Why University of Tartu?

• UT is ranked in the TOP 2% of the world’s best universities (QS World University Rankings 2016/2017);
• Three UT units specialise in distinct aspects of the fields of folk culture and heritage studies: the Department of Ethnology, the Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, and the Department of Native Crafts of the UT Viljandi Culture Academy in Viljandi (80 km from Tartu);
• The faculty to student ratio is excellent and students are treated as individuals;
• International meetings, journals, guest lectures, exhibitions and cooperation with memory institutions and enterprises provide students ample opportunity to gain diverse hands-on experience and network;
• The oldest and most prestigious university in Estonia founded in 1632;
• International community: more than 1000 international students from over 90 countries;
• Exchange opportunities offered by partner universities in numerous countries and student exchange programmes such as ISEP and Erasmus+;
• Safe, modern and innovative study environment: international students are 89% satisfied with their experience in Estonia (I-Graduate ISB);
• Tuition-waiver scholarships available.

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Master of Arts in Humanities
Folkloristics and Applied Heritage Studies

This programme provides students with knowledge, skills and attitudes to unpack the process of heritage production and the workings of tradition in the context of cultural diversity and change. It also prepares students to act as mediators between different interest groups in the field of cultural heritage. They are trained to apply cultural heritage as a resource in the public and non-governmental sectors, crafts, product design, tourism and various other areas of life. Heritage has emerged as a key category shaping the ways in which individuals, communities and regional as well as state-level actors relate to the past and imagine the future, while making and re-making themselves in the present. As more states worldwide join the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, the need grows for specialists capable of analysing intangible cultural heritage and using it responsibly as a social and economic resource. Of vital importance for developing such competencies are anthropological and folkloristic theories of tradition, performance and expressive culture.

Curriculum structure
Total 120 ECTS

- General course module (36 ECTS)
- Specialisation module (15 ECTS)
  1) Analysis of folklore and cultural heritage
  2) Study and application of the heritage of craft
- Elective course module (18 ECTS)
- Practical training module (15 ECTS)
- Optional course module (6 ECTS)
- Master’s thesis (30 ECTS)

General admission requirement
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent

Tuition fee & scholarships
€3400/year

Top-ranked applicants receive tuition-waiver scholarships
ut.ee/scholarships

Language of instruction
English

Duration of the programme
2 years

Location
Tartu and Viljandi, Estonia

Application process
1) Submit an online application with required documents (link available on the programme’s website);
2) Mail the documents after being admitted or when requested by the university.

Documents to be submitted
- Online application;
- Motivation letter;
- Official copy of the bachelor’s diploma or its equivalent and Diploma Supplement (transcript/mark sheet) in the original language (must include description of the grading scale);*
- Official translation of the bachelor’s diploma and Diploma Supplement (transcript/mark sheet) into English, translation certified;
- Proof of English language proficiency (ut.ee/requirements, e.g. TOEFL iBT 75, IELTS 5.5);
- Copy of the passport page stating the applicant’s personal details.

*All copies of educational documents (diplomas and diploma supplements/academic transcripts) must be officially certified. Certified copies should bear an original signature and seal of the authority certifying that these are true copies of the original. The documents can be certified: 1) by an authorised official of the issuing institution; 2) by a notary; 3) with an Apostille attached. The University does not accept simple copies of already certified copies.

Application deadline:
March 15

NB! Applicants graduating and having their diplomas issued later than the application deadline, should electronically submit their most recent official Transcript of Records by the required deadline along with the rest of the required documents.

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