



RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW

International studies in law and beyond

Bachelor programmes

Law and Business

Law and Diplomacy

2026/27



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.

Interdisciplinary Bachelor programmes

You can study law alongside either business or diplomacy in our two LL.B. programmes – Law and Business and Law and Diplomacy.

By combining these subjects, you will gain a broad, international understanding of law, focusing on either business management or international relations. Our programmes result in a recognised and competitive law degree.



www.rgsl.lv





International study environment

With a lively community of students and faculty from over 30 countries, students are immersed in an international educational environment from their very first steps at RGSL. Courses in English, the Erasmus exchange programme with more than 40 partner universities, and internship opportunities within the state, EU, and international organisations, as well as companies in Latvia and abroad, enable RGSL students to broaden their experience and forge connections not only across Europe but globally.

Individual learning experience

RGSL is a medium-sized, specialised university that offers a tailored and stimulating learning environment. Students benefit from small classes, which foster debate, allow for individual questions, and promote contact with fellow students and faculty. Our teaching approach helps students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and adaptability. We value an open, international culture and encourage students to realise their potential and maximise their learning experience.

Further study: Masters programmes

You can study law alongside either business or diplomacy iRGSL offers LL.M. degrees in Business Law and Finance and in Technology Law.

Law and Business

LL.B.

DEGREE	LL.B. (Bachelor of Social Science in Law)
DURATION	3 years full time (183 ECTS)
LANGUAGE	English
FEE	EUR 4500 per academic year
ACCREDITED UNTIL	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.

Legal issues are examined from both regional and international perspectives within the programme. The primary focus is on the legal environment of the European Union (EU) and its Member States, as well as major trading partners. The programme covers topics relevant to successful commercial operations, including economics, accounting, management, business strategy, and marketing.

Law and Business
LL.B.



Markuss Zabello

Alumni, 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!

Questions about our programmes or studying at RGSL?



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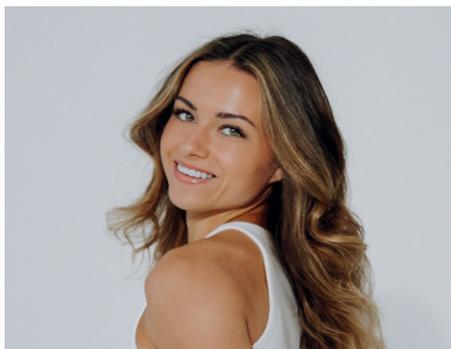
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The programme is designed for students aiming to work in their home country's public sector or at international organisations. Our graduates also establish successful careers in public affairs, the NGO sector, and private companies.

The programme covers major areas of public international law. Additionally, it focuses on international organisations and EU institutions, as well as their influence in shaping international relations. On the diplomacy side, the programme explores history and political science.

Language courses emphasise English as a global language, specialising in terminology related to law, international relations, and business. Students may also opt to study the traditional diplomatic language of French.



Nikola Meļko

Alumni, Law and Diplomacy Bachelor programme, former 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.

Law and Diplomacy



Important dates

20 July 2026 – Application deadline

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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 about five classes a 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
Civil Protection and Environmental Sustainability
Interdisciplinary Research: Law and Economics
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
Decision Making Methods in Business
International Economics

B part / Restrictive electives

Krimināltiesības (taught in Latvian)
Kriminālprocess (taught in Latvian)
Civilprocess (taught in Latvian)

Darba tiesības (taught in Latvian)
Saistību tiesību problēmas (taught in Latvian)
Lietu tiesības (taught in Latvian)
Administratīvās tiesības un process Latvijā
Migration and Asylum Seeking Law
International Humanitarian Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation
International Tax Law
Law and Social Theory
International Courts and Tribunals
Proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union
Argumentation: Theory and Practice
Banking Law
Project Management
Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution
European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
International Sales Law
Business and Human Rights
International Criminal Law
Privacy and EU Data Protections Health Law and Human Rights in the EU
International Investment Law
Social Media Law
TechLaw: Information Technology, AI and ICT
Contracts
EU Consumer Law
Technology in Law: A Practical Introduction
Knowledge-Based Capital and Fundamentals of Venture Capital Industry
Formal Logic and Critical Thinking
Human Resource Management
Exploring the Concept of Human Dignity
Optional: Moot Court

C part / Free Elective

LANGUAGES

Elementary Latvian I (A1) (mandatory to all foreign full-time Year One students)
Elementary Latvian I (A1/2)
French Beginner
Spanish Beginner
Latin
Introduction to Rhetoric
Optional: Internship

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European Union Law
EU Institutional Law and Decision Making
International Diplomatic Law
Advanced Public International Law
Law of International Organizations
Legal Aspects of External Relations of the EU
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.



Waleed Gumaa, MBA, Lecturer

Waleed Gumaa utilises his extensive business expertise to provide an interdisciplinary education to RGSL Bachelor students. He teaches Introduction to Business, Business Strategy, and Project Management, among other courses.

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 are employed in various sectors of the private industry. Among their employers are the largest Baltic law firms, such as Sorainen, Ellex Kļaviņš, as well as Deloitte, Klotiņi Serģis, and banks and international corporations like Swedbank, PwC, Ernst & Young, and others.

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

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,

Associate at Ellex Kļaviņš Law firm, University of Latvia (LL.M), 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 the diploma supplement corresponds to the ECTS level of C or higher (at least 7 points).

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

- ▶ Other equivalent certificates of English language proficiency issued by international testing institutes are also accepted:

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). TOEFL (not older than 2 years) - the required score is at least 550 points (for a computer test - 213; Internet-based test - 80);

- ▶ Applicants who have acquired previous education in English or are native English speakers are exempted from taking Proficiency tests in English (unless it conflicts with the conditions for obtaining a temporary residence permit in Latvia).
- ▶ Centralised examination results of the secondary general education from applicants from Latvia in Mathematics, Latvian and English.

Academic and scientific accomplishments, as well as active involvement in youth organisations and other relevant activities, are highly valued.

More information about our programmes, requirements, and application process is available at apply.rgsl.edu.lv

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Bachelor programmes Open Houses in February, April and July.

Fees and Funding

Tuition fee waivers:

- ▶ to celebrate academic excellence and encourage competition among students, RGSL has introduced the RGSL Student Excellence award for second and third-year bachelor students with the highest grades in the previous academic year.
- ▶ RGSL provides tuition fee waivers for RGSL employees, their children, orphans, and individuals with 1st or 2nd degree disabilities.
- ▶ maximum of 35 successful graduates of RGSL Excellence School, assessed based on the average secondary school certificate, are awarded a 10 % tuition fee waiver for the first year of undergraduate studies.

Students from outside the European Union and European Economic Area countries have a one-time application administration fee of EUR 250.

More information: rgsl.edu.lv/study/fees-and-funding

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 2026/2027 are open from February to April.

More information:

<https://www.viaa.gov.lv/en/latvian-state-scholarships>.



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.

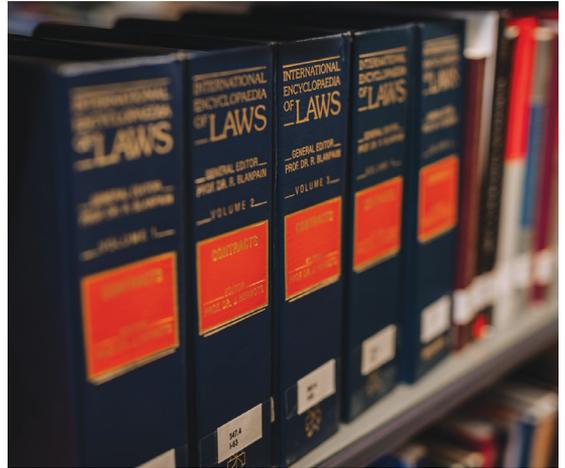
The library has workspaces available for all students. It has a modern study environment and a rooftop terrace, which is especially good for taking study breaks or simply getting some fresh air.

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 comprehensive 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

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

Source: Study in Latvia





Student mobility

RGSL actively encourages student and staff exchanges to diversify the student body and faculty, fostering an enriching learning environment with meaningful discussions on interdisciplinary subjects such as 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. A wide range of subjects, small classes, high-quality lectures, international professors, as well as many students from different countries, comfortable facilities, and a good location in the city centre are mentioned as the strengths of RGSL by Erasmus students.



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 been empowering for our students in every place they have studied at during Erasmus. In addition, many RGSL students and alumni are increasingly pursuing Erasmus traineeships – international work placements for a period of 2-6 months with financial support of the EU Erasmus+ grant. They have worked at various host organizations such as international organizations, embassies, business companies, NGOs, and research institutes.”

8 reasons to choose RGSL

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Careers in law,
business, and
diplomacy

2

Teaching
exclusively in
English

3

International
environment

4

Students and faculty
from 30+ countries



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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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