



Interwar architecture

LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY OF
HEALTH SCIENCES (FORMER
VMU MEDICAL FACULTY)



A. Mickevičiaus g. 9, Kaunas

It was designed following the example of the newly built Brussels University Medicine Faculty, held to be one of Europe's finest. Since the financial capabilities of Lithuania were more modest, the Kaunas building turned out accordingly: it is simpler. The structure of the blocks highlights the functional zoning: the A. Mickevičiaus St. block was dedicated to administration and teaching; the connecting block contained the auditoriums; and the last block was for research activities, including those of an Anatomy Institute. In 1936 the cellar was adapted for the first



Lithuanian crematorium. Between the years of 1944 and 1964 in the bricked niche of Spaustuvinkų St. carcass the coffins with "Lituanica" pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas embalmed remains were stored in the chapel of the Medical Faculty, fearing desecration, and later reburied in Aukštieji Šančiai military cemetery. Year: 1931-1933. Style: Modernized classicism. Architect Vladimiras Dubeneckis.