

2023/2024 FACT SHEET

Updated 10 October 2023

Name of the institution	RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW (RGSL) In Latvian: <i>Rīgas Juridiskā augstskola</i>																							
ERASMUS code	LV RIGA34																							
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Website	Incoming students																							
Nominations	Official nominations of incoming students <u>only for the Autumn semester or full year</u> to be sent in the period 1 April-10 May requesting special NOMINATION LINK via email ulla@rgsl.edu.lv A separate round of nominations accepted for the spring semester only in the period 15 September-15 October (request special NOMINATION LINK via email ulla@rgsl.edu.lv)																							
Registration Documents	Link to student registration online : 15 April- 1 June (for autumn or full year) and 15 September - 1 November (for spring). Documents to be submitted: 1) academic transcript from home university in English, 2) passport or EU ID card copy, 3) scanned photo (passport size, official style) Acceptance letter will be sent as email message <u>within 2 weeks after the registration deadline (by 15 November)</u> . RGSL is using Erasmus+ Online Learning Agreement (a <u>separate</u> submission from above online registration). If other approval formats are necessary, incoming students or coordinators are kindly requested to make individual arrangement with RGSL Erasmus office (ulla@rgsl.edu.lv)																							
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	<p>Semester 2</p> <p>On Masters level each course 3 ECTS is taught in the following format:</p> <p>January study period: 2 courses possible to take, each course 3 ECTS</p> <p>February study period: 2 courses possible to take, each course 3 ECTS</p> <p>March study period: 2 courses possible to take, each course 3 ECTS</p>	<p>half of class sessions in-person on-campus, the other half – online, includes evenings and one Saturday per month</p> <p>04/01/24-31/01/24 (includes exams)</p> <p>05/02/24-29/02/24 (includes exams)</p> <p>04/03/24-31/03/24 (includes exams)</p>																											
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Language requirements	<p>RGSL does <u>not require</u> Erasmus students to submit proof of English language test. Recommended level – C1 (minimum B2). Students are strongly advised to strengthen legal English language skills – both written and oral – before the arrival.</p>																												
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Housing, Visa Living costs	<p>Students must find their own accommodation (RGSL does not have dormitories). Guidelines for Incoming Students include a special section on suggestions for accommodation based on previous student feedback. Website: Incoming students</p>																												
Health insurance	<p>Students must have acquired health insurance when arriving in Latvia: a European Health Card (for EU applicants), and private travel and medical insurance is strongly recommended.</p>																												