



RIGA  
GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF  
LAW

# International studies in law and beyond

## Bachelor programmes

Law and Business  
Law and Diplomacy

2025/26

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## Riga Graduate School of Law

Riga Graduate School of Law (RGSL) is a leading law school in the Baltic region offering interdisciplinary Bachelor and Masters studies in law combined with business, international relations, finance, and policy. Founded in 1998, RGSL aims to provide an international, solid academic education in an ever-changing and interconnected world.

Website: [www.rgsl.lv](http://www.rgsl.lv)



## International study environment

With a vibrant community of students and faculty representing over 30 countries, students are immersed in an international education setting from their first steps at RGSL. Studies in English, the Erasmus study exchange with more than 40 partner universities, and internship opportunities in the state, EU, and international institutions, as well as companies in Latvia and abroad, allow RGSL students to expand their experience and develop connections not only across Europe but also globally.



## Interdisciplinary Bachelor programmes

Studies in law can be undertaken in combination with either business or diplomacy in our two LL.B. programmes – Law and Business and Law and Diplomacy. By combining two disciplines, you will receive a broad and international perspective on law, which includes a focus on business management or international relations. Our programmes lead to a recognised and competitive law degree.

## Individual learning experience

RGSL is a medium-sized, specialised university offering a tailored and stimulating learning environment. Students enjoy small classes, which allow room for debate and individual questions and facilitate contact with fellow students and faculty members. Our study approach will enable students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and adaptability. We value an open and international culture and encourage students to develop their potential and make the most of their studies.



# Law and Business

## LL.B.

<b>DEGREE</b>	LL.B. (Bachelor of Social Science in Law)
<b>DURATION</b>	3 years full time (183 ECTS)
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>FEE</b>	EUR 4100 per academic year
<b>ACCREDITED UNTIL</b>	16 June 2027

This programme ensures a clear understanding of the inter-relationships between law and business. It, therefore, prepares graduates for a successful career in legal practice or business and management.

The programme addresses legal issues from a regional and international perspective. The main focus is on the legal environment of the European Union (EU), its Member States, and major trading partners. The programme covers subjects relevant to successful commercial operations, which include economics, accounting, management, business strategy, and marketing.

Law and Business  
LL.B.



### Markuss Zabello

#### Student, Law and Business Bachelor programme

The Law & Business programme provides a perfect foundation combining a legal skill set and an understanding of business-related fields. RGSL has enabled me to gain extensive theoretical knowledge and, most importantly, put everything into perspective and apply it to real-world examples.

A diversity of thought within the RGSL community shapes your critical thinking, argumentation and analytical skills; simultaneously, the international environment opens up a broader outlook and enables you to develop strong communication skills.

One of the most valuable offers RGSL has provided me with is the opportunity to network on a peer and professional level; as the saying goes, your network is your net worth. Studying in an environment full of curious and bright students inevitably inspires you to strive for excellence yourself!

## Law and Business programme structure

- ▶ The programme is based on mandatory and elective courses as well as optional free elective courses.
- ▶ Up to three courses can be taken simultaneously.
- ▶ Each course lasts six weeks with approximately five classes per week, plus research work on assignments and preparation for classes.
- ▶ Each course concludes with an exam, while the programme concludes with a thesis.
- ▶ Some elective courses on Latvian law are offered in Latvian.

## Courses

### A part / Mandatory courses

#### LAW & RESEARCH

Academic English  
Legal English  
Introduction to Law  
Legal Philosophy  
Legal Research Methods  
Introduction to Civil Law  
Constitutional Law  
Contract Law  
Introduction to Public International Law  
International Human Rights Law  
Legal Skills  
Comparative Administrative Law  
European Union Law  
European Company Law  
Internal Market Law  
Competition and State Aid Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
Private International Law  
International Environmental Law  
International Commercial Law  
Interdisciplinary Research: Law and Economics  
Research Paper in Law  
Research Paper in Law and Business  
Bachelor Thesis

#### BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Introduction to Business Studies  
Microeconomics

Mathematics and Statistics for Social Sciences  
Business Accounting  
Marketing  
Business Strategy  
Macroeconomics  
Financial Accounting  
Financial Economics  
Applied Business Strategy  
Risk Management  
International Economics

### B part / Restrictive electives

Krimināltiesības (taught in Latvian)  
Darba tiesības (taught in Latvian)  
Saistību tiesību problēmas (taught in Latvian)  
Lietu tiesības (taught in Latvian)  
Migration and Asylum Seeking Law  
International Humanitarian Law  
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation  
International Tax Law  
Law and Social Theory  
Legal Interpretation  
International Courts and Tribunals  
Proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union  
Argumentation: Theory and Practice  
Banking Law  
Project Management  
European Legal History  
Roman Law  
Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Geo-economics: the Geopolitics of Energy  
International Sales Law  
Kriminālprocess (taught in Latvian)  
Business and Human Rights  
International Criminal Law  
Privacy and EU Data Protections  
Human Rights in Biomedicine  
Administratīvās tiesības un process Latvijā (taught in Latvian)  
Human Resource Management  
Project Management  
Optional: Moot Court

### C part / Free Elective

#### LANGUAGES

Elementary Latvian I (A1) (mandatory to all foreign full-time Year One students)  
French Beginner  
Spanish Beginner  
Latin  
Introduction to Rhetoric

Optional: Internship

## Questions about our programmes or studying at RGSL?



### Katrīna Daugule,

Head of Study Department

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# Law and Diplomacy LL.B.

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<b>DURATION</b>	3 years full time (183 ECTS)
<b>LANGUAGE FEES</b>	English EUR 4100 per academic year
<b>ACCREDITED UNTIL</b>	16 June 2027

The programme is designed for students who plan to work in the Public Sector of their home countries, or at international organisations. Our graduates also build successful careers in public affairs, the NGO sector, and private companies.

The programme covers major fields of public international law. Furthermore, it focuses on international organisations and EU institutions, and their role in shaping international relations. On the diplomacy side, the programme delves into the history and political sciences.

Language courses focus on English as a world language, with a view to terminology in law, international relations, and business. Students may also take courses in the traditional diplomatic language of French.



## Nikola Mejko

**Student, Law and Diplomacy Bachelor programme, President of the RGSL Student Association**

I have enjoyed spending all three years of my studies working in the Student Association while maintaining academic success. RGSL was always my first option when I thought about university, and it exceeded my expectations.

This study programme allowed me to think outside the box. Discussions played a huge part in the study process—it was challenging yet so rewarding.

RGSL always wants its students to learn from the best—diplomats, lawyers, political scientists, and many more. We are very fortunate to learn from people working in the field who also come to RGSL to share their wisdom and knowledge.

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## Important dates

**14 April 2025** – Early Application deadline

**21 July 2025** – Application deadline



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EU Institutional Law and Decision Making  
International Diplomatic Law  
Advanced Public International Law  
Law of International Organizations  
Legal Aspects of External Relations of the European Union  
International Environmental Law  
Law of State Responsibility  
Interdisciplinary Research: Law and Politics  
Research Paper in Law  
Research Paper in Law and Diplomacy  
Bachelor Thesis

#### DIPLOMACY & POLICY

Introduction to Politics  
Theory of International Relations

Contemporary World History  
Introduction to Diplomacy  
International Security  
Foreign Policy Analysis  
Diplomatic Protocol  
Comparative Politics  
Crisis Management in International Politics  
Global Approaches to Public Diplomacy  
Economic Diplomacy  
Political Negotiations, Strategy and Tactics

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## Key faculty members

RGSL is home to a resident faculty and a large international faculty that comes to Riga to teach selected courses. Our faculty represents academic excellence and extensive practical experience and offers a highly relevant education for career development.



**Aleksandrs Fillers,**  
PhD, Associate Professor

Dr. Fillers has a PhD in Law from the University of Antwerp. Due to his research on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, he is one of the sought-after experts among the Vis Moot competition student teams and a regular speaker at conferences. Dr. Fillers coaches the RGSL Vis Moot team. He teaches Introduction to Civil Law, Contract Law, Private International Law, Law on Obligations and Property Law.

**Francesco Luigi Gatta,**  
PhD, Visiting Professor

Professor of European Union Law at the University of Tuscia and Research Fellow in European Union Law at the Université Catholique de Louvain. Dr. Gatta has a double Ph.D. in European Union Law from the University of Padova and the University of Innsbruck. He teaches European Union Law and Migration and Asylum Law.



**Anastasija Kaplane,**  
LL.M., Lecturer

Anastasija Kaplane is a Lecturer at RGSL and a PhD Candidate at the University of Helsinki. Her research focuses on state responsibility in cyberspace and the impact of digital technology on human rights. She teaches courses on Introduction to Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, and the Law of State Responsibility. In addition, she supervises students' research projects and trains teams for international moot court competitions.

**Carlos Llorente,**  
PhD, Visiting Professor

Practising attorney since 1989. He has worked at Baker & McKenzie, Madrid (ES) and Amya Abogados, Madrid (ES), and currently leads his professional legal practice. Carlos has also been a University professor since 1990 at several national and foreign academic institutions. He specialises in international commercial Law, private international law, transportation law, competition law and international contracts, and litigation funding. He teaches Comparative Contract Law and International Commercial Law.



## Alumni

The geography of RGSL alumni reaches over 50 countries. Most are from Latvia, but we also have graduates from Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, the Netherlands, the United States, etc.

More than half of our graduates work in the private sector. Among their employers are the largest Baltic law firms, such as Sorainen, Ellex Klavins, Deloitte, and Klotini Sergis, and banks and international companies, such as Swedbank, PWC, Ernst & Young, and others.

The public sector – ministries, parliaments, government agencies, and courts – is the second biggest employer of RGSL graduates. This includes Latvian and European institutions such as the European Commission, the European Court of Justice, and the European Parliament.

Our former students often continue their relationship with RGSL as employees or lecturers.



**Valērija Ruta-Hartmane,**  
Student, Master droit économique, SciencesPo (France),  
LL.M International Commercial Arbitration Law, Stockholm  
University (Sweden), RGSL Graduate (2023)

“RGSL is an exceptional and distinct academic institution for legal education, primarily due to its capacity to furnish students with a comprehensive interdisciplinary perspective, adding to law studies narratives of diplomacy and business, which I value highly. I can confidently attest that studying at RGSL has been a remarkable experience, transcending the boundaries of the prescribed curriculum and extending far beyond the confines of Latvia, affording students numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth.”



**Paula Kellija,**  
Paralegal at Klotiņi/Serģis Law firm, RGSL Graduate (2022)

“At RGSL I especially enjoyed the student-centered learning concept, which allows room for debate and individual questions during lectures. Studies at RGSL helped me to develop critical thinking, problem-solving in real-life scenarios, and how to adapt to a dynamic environment but most importantly it shaped me as an individual.”

## Admission requirements

The average grade in diploma supplement corresponding to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) level of C or higher (7 grade points according to Latvian 10-point grading scale);

Proficiency in English confirming at least level B2 or higher under the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR):

- ▶ IELTS Academic Test (not older than 2 years) - the required score is at least 6.0;
- ▶ TOEFL (not older than 2 years) - the required score is at least 550 points (for a computer test - 213; Internet-based test - 80);
- ▶ State Centralized English Examination (applicants from Latvia)
- ▶ Applicants who have acquired previous education in English or are native English speakers are exempted from taking Proficiency tests in English.
- ▶ Applicant is also exempted from Proficiency tests in English if he/she has completed secondary education in a European Union, European Economic Area country, or the Swiss Confederation and his/her secondary education certificate includes English proficiency assessment that equals to B2 (or higher) level of the Common European Framework of Reference.

State Centralized Examination results of the Secondary General Education from

candidates from Latvia.

Academic and scientific achievements, active participation in youth organisations, and other relevant activities are highly desirable.

More information about our programmes, requirements, and application process is available at [apply.rgsl.edu.lv](https://apply.rgsl.edu.lv)



## For Early Application you need to:

- ▶ **Apply in our Application portal <https://apply.rgsl.edu.lv/> by 14 April 2025;**
- ▶ **Submit your grade transcript for the previous semester with an average grade not lower than 7,5;**
- ▶ **Have English Proficiency (A&B level (7.5-10) in previous semester grade transcript, or IELTS 6.0+)**
- ▶ **Submit a motivation letter.**

Applicants who apply for studies by the Early Application deadline of 14 April 2025 and fulfil the Early Application requirements receive a 10% tuition fee waiver for the first academic year.



## Tuition fee waivers

To celebrate academic excellence and foster competition among students, RGSL has established the RGSL Student Excellence award for 2nd and 3rd-year bachelor students with the highest grades in the previous study year

In the academic year 2025/2026, RGSL will offer a 50% tuition fee waiver for the first academic year to two best bachelor programme applicants from Latvia (outside of the Riga and Pierīga regions).

RGSL offers tuition fee waivers for RGSL employees, their children, orphans, and persons with 1st or 2nd degree disability.

Successful graduates of RGSL Excellence School receive a 15% tuition fee waiver for the first year of bachelor studies.

More information: [rgsl.edu.lv/study/fees-and-funding](https://rgsl.edu.lv/study/fees-and-funding)

## Early Application discount

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## Latvian state scholarships

Under bilateral agreements on cooperation in education and science signed between the Latvian government and several countries, Latvia offers scholarships to foreign students from 40 countries for studies in Latvian higher education institutions. Applications for the year 2025/2026 are open from February to April. More information: [viaa.gov.lv](https://viaa.gov.lv)

## Law Library

Research at RGSL is supported by the RGSL Law Library, which is popular with students, faculty, and visitors alike. Located on the top floor of the university, with stunning views across Art Nouveau Riga, it offers the largest collection of legal literature in the Baltics and Northern Europe.

The library is open to students from RGSL and other universities, teaching staff, and the public. In addition to students, an increasing number of professionals make extensive use of the library, with its impressive collection of law books and legal journals, plus access to valuable legal and multidisciplinary databases such as Westlaw and HeinOnline, and resources from Kluwer Law and Oxford University Press, among others.

The library has workspaces available for all students. It has a modern study environment and a rooftop terrace, which is especially good for taking study breaks or simply getting some fresh air.



## Academic platform, projects and research

Every year, RGSL hosts a wide range of events with distinguished guests from academia, government, legal practice, industry, regulatory authorities, NGOs, and the judiciary, where the students are invited to participate and benefit from the high-level content for their research purposes and networking opportunities.

RGSL hosts the annual Human Rights Conference, which consolidates the academic and professional aspects of challenges in applying the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Latvia and raises awareness about current problems and their possible solutions. Since 2006, this conference has become integral to Latvia's civil and legal discussion framework.

Since 2019, RGSL and the well-known legal publisher Brill have published the internationally recognized "Baltic Yearbook

of International Law". The last three volumes were devoted to the international law issues in all three Baltic States.

The annual RGSL International Students' Research Paper Conference has become an excellent platform for law students to present their research and engage in academic discussions with peers.

RGSL Summer School on International and European Law, under the scientific leadership of Judge of the European Court of Justice and RGSL Professor Ineta Ziemele, has become a place where students and law professionals can get the latest insights on international case law.



## Student life

An equally exciting student life bolsters the dynamic academic atmosphere at RGSL, as extracurricular and social activities provide balance to intensive studies. Guest lecturers provide fresh perspectives to traditional study work while Student Association activities offer opportunities to develop relationships outside the classroom.

RGSL provides full support in helping students find relevant internships and networking opportunities.

## Moot courts

Moot courts are a co-curricular activity at many law schools, where students participate in simulated court or arbitration proceedings. This academic year, RGSL students take part in two international moot court competitions – Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, and Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot). RGSL teams also participate in various Latvian moot courts with great success. There is also a strong tradition of the so-called "underground moot court" at RGSL, organised by the RGSL Student Association.



## Location and campus

RGSL is located in the heart of Riga's famous Art Nouveau District, within walking distance of the city's UNESCO-listed historic centre. Academic facilities are of the highest standard, including fully equipped auditoriums and a student lounge. Many RGSL facilities are shared with the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, providing additional opportunities for networking and socializing.



## Life in Riga

Combining the rich culture and history of a European capital city with a thriving community of international students and reasonable living expenses, Riga offers an ideal environment for studies, work and socialising. It is home to more than 6,000 international students who enjoy a quality education, a rich cultural life, great entertainment venues, fast internet, and outdoor adventures. RGSL is served by efficient public transportation while Riga itself offers easy connections to other European cities via bus or plane. As a medium-sized university, RGSL can assist its students in finding suitable housing in Riga.

## Living expenses

Average monthly living expenses in Riga: EUR 450 – 700. This includes rent but not tuition fees.

**Accommodation:** EUR 70 – 350 per month

**Insurance:** European Health Insurance Card

**Public transport:** EUR 15 (student pass)

**Food and daily supplies:** EUR 300 and up

**Source:** Study in Latvia



## Student mobility

RGSL actively promotes student and staff exchange to diversify the student group and faculty cohort and create an enriching learning environment with meaningful discussions of interdisciplinary subjects in law, international relations, economics, and business.

RGSL also welcomes incoming Erasmus students from partner universities to spend one or two semesters in Riga, as all courses are taught in English and are available to mobility students. Erasmus students mention RGSL's strengths as a wide range of subjects, small classes, quality of lectures and international professors, many students from different countries, comfortable facilities, and a good location in the city centre.

**Ulla Zumente-Steele,**  
**Erasmus**  
**Institutional**  
**Coordinator:**

"RGSL students can choose to study abroad for an Erasmus exchange semester in one of 40+ partner universities from over 20 countries. The most popular destination countries are the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Hungary, and Spain. Still, experience has empowered our students in every place they have studied during Erasmus. In addition, many RGSL students and alumni are increasingly pursuing Erasmus traineeships – international work placements for 2-6 months with financial support of the EU Erasmus+ grant. They have worked at host organisations such as international, embassies, business companies, NGOs, and research institutes."





## 8 reasons to choose RGSL

# 1

Careers in law,  
business, and  
diplomacy

# 2

Teaching  
exclusively in  
English

# 3

International  
environment

# 4

Students and faculty  
from 30+ countries



# 5

Exchange opportunities  
with 40+ universities

# 6

Top collection of  
legal literature in the  
Baltics and Northern  
Europe



# 7

Modern campus  
in the heart of Art  
Nouveau Riga



# 8

Good flight network  
to and from Riga



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