



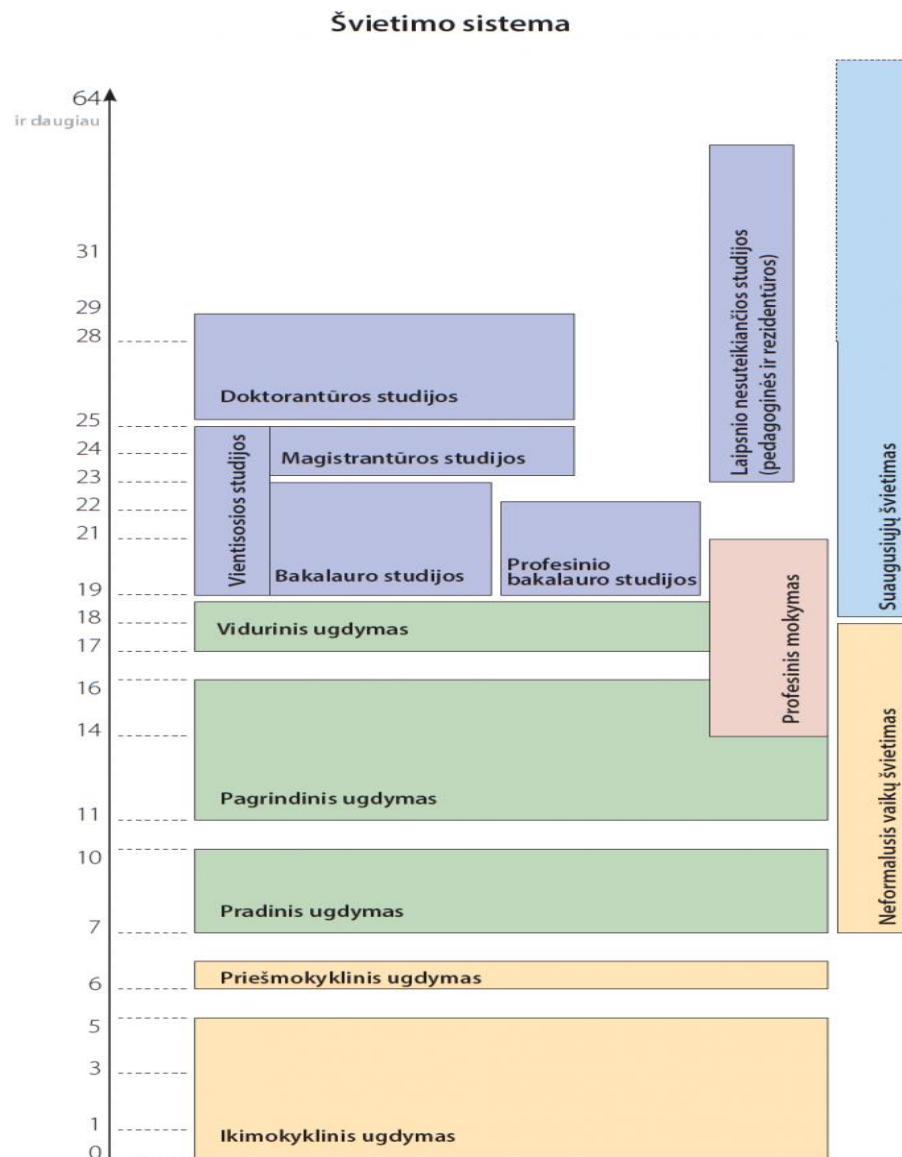
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## VI. Lithuanian educational system

According to the Lithuanian Constitution education is compulsory for children till 16 years old. Primary school starts for children at the age of 6-7 years old. There are private and state schools, higher education institutions. Some of them are free of charge for foreign citizens. The new school year starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and finishes in June or July (it depends on a type of an institution). There are autumn and spring terms. A picture below shows the educational system in Lithuania.



The Ministry of Education and Science as well as the local authorities' Departments of Education are responsible for the education in Lithuania ([www.smm.lt](http://www.smm.lt)).