000 students at nine faculties in various study programmes. It is an internationally recognized university complying with European standards.

The Institute of Design Technologies is a part of Riga Technical University offering creative and modern study programmes in the field of sustainable design development, and students can acquire professional bachelor, master and doctoral degree in clothing, wooden and interior design. Moreover, it is located in RTU Design Centre – a new modern building, which has received an award as the best architectural project in Riga in 2014.

## Topic

Since ancient times Latvians produced all necessary everyday items, from wooden spoons and wooden shoes, to furniture and log houses. Traditions are cultivated and maintained today, and the timber industry is one of the main cornerstones of the national economy of Latvia.

This summer school will provide you with knowledge in wood design, materials, technology, compounds and skills of wooden product manufacturing. You will also get a closer look at Latvia through introduction of traditional woodcraft objects closely linked to Latvian lifestyle and traditions.

## Why attend?

The unique thing about this summer school is that acquiring new theoretical knowledge is only one part of this experience. We believe that theoretical knowledge should always be supplemented with practical tasks giving an extensive overview of the field, so you will also add a new set of practical skills and broaden your creative horizons by creating wooden objects yourself. Make a room in your luggage as you will surely bring home a beautiful wooden creation as a reminder of your time in Latvia!

Participants' accomplishments in the previous year was a proof that there are no limits to our creativity and that the joy of creating handmade things cannot be measured. This time for you will not only learn about the wooden design, you will also get to know people from all over the world and enjoy the beautiful nature of Latvia.

## Can I join?

Previous knowledge in woodworking is not required; you have to have finished at least one year of studies by

the time the summer school starts, speak fluent English, have an interest in wooden design, as well as appreciation for the expertise of qualified professionals. With the help of our professional staff members, anyone can experience the first steps in wood working.

## What is included in the programme?

The summer school offers a programme consisting of lectures, workshops and discussions, company site visits, countryside visits, guided excursions and exciting parties.

The programme will be conducted by a local team – designers, artists, technologists, designing engineers and invited experts. There will be lectures on different aspects of wood manufacturing and design. In addition to the lecture programme, practical work in groups will be carried out providing the possibility to work with contemporary and historical woodworking tools and create wooden products.

On the premises of the Institute of Design Technologies, students will master working with woodworking machines processing sewn timber and creating wood product with a Latvian ethnographic symbol. During the stay in Vienkocu Park in Ligatne, participants will learn how to use manual woodworking tools while processing round timber.

The programme will among other events include a social programme in Riga, sightseeing tour in Kuldiga and visits to several enterprises related to wood manufacturing.

## How many study credits will be awarded?

Certificates of Further Education of Riga Technical University and **2.5 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) credit points will be awarded upon completion of the programme.

## What is the participation fee?

The participation fee, covering registration, tuition, accommodation in a student hostel of RTU, meals (breakfast and lunch) and the social programme is **EUR 700**. The participants will have to cover their travel expenses and health insurance. Participants can apply for partial scholarship from organizers depending on their academic result.