Guide how to visit MRU Sudovian Academy

✈️ Airports in Lithuania

Lithuania has three main international airports. Depending on your airline, you will likely land at one of the following:

- **Vilnius International Airport (VNO):** The largest airport, located in the capital. Most major airlines (Lufthansa, LOT, SAS, airBaltic) and low-cost carriers (Ryanair, Wizz Air) fly here.
- **Kaunas International Airport (KUN):** Located closer to Marijampole. This is a primary hub for Ryanair.
- **Palanga International Airport (PLQ):** Located on the coast (furthest from Marijampole).

🚌 Getting to Marijampole

From Kaunas Airport (Closest)

- **Distance:** ~75 km.
- **By Bus:** Take a city bus or taxi to the **Kaunas Bus Station** (*Kauno autobusų stotis*). From there, buses to Marijampole run frequently (approx. every hour). The trip takes about **1 hour**.
- **By Taxi/Bolt:** A direct ride costs approximately **€60–€80**.

From Vilnius Airport

- **Distance:** ~140 km.
- **By Bus:** This is the most convenient option. You can take a direct bus from **Vilnius Bus Station** (*Vilniaus autobusų stotis*). To get to the bus station from the airport, take a quick train (7 mins) or the #1/2 bus.
    - *Travel time:* 2.5 to 3 hours.
    - *Check schedules:* autobusubilietai.lt
- **By Train:** Take a train to Kaunas, then transfer to a train heading to Marijampolė.
    - *Check schedules:* ltglink.lt

📍 Where to Find Us

The MRU Sudovian Academy is located in a scenic part of Marijampole, near the historic Kvietiškis Manor park.

- **Main Administration & Academic Building:** P. Armino st. 92-4, Marijampolė.
- **Student Dormitory:** P. Armino st. 94, Marijampolė (right next to the main building).

🚉 From the Station to the Academy

In Marijampole, the **Bus and Train stations are located together** (Stoties g. 2).

1. **By Local Bus:** Look for the bus stop near the station (Bus No 6 and 11). Take a bus heading towards **"Kvietiškis"**. The stop for the Academy is also named "Kvietiškis."
2. **By Taxi/Bolt:** The easiest way with luggage. The ride is short (about 5 minutes) and usually costs **€4–€7**.
3. **On Foot:** It is a roughly 30–40 minute walk (approx. 3 km) through the city centre and along Vytautas street.

💡 Quick Tips for Newcomers

- **Currency:** Euro (€). Card payments are accepted almost everywhere, but keeping a little cash is useful.
- **Connectivity:** You can buy a cheap "Ežys" or "Labas" SIM card at any supermarket for instant data.
- **Apps to Download: * Bolt:** For taxis and food delivery.
    - **Trafi:** For public transport schedules.
    - **Google Maps:** Very accurate for walking and bus routes in Marijampole.
- **Shopping:** The nearest grocery store is **"Iki"** (Vytauto g. 48A), about a 20-minute walk from the dormitory.

🏨 Hotels & Guest Houses

Mercure Marijampolė (4-Star)

Located in the city center, this is the most premium option, featuring a spa and a high-quality restaurant.

- **Distance to Academy:** 2 km (~5 min drive).
- **Link:** Mercure Marijampole Official

BHB Hotel

A reliable mid-range choice located on Vytauto street, very close to the "Iki – Aušra" shopping center.

- **Distance to Academy:** 1.5 km (~20 min walk).
- **Link:** BHB Hotel Website

Akmeninė Kerpė

A highly-rated boutique guest house in a quiet part of the old town.

- **Distance to Academy:** 2 km.
- **Link:** Akmeninė Kerpė Site

📱 Private Rentals & Apartments

If you prefer more independence, many students and teachers use these platforms to find local apartments:

- **Booking.com:** Great for short stays at apartments like *Marijampole Apartment* or *Modern Loft*.
- **Airbnb:** Search for "Marijampolė" to find local private hosts.
- **Aruodas.lt:** The main Lithuanian portal for long-term apartment rentals (select "Marijampolė" in the city filter).