## Name of the institution

**RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW (RGSL)**  
*In Latvian: Rīgas Juridiskā augstskola*

## ERASMUS code

LV RIGA34

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## Academic calendar and study programmes

Riga Graduate School of Law accepts incoming exchange students on undergraduate level (Bachelor) and graduate level (Masters). **All courses are taught in English and are available to exchange students.**

We recommend exchange Masters students to choose **AUTUMN semester** at RGSL, as Masters level classes end by mid-March every year. However, exchange students are free to choose a mix of Masters and Bachelor programme courses, if home university approves (thus studies in spring semester also become possible for Masters students). Teaching at RGSL is organised on a modular basis: during each 6-week study module students take an average of 3 parallel subject courses, immediately followed by final exams. Division in semesters is relative.

Interdisciplinary **undergraduate LL.B** (3-year Bachelor) programmes:

- **Law & Business**
- **Law & Diplomacy**

Dates: 29 August 2016 – end of January 2017 (autumn/1st semester).  
16 January 2017 – 12 June 2017 (spring/2nd semester).  
Winter Holiday break - two weeks (Christmas-New Year).

**LL.M. (Masters)** programmes:

- **International and European Law** (with specialization in Public International Law & Human Rights, EU Law & Policy or Transborder Commercial Law)  
- **Law and Finance**


## Arrival and orientation

**Arrival of incoming students for the Autumn semester** – **23 August 2016** latest.  
**Orientation days:** 24-26 August 2016. Participation is **mandatory**.  
**Arrival of incoming students for the Spring semester** – **13 January 2017**
latest, if students plan to take Bachelor course module starting 16 January.

**Language requirements**

Sending university should confirm student’s proficiency in English. Recommended level – **B2 and higher**. All courses at RGSL are taught in English.

**Documents for application online**

1) academic transcript from home university in English,  
2) passport copy,  
3) scanned photo (passport size),  
4) confirmation of English language proficiency (recommended B2 or higher),  
5) nomination letter (signed)

**Deadlines and Acceptance**

**Nominations:** 10 May (for autumn or full year) and 1 November (for spring).  
**Student registration online:** 20 May (for autumn or full year) and 1 November (for spring). The system of on-line registration for spring will be opened in October. Acceptance letters will be sent by 10-15 June.

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**Grading system**

Incoming students will be invited to join a closed Facebook group and placed in contact in advance with RGSL Student Association and assigned a “Buddy student” who supports them during their arrival and stay. They organize cultural, tourist and social events and engage incoming students in the student sports and social life. They also assist, if necessary, in finding housing. Administrative staff provide support in any administrative, immigration or social issue.

**Support services**

Students have to find accommodation on their own account. RGSL does not have its own dormitory, however, based on previous positive feedback by international students we will send to registered students recommendations for student housing (hostels and guest houses). Students often choose to “team-up” and share private flats in the centre of Riga.  

**Housing and Visa Living costs**

Students must have acquired health insurance when arriving in Latvia: a European Health Card (for EU applicants), or private insurance. RGSL strongly recommends to obtain travel insurance.