

## Selection of courses and preparation of online learning agreements: guidelines for exchange students 2025/26 (update 12 November 2025)

Individual class schedules at RGSL are finalized approximately **2 weeks before subject classes** begin in each Module. Therefore, in order **to reduce risks of class overlaps** – using **updated course lists** - we kindly ask to follow instruction steps for course selection.

### How to choose Bachelor level courses?

All Year 2 and Year 3 Bachelor level courses and all Masters level courses are available to exchange students unless restriction indicated on the course yearly plan. *We do not recommend to exchange students (but exceptions can be individually approved) to take Year 1 bachelor classes due to large student group size, and the schedules are not coordinated with other study year schedules. Supervision of thesis writing is not available to exchange students at RGSL.*

**When choosing Bachelor courses**, to avoid class overlaps with other subjects, we suggest to:

- 1) stay during each 6-week module with one study programme only - **either Law and Business, or Law and Diplomacy**,
- 2) look for courses within the dates of **each particular module** (6-week study period)

<b>Module 1</b> (classes + exams)	01/09/25-10/10/25
<b>Module 2</b> (classes + exams)	13/10/25-28/11/25
<b>Module 3</b> (classes + exams)	01/12/25-23/01/26

Module 4 (classes + exams)	26/01/26-06/03/26
Module 5 (classes + exams)	09/03/26-17/04/26
Module 6 (classes + exams)	20/04/26-29/05/26

- 3) choose **one study year within 6-week module** (Y2 or Y3), it is possible to choose Y2 “mandatory” subjects in one module, then switch to Y3 subjects in the following module.
- 4) from the list of “B Restrictive Elective” courses limitation is **only one** subject per 6-week module because B course student groups have limited number of seats, (RGSL full degree students also can take only one subject during each 6-weeks from this category). In addition, B category course classes are scheduled in parallel so there is high risk of timetable clashes.
- 5) **final exams** take place immediately in the last week of each module (week 6).

## Examples

In **Module 4** (dates 26.01.-06.03.2026) exchange student selects a combination of 3 subjects x 3 ECTS each:

- from the programme Law and Diplomacy Year2 course **RBB402 International Diplomatic Law**;
- from restrictive elective course list **RBE336 International Criminal Law**,
- masters level course RMA **International Trade Law**

In **Module 5** (dates 09.03.-17.04.2026)

- from the programme Law and Business Year2 course **RBB111 Competition and State Aid Law**;
- from restrictive elective course list **RBE344 Business and Human Rights**,
- masters level course RMA **International Dispute Settlement: Commercial Arbitration**

**Note** - exchange students must be at least in Year 3 of their home university studies to be eligible to enroll in Masters courses at RGSL.

### Course outlines:

Once you will have made for yourself a list of courses of interest, individual **course outlines** (descriptions) can be viewed **without login** on the study portal **here (Bachelor)** or **here (Masters)**. **Bachelor** courses on the study portal **are listed by discipline**, not 6-week module study periods.

Click on the **logo icon** by each specific course to access an outline in PDF file. **If you do not find a course outline**, it is in the process of being developed (as a new course), or updated, reviewed and will become available before module begins.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the RGSL study portal. The URL is [portal.rgsl.edu.lv/course/index.php?categoryid=4](http://portal.rgsl.edu.lv/course/index.php?categoryid=4). The page header includes the RGSL logo and navigation links like 'Home' and 'Log in'. Two course cards are visible:

- RBB111 - Competition and State Aid Law**  
CREDITS 2 (LV) 3 (ECTS) - 32 Contact Hours  
This course will provide an understanding of the competition law mechanisms of the Internal Market, including the limitations placed on Member States, especially in relation to state aids. The course will have a special focus on the rights and obligations of the companies in the market, including issues related to both the substance of law and the procedures in the field of competition and state aids, as well as issues related to gender equality.  
The course consists of lectures and seminars. Lectures in a particular topic will be followed by one or more seminars, which aim at developing the students' problem solving skills. For seminars students are expected to analyse and discuss real and fictional cases.  
Teacher: **Katja Jermova**  
Teacher: **Robert Lane**
- RBB400 - European Union Law**  
CREDITS 4 (LV) 6 (ECTS) - 64 Contact Hours  
This course offers a general introduction to European Union law. It aims to give a basic knowledge of the main features of the EU's legal-institutional framework and the most important aspects of the Law of the European Union.  
The course covers the principles governing the functioning of the European Union, its objectives and the core values that have inspired and prompted the European integration process. It deals with the European institutions, as well as with other EU relevant institutional bodies, focusing on their role, mutual interactions and functioning, including the different decisional procedures in place within the EU law-making process. The hierarchical and functional systematisation of the legal sources forming EU law is also addressed.

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## Online Learning Agreement

RGSL uses **Online Learning Agreement** and signs incoming student learning agreements **digitally** through 'Erasmus Without Paper' dashboard e-system. Ask your home exchange coordinator for advice. Learning agreements at RGSL will not be printed, stamped or signed on paper (exception if student requires immigration visa).

### Data for Online Learning Agreement:

Rīgas Juridiskā augstskola (Riga Graduate School of Law)

Erasmus code: LV RIGA34

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**Note that your Learning Agreement is not yet actual registration for courses at RGSL.** Registration will be done one week before each 6-week study module by the student services staff (Erasmus coordinator will send a short questionnaire before each module).

## Exams

Each professor sets the requirements for passing the course, exams can be written or oral, a combination of mid-term exam and final exam, some courses have mandatory seminars and presentations. Exam formats vary from a 2-hour closed-book in-class exam, or open book take-home assignment, essay or online quizz. **This is reflected in the course outline.**

## GRADING SYSTEM IN LATVIA; COMPARISON WITH ECTS GRADE

Latvian grade	Meaning	ECTS grade
10	with distinction	A
9	excellent	A
8	very good	B
7	good	C
6	almost good	D
5	satisfactory	E
4	almost satisfactory ( <i>the minimum passing grade</i> )	E/FX
3-1	unsatisfactory	FAIL