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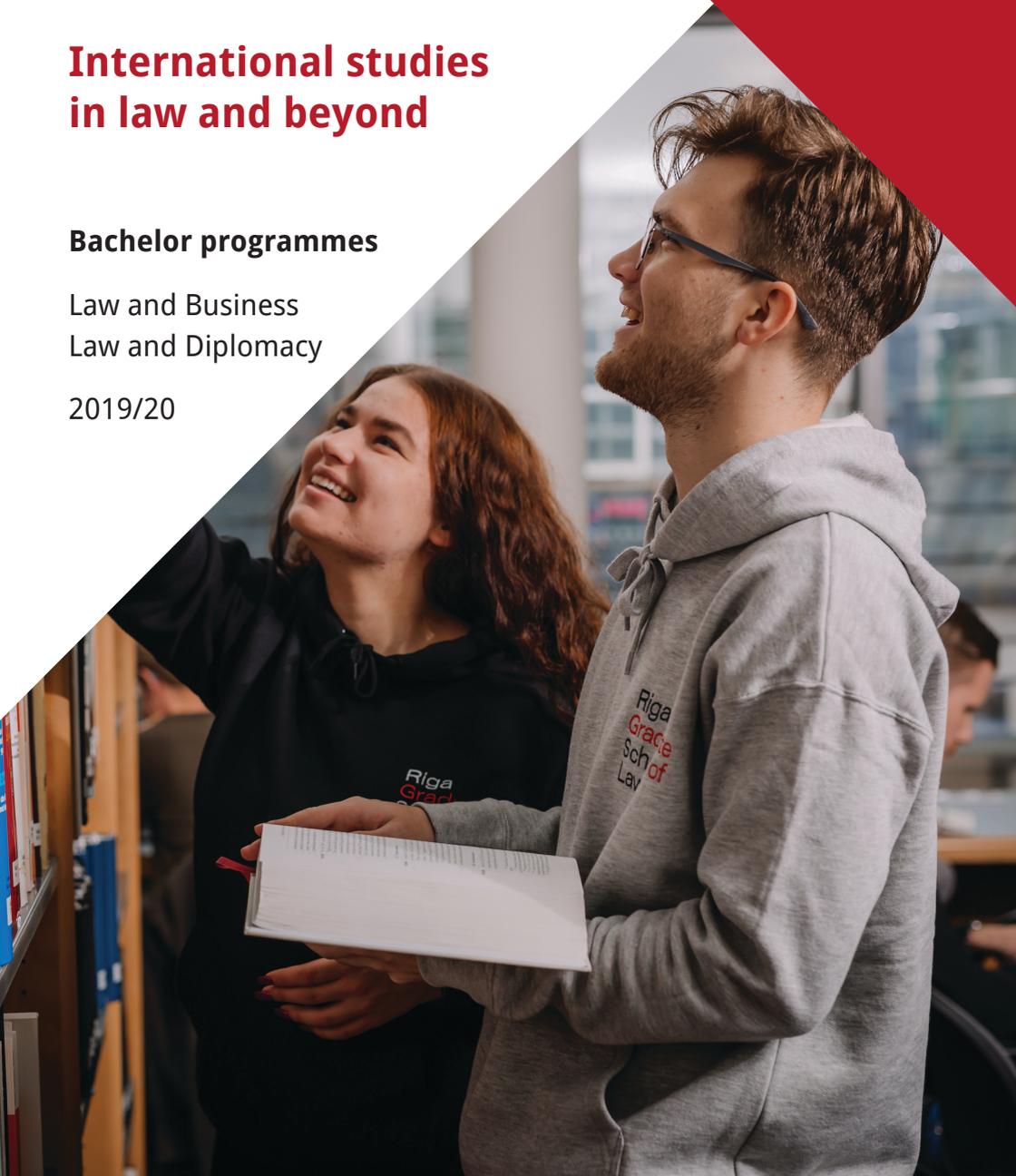
International studies in law and beyond

Bachelor programmes

Law and Business

Law and Diplomacy

2019/20





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.



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 in 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. 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 recognized and competitive law degree.



Individual learning experience

RGSL is a medium-sized, specialized university offering a tailored and stimulating learning environment. Students enjoy our 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 and adaptability. We value an open and international culture and encourage students to develop their potential and make the most of their studies.



Further study: Masters programmes

RGSL offers LL.M degrees in International and EU Law, EU Law and Policy, Public International Law and Human Rights, Transborder Commercial Law, Law and Finance and the novelty this year – Technology Law.

Law and Business

LL.B

DEGREE	LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) in Law and Business
DURATION	3 years full time (180 ECTS)
LANGUAGE	English
FEE	EUR 3,500 per academic year

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 addressed from a regional and international perspective within the programme, the main focus being on the legal environment of the European Union (EU) and its Member States, as well as major trading partners.

The programme covers subjects relevant for successful commercial operations, which include economics, accounting, management, business strategy and marketing.



Sabīne Vaivodiša

Law and Business programme 2nd year student, currently on an Erasmus exchange in University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus

"RGSL is the place where everything is possible if you work and study hard. I chose to study here in order to put myself out of my comfort zone and to develop my business skills. As I wanted to succeed in creating my own business, I realized that it is important to know and understand the rules of the business world, and RGSL provided me with the opportunity to study both.

University is the time when it is important to expand your network, and RGSL gives this chance to create new connections with excellent professors, lawyers, business people and professionals from other fields. RGSL provides students a chance to experience a real-life professional working environment from the first day of studies."

Law and Business programme structure

- The programme comprises mandatory and elective courses as well as optional language courses
- Up to three courses can be taken simultaneously
- Each course lasts six weeks with five class hours per week, plus research assignments and preparation for classes
- Each course concludes with an exam, while the programme concludes with a thesis
- Course materials are free

Courses

MAIN LAW COURSES

Introduction to Law
Public International Law
Research Methods
European Union Law
Internal Market Law
Comparative Contract Law
Competition and State Aid Law
Constitutional Law
International Human Rights Law
International Private and Procedural Law
Legal Method
International Commercial Law

MAIN BUSINESS COURSES

Introduction to Business Studies
Mathematics for Social Sciences
Statistics for Social Sciences
Microeconomics

Business Strategy
Business Accounting
Macroeconomics
Financial Economics
Financial Accounting
Applied Business Strategy
International Economics

ELECTIVE LAW COURSES

Philosophy of Law
Banking and Securities Law
Investment Protection Law
Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution
International Economic Law
International Tax Law
Comparative Inheritance Law
Comparative Insurance Law
Administrative Law
Argumentation and Legal Reasoning
Art Law

ELECTIVE BUSINESS COURSES

Public Presentation Skills
Introduction to Marketing
Philosophy
Project Management
International Financial Management
Data Protection
Social Psychology
Organisational Communication

OPTIONAL LANGUAGE COURSES

Diplomatic English
Advanced Latvian
French
Spanish Beginners I and II
German Beginners I and II

Important dates

- **February 21-22** TechChill event at VEF Kultūras pils
- **March 1-3** Exhibition Skola 2019 at Ķīpsalas Halle
- **March 9** Open House at RGSL
- **April 15** Early admission deadline
- **June 12** Open House at RGSL
- **July 10** Admission deadline

Questions about our programmes or studying at RGSL?



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Edgars Poga

Law and Diplomacy programme,
2nd year student, former President
of the RGSL Student Association

“Ever since my childhood I have been fascinated with history and international relations, which would lead to the overall goal of becoming a diplomat. At RGSL Excellence School after attending lectures about the art of diplomacy I was immediately interested in studies at RGSL. The most convincing was the interactive approach practised by lecturers who provided not only clear, but also a comprehensive understanding of the study subjects.

Knowledge in law and strong argumentation skills are crucial in diplomatic service. These skills I hone now during my studies within the RGSL Law and Diplomacy programme which also has provided me with the opportunity of practising this knowledge in the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Latvia to NATO in Brussels during my ERASMUS+ internship.”

The programme is designed for students who plan to work in the Foreign Service of their home countries or in international organisations. Our graduates also build successful careers in public affairs and the NGO sector.

The legal 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 history, culture and political sciences.

Admission requirements

- A certified copy of the diploma and diploma transcript with an English translation (if the diploma is issued outside Latvia) corresponding to European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) level C or higher.

- English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+. English language grade 7 for secondary school students from Latvia.
- Academic and research achievements, active participation in youth organisations, and other relevant activities are highly desirable.

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Legal Method
External Relations of the European Union

MAIN DIPLOMACY COURSES

Theory of International Relations
Contemporary World History
Introduction to Diplomacy
International Security

Foreign Policy Analysis
International Organizations
Comparative Politics
Crisis Management in International Politics
Global Approaches to Public Diplomacy
Political Negotiations, Strategy and Tactics

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Investment Protection Law
Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution
International Economic Law
International Tax Law
Comparative Inheritance Law
Comparative Insurance Law
Administrative Law
Argumentation and Legal Reasoning
Art Law

ELECTIVE DIPLOMACY COURSES

Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution
Political and Economic Challenges in Europe
World Conflicts and Security

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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 offer an education that is highly relevant for career development.



Ineta Ziemele
PhD, Professor

An expert in public international law and human rights law, Prof. Ineta 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.

Waleed Gumaa

MBA, Director of the Masters programmes, Lecturer

Waleed Gumaa oversees the Masters programmes at RGSL. He leverages his significant expertise in business to offer an interdisciplinary education to RGSL Masters students. Teaches Introduction to Business Studies, Business Strategy and Project Management.



Paolo Paesani
PhD, Visiting Professor

Paolo Paesani, Associate Professor from the University of Rome Tor Vergata and Vice Dean of the School of Economics. Paolo's research interests include monetary economics, European macroeconomics and the history of economic thought. Paolo has a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute. He has done research at the World Bank and the European Central Bank. Teaches Macroeconomics and International Economics.

Carlos Llorente

LL.M, PhD, Visiting Professor

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



Get in touch with other students to learn more about student life at RGSL

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Tuition fee waivers

The two best applicants from Latvia (outside Rīga and Pierīga regions) receive a 100% tuition fee waiver for one year.

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

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

Successful graduates of the 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

Early admission discount

All applicants, local and foreign, applying for studies by the Early Admission Deadline April 15, 2019 receive a 10% tuition fee waiver for one academic year.

Latvian state scholarships

In accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation 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 2019/2020 are open from February 1 to April 1.

More information: viaa.gov.lv

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 Kluwer Law and Oxford University Press, and others.

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



Student life

The dynamic academic atmosphere at RGSL is bolstered by an equally exciting student life, as extracurricular and social activities provide balance to intensive studies. Guest lecturers provide fresh perspectives and colour to traditional study while Student Association (SA) activities offer opportunities to develop relationships outside the classroom.

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



Jēkabs Hugo Kisils

1st year Law and Business programme student and president of the RGSL Student Association

“The Student Association (SA) made this school become my second home and second family. We make sure that the years at RGSL for students are the most fun and unforgettable time of their lives.

The SA has 9 board members and works tirelessly to organize various events like the well-known Sports Games, Underground Moot court and others. Everyone is always happy to help make new students feel more welcome.

As there are SA elections every year, everyone has a chance to become a part of the team. Becoming President of the Student Association has been one of the most interesting turning points in my life. I am proud to be in this position, and I am looking forward to see some enthusiastic and smart person in my place next year!”



Ligita Gjortlere

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 events and glad that they remember their time at RGSL with joy.”

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 socialising.

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 6000 international students who enjoy quality education, a rich cultural life, great entertainment venues, very 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 is able to assist its students in finding suitable housing in Riga.

Living expenses

During your stay in Riga, you can expect to spend from EUR 500 per month on living expenses. This includes rent but not tuition fees.

- ▶ Accommodation: EUR 200-400 per month
- ▶ Insurance: European Health Insurance Card
- ▶ Public transport: EUR 16 (student pass)
- ▶ Books: included in the tuition fee
- ▶ General living expenses: EUR 280-300



Student mobility

RGSL actively promotes student and staff exchanges with the aim of diversifying the student group and faculty cohort to create an enriching learning environment with meaningful discussions of inter-disciplinary 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.

Wide range of subjects, small classes, the quality of lectures and 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.

"I'm really satisfied with my Erasmus experience in Riga and in RGSL. It has been an enriching personal experience that I would definitely recommend." **Iker Godoy Gamero**, Erasmus exchange student, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain.



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, Norway, Italy and Spain, and the experience has been empowering for 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 a period of 2-6 months with the financial support of an EU Erasmus+ grant. They have worked in a wide range of host organizations such as international organizations, embassies, business companies, NGOs and research institutes."

"I spent a lot of time studying, and it made me grow professionally. At the same time the free moments were spent well, there was no day when I was doing nothing. Participation in this programme widens the horizons on different levels, and I would recommend everyone to take the chance and go abroad. This exchange program is the best opportunity to do that, and I would do it again." **Elina Krūze**, Law and Business programme student, spent a semester at the University of Oslo.

"Participation increased my interest and understanding of Italian culture and traditions, but it also taught me how to be more independent and more open to new opportunities. This experience has not only benefited my personality and my professional development, but has also allowed me to get to know new people and increase my friend network." **Ansis Gusts Rasa**, Law and Diplomacy programme student, spent a semester at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome.

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

RGSL year in review/2018

JANUARY

- ▶ **Public lecture** by RGSL Lecturer Ieva Miļūna and former Chief of Political Affairs for the United Nations Regional Office in Central Africa Sherwin Das "United Nation's work on conflict prevention and management."

FEBRUARY

- ▶ **Public lecture** by the Deputy Secretary General of NATO Rose Gottemoeller "NATO's adaptation: key to peace and security".

MARCH

- ▶ **Public lecture** by the Principal in the Funding & Investor Relations team of the European Stability Mechanism and RGSL Law and Finance programme student Jurgen Klaus "In and out of crisis. Liability management in times of negative interest rates and political challenges".

APRIL

- ▶ **Public lecture** by Judge at the EU Court of Justice and RGSL Honorary Professor Egils Levits "Law, technology and democracy."
- ▶ **Public lecture** by RGSL Alumni and Lawyers Linguists at the European Court of Justice Ilona Čeiča and Ainārs Freimanis "Is translation an interpretation? A short introduction in legal translation and the profession of Lawyer Linguist".

MAY

- ▶ **International conference** to mark the 20th anniversary of RGSL "The changing legal profession: Perspectives on the future of legal education".
- ▶ **Public lecture** by U.S. District Court Judge, Stanford, Oxford and Harvard Law School graduate Richard G. Stearns "Magna Carta and its significant role for the rule of law."

- ▶ **Final of the Riga Moot 2018**, an international moot court competition organized by RGSL.

JUNE

- ▶ **Panel discussion** "Investment protection in the EU after the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the case C-284/16 Slovak Republic vs Achmea BV" organized in cooperation with the State Chancellery and law magazine *Jurista Vārds* with experts in public international law, foreign investment protection and EU law.

- ▶ **Erasmus+ Jean Monnet conference** "Fundamental Rights and Consumer Protection", the first in a series of four conferences devoted to fundamental rights at the frontiers of the European Union.

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ **Public lecture** by Prof. Dr. Alexander von Mühlendahl "Consequences of Brexit for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights".

OCTOBER

- ▶ **Public lecture**, the first in a series powered by *Ellex Kļaviņš*, by Dr. Vasileios Karagiannopoulos "Hacktivism and the law: The moral and legal challenges of the use of hacking techniques for political expression".
- ▶ **Public lecture** by Prof. Dr. Dana Beldiman "Knowledge, Innovation and IP Protection".

NOVEMBER

- ▶ **Annual Human Rights conference** organised by RGSL in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia. Speakers included the President of the Constitutional Court and RGSL Professor Ineta Ziemele, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights and Associate Professor of RGSL Mārtiņš Mits, and others.

DECEMBER

- ▶ **A lecture** for RGSL students by newly appointed Georgian Ambassador to Latvia Tea Maisuradze "10 years since Russia's aggression and occupation of Georgian territories."
- ▶ **Erasmus+ Jean Monnet conference** "Competition, Big Data and Fundamental Rights", the second in the series of four conferences, devoted to fundamental rights at the frontiers of the European Union.
- ▶ **Public lecture**, second in the lecture series powered by *Ellex Kļaviņš*, by Pēteris Zilgalvis, J.D., Head of Unit, Digital Innovation and Blockchain, Digital Single Market Directorate, DG CONNECT and Co-Chair, FinTech Task Force, European Commission "The law and political economy of decentralised digital technologies".

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