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Education for globally engaged students

Masters programmes

2026/27



Leading law school in the region

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, the goal of RGSL is to provide strong international, academic education within the context of an ever-changing and interconnected world. Website: 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 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 graduate programmes

Our specialized Masters programmes offer advanced, research-based education in law, business and finance. RGSL's internationally recognized Masters degrees prepare students for successful careers in a variety of industry sectors as well as public institutions and academia.

RGSL offers 1 year and 2 year LL.M programmes in Business Law and Finance and the unique programme in the region – Technology Law.



Tailored learning experience

RGSL is a medium-sized, specialized 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 allows 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.

Business Law and Finance

LL.M.

DURATION	1 year or 2 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS (1 year) or 120 ECTS (2 years)
STUDY FORM	Full time
FEE	6500 EUR (1 year programme) or 10 000 (2 year programme)
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)

The masters programme in Business Law and Finance equips both law and finance specialists with knowledge regarding the close and often intertwined relationship between the two disciplines. It facilitates understanding of the wide array of multidisciplinary issues at hand and delivers in-depth knowledge of the interrelation of the legal and economic aspects of firms and markets operating in the European Union and beyond.

The masters programme in Business Law and Finance can be undertaken as a one or two year academic programme depending on prior qualifications.

The one year masters programme consists of 60 ECTS of study courses with an interaction between business law and finance with 30 ECTS devoted to a thesis.

The two year academic masters programme consists of 120 ECTS of study courses of which 30 ECTS are devoted to a thesis.

In the one year programme, students have to complete eight substantive mandatory courses and two elective courses, and defend their masters thesis.

For the two year programme, students have to complete 15 substantive mandatory and

11 elective courses, participate in a moot court competition aimed at improving their argumentation skills and public speech, prepare a scientific paper and defend their masters thesis at the end of the programme.

The programme is particularly suited for those seeking careers in:

- ▶ legal practice and in-house counsel roles,
- ▶ litigation or arbitration practice,
- ▶ European institutions.

Foundation courses:

- ▶ Introductory Legal course
- ▶ Introductory Finance course
- ▶ Legal Research and Interdisciplinarity

Mandatory courses:

- ▶ International Law - Economic Relations between States and non-State actors
- ▶ Comparative Contract Law
- ▶ International Financial Management
- ▶ Corporate Law and Corporate Social Responsibility
- ▶ European Private International Law

Additional mandatory courses for the two year programme:

- ▶ Introduction of Social Science Research Methods
- ▶ Advanced International Commercial Law
- ▶ International Trade Law
- ▶ Principles of Banking and Financial Law



- ▶ European Financial Law and Sustainability
- ▶ International Dispute Settlement: Commercial Arbitration
- ▶ International Dispute Settlement: Negotiations and Mediation

Admission requirements

The one-year Business Law and Finance (LL.M.) programme is open to applicants holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree in law, economics, finance, management, or a related field. To apply to the one-year programme, applicants must have completed at least 240 ECTS credits in their previous education.

The two-year Business Law and Finance (LL.M.) programme is open to applicants holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree in law, economics, finance, management, or a related field. To apply to the two-year programme, applicants must have completed at least 180 ECTS credits in their previous education.

English language proficiency: TOEFL IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language) - the required score is at least 550 points (for a computer test - 213; Internet-based test at least 72); TOEFL Essential - at least 8 points; IELTS Academic Test (not older than 2 years) - the required score is at least 5.5; - CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)/C2 Proficiency: any level; CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English)/C1 Advanced: any level; FCE (First Certificate in English)/B2 First: at least level B; PTE (Pearson Test of English) General: at least level B2; PTE (Pearson Test of English) Academic: at least 51 point; LanguageCert International ESOL at least Level Communicator B2 (Written and Spoken exams).




Technology Law

LL.M.

DURATION	1 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS
STUDY FORM	Full time
FEE	6500 EUR
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)

The Master's programme in Technology Law examines how law responds to the risks, challenges, and opportunities created

by rapid technological change, with a particular focus on the European Union's evolving digital regulatory framework. The programme equips students with the analytical and practical skills needed to understand and navigate legal regimes governing areas such as artificial intelligence, data protection and privacy, digital platforms, cybersecurity, digital markets, and other emerging technologies. Designed for students from both legal and non-legal backgrounds, the programme offers a structured and practice-oriented curriculum that emphasises the interaction



between law, technology, and policy. Students develop the ability to assess regulatory developments, engage critically with EU digital legislation, and operate effectively in technology-driven legal and regulatory environments.

The one-year programme comprises 60 ECTS, including a 30 ECTS Master's thesis. Upon successful completion, graduates are awarded a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Technology Law.

The programme is particularly suited for those seeking careers in:

- ▶ legal practice and in-house counsel roles,
- ▶ technology and ICT-related industries,
- ▶ public administration, regulation, and policy-making.

Students have to complete eight mandatory courses and two optional courses.

Course list

Foundation courses:

- ▶ Introduction to Law
- ▶ Legal Research and Interdisciplinarity

Mandatory courses:

- ▶ EU Data Protection Law, Privacy and Fundamental Rights
- ▶ Regulating Digital Technologies in the EU
- ▶ Platform Regulation (Platform Regulation, Intermediary Liability, and Enforcement)
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence, Disruptive Tech, and the Law
- ▶ Cybercrime and Cybersecurity in Europe
- ▶ Computational methods for legal research and compliance

Admission requirements

The programme is open to applicants holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree in law or a related field. Please note that, in order to apply to the programme, your previous education must amount to at least 240 ECTS credits in total.

English language proficiency: TOEFL IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language) - the required score is at least 550 points (for a computer test - 213; Internet-based test at least 72); TOEFL Essential - at least 8 points; IELTS Academic Test (not older than 2 years) - the required score is at least 5.5; - CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)/C2 Proficiency: any level; CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English)/C1 Advanced: any level; FCE (First Certificate in English)/B2 First: at least level B; PTE (Pearson Test of English) General: at least level B2; PTE (Pearson Test of English) Academic: at least 51 point; LanguageCert International ESOL at least Level Communicator B2 (Written and Spoken exams).





Important dates

Application deadline (EU residents): **31 July 2026.**

Application deadlines (non-EU residents):
Please check <https://apply.rgsl.edu.lv> for details.

Start of studies: **September 2026.**

Apply at:



apply.rgsl.edu.lv

Key faculty members

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



Ineta Ziemele, PhD, Professor

An expert in public international law and human rights law, Prof. Ziemele has been a judge of the Constitutional Court of Latvia since 2014, and was elected President of the Court in 2017. Before, she was a judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2005 – 2014). She teaches Public International Law and Litigation at the European Court of Human Rights.



Rūta Liepiņa, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Dr. Liepiņa is an Associate Professor of EU Law specialising in digital regulation and artificial intelligence. Her research focuses on the EU Artificial Intelligence Act, AI liability and causality, and platform regulation, examining how EU law responds to emerging technologies. She has held research and teaching positions at Maastricht University and the ALMA-AI Centre at the University of Bologna. Rūta studied at the European University Institute and the University of Aberdeen and regularly contributes to academic and policy debates on AI governance in Europe.



Aleksandrs Fillers, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Dr. Fillers has a PhD in Law from the University of Antwerp and is a sought-after expert on Private International Law, International Commercial Law and International Arbitration. Dr. Fillers has an extensive record of peer-reviewed publications and is a constant speaker at international conferences devoted to different facets of international and European private law. He teaches International Arbitration Law and European Private International Law.



Mark Leiser, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Dr M.R. (Mark) Leiser is a law professor, Visiting Professor of Regulating Digital Technologies in the EU and Artificial Intelligence, Disruptive Tech, and the Law. He is an internationally recognised expert on deceptive design, AI governance, data protection, and platform regulation. With a PhD in law and a scholarly imprint spanning academic articles and books, he has spent years exposed the legal muscles and blind spots of dark patterns and behavioural manipulation in digital environments. His books include *Dark Patterns, Deceptive Design, and the Law* (Hart/Bloomsbury), *Critical Reflections on the EU's Data Protection Regime* (Bloomsbury), and the forthcoming *Artificial Intelligence, NeuroData, and Society: Law at the Edge of Cognition* (Bloomsbury), exploring how NeuroAI challenges autonomy and rights. Beyond books, Mark's research influences regulators, courts, and policy debates across the EU and beyond, blending law, neuroscience-aware AI critique, and a touch of digital wisdom.

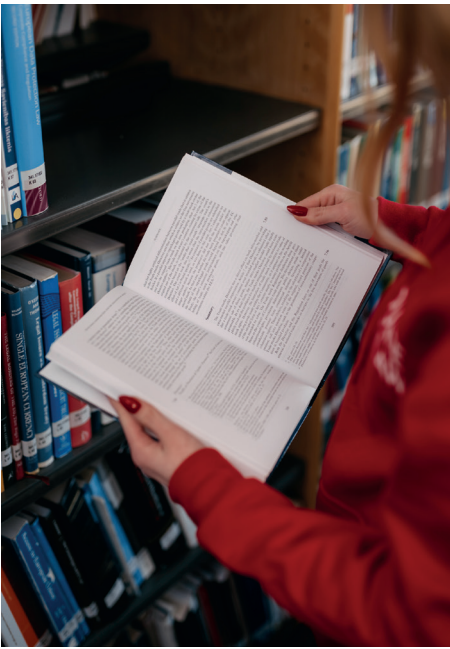
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Research and Law Library

Research at RGSL is supported by the RGSL Law Library which is a popular place for students, faculty and visitors alike. Located on the top floor of the university, with stunning views across Art Nouveau Riga, it offers the top 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, legal journals, and access to valuable legal and multidisciplinary databases such as Westlaw International, HeinOnline, and resources from the Kluwer Law and Oxford University Press, and others.

Workspaces in the library are available for all students, with modern study environment and a rooftop terrace, which is especially good for taking study breaks or simply for some fresh air.



Ligita Gjortlere,
M.Sci.Soc., M.Sci.Soc., Head of RGSL Law Library, Lecturer

“Being with the school since its start has been a unique experience for me, because we, the staff, managed to create common goals and go ahead with the development of RGSL in the interest of our students, who are the most valuable asset for the school. I am proud to meet our alumni at various occasions and glad that they remember their time at RGSL with joy.”





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 is a host of the annual Human Rights Conference, which seeks to consolidate the academic and professional aspects of challenges in application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Latvia to raise awareness about current problems and their possible solutions. Since 2006 this conference has become an integral part of Latvia's civil and legal discussion framework.

RGSL publishes "RGSL Interdisciplinary Studies", a series of refereed publications critically analyzing current issues in European and international studies.

Since 2019 RGSL publishes the internationally recognized "Baltic Yearbook of International Law".

Annual RGSL International Students' Research Paper Conference has become a great 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.

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, and include fully-equipped auditoriums and a student lounge. Many RGSL facilities are shared with the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, which provide 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 a home for more than 6000 international students who enjoy a quality education, rich cultural life, great entertainment venues, very fast internet and outdoor adventures. RGSL is located in the centre of Riga, and 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 is able to assist its students in finding suitable housing in Riga.



Living expenses

During your stay in Riga, you can expect to spend around EUR 600 each month on living costs. This covers rent but excludes tuition fees.

Accommodation: EUR 290–400 per month

Insurance: European Health Insurance Card

Public transport: EUR 12 (student pass)

Food and daily supplies: EUR 300 and up



Alumni

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

More than half of our graduates are working in different areas of the private sector.

Among the employers are the largest Baltic law firms such as Sorainen, Ellex Klavins, Deloitte, Klotini Sergis, as well as banks and international companies, such as Swedbank, PWC, Ernst & Young and others.



Mārcis Reveliņš,
RGSL master programme graduate

“We came here to learn from distinguished professors and lecturers, to study together with passionate professionals from various fields, to challenge ourselves, to push our abilities and to advance our careers. And despite these extraordinary times we had to endure, RGSL still managed to deliver on every single one of these aspects. To our lecturers and professors, your passion for your field and your desire to share knowledge was engaging. Your lectures delivered an invaluable experience which has provided us with skills necessary in today’s market. Locals among us can be grateful to RGSL because we have access to international, great quality education right here in Riga. And the international students among us, I’m sure you have embraced Riga as your second home and that the culture of RGSL has played a significant role in this.”

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

Quite often, our former students continue their relationship with RGSL as employees or lecturers.



Miane Le Roux,
current RGSL master programme student

“My experience at the Riga Graduate School of Law has been truly exceptional. After completing my Bachelor’s degree here, I continued my academic journey at RGSL by pursuing a Master’s in Law and Finance. The university’s multicultural environment, among both students and faculty, makes it an inspiring place to study and grow. The programme challenges students to think beyond national legal systems and engage with complex legal and financial questions, while also supporting both academic development and professional growth throughout the study process. It is an institution I am proud to be part of.”

8 reasons to choose RGSL

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Careers in business law, technology law and finance

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Teaching exclusively in English

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International environment

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Students and faculty from 30+ countries



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Exchange opportunities with 40+ universities

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Top collection of legal literature in the Baltics and Northern Europe



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Modern campus in the heart of Art Nouveau Riga



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Good flight network to and from Riga



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