



**RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW**

Education for globally engaged students

**Masters programmes
2022/23**



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, policy and finance. Executive-style schedules allow ambitious students and professionals to accommodate work and studies. 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 LL.M. in International and European Law, EU Law and Policy, Public International Law and Human Rights, Transborder Commercial Law, 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.

International and European Law

LL.M.

DURATION	1 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS
STUDY FORM	Full time/Part time
FEE	5500 EUR
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

Allowing students the choice between broad or specialised themes of study, the International and European Law programme prepares students for professional careers in international organisations, private law firms, public and private institutions and academia. Students are able to tailor their own experience with courses from several tracks offered, including Public International and Human Rights Law, European Union Law and Policy, Transborder Commercial Law, and Law and Finance.

The International and European Law programme is available as a one year academic programme.

Students have to complete the two Foundation courses, four Mandatory courses, a minimum of 4 substantive courses, and defend their master thesis.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

Important dates

12 April 2022 – Early Application deadline

30 April 2022 – Application deadline for non-EU countries' applicants. Citizens of countries which have a visa waiver with

MANDATORY COURSES:

International Law
EU Constitutional Law
International Human Rights Law
EU Decision Making - Institutional Law

SUBSTANTIVE COURSES:

International Criminal Law
International Adjudication
Litigation at the European Court of Human Rights
Human Rights and Business
Area of Freedom Security and Justice
Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union
European Political Economy
Environmental Law
Micro & Macro Economics
Finance
Comparative Contract and Commercial Law
Monetary Policy
International Financial Management
Banking and Financial Market Law
Digital Regulation
Privacy and Data Protection
Contracts and ICT
Cybercrime and Cybersecurity
Intellectual Property Law and Technology
Disruptive Technology

Admission requirements:

International and European Law (LL.M.) academic programme is available to individuals with bachelor degree or masters degree in law; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters degree in law (at least 160 CP = 240 ECTS).

English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+.

Latvia, can submit their applications no later than 18 July 2022.

18 July 2022 – Application deadline

29 August 2022 – Semester starts

Law and Finance

LL.M.

DURATION	1 year or 2 years
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS (1 year) or 120 ECTS (2 years)
STUDY FORM	Full time / Part time
FEE	6500 EUR (1 year) or 11000 EUR (2 years)
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

The masters programme in 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 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 theoretical study with an interaction between law and finance disciplines emphasised within each course track with 30 ECTS devoted to a thesis.

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

In the one year programme, students have to complete six mandatory courses and two optional course chosen from other masters streams, and defend their masters thesis.

For the two year programme, students have to complete 22 substantive courses from various streams, in addition to the mandatory courses, and defend their

masters thesis at the end of the programme if students have chosen to follow a two year programme. These courses cover areas such as commercial law, private law, international law, economics and finance as well as policy and regulation.

In addition to the selected mandatory courses, all students have to complete a law foundation courses as well as a course in legal research.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

MANDATORY COURSES:

Micro & Macro Economics
Finance
Comparative Contract & Commercial Law
Monetary Policy
International Financial Management
Banking and Financial Market Law
Additional mandatory courses for the two year programme:
Competition Law
Knowledge-based Capital and Fundamentals of Venture Capital Industry
International Insolvency Law
Mergers and Acquisitions

Admission requirements

Law and Finance (LL.M.) programme is available to individuals with bachelor or masters degree in law, economics, finance, management or related fields, obtained in at least three years (120 KP = 180 ECTS) for 2 year programme or four years long studies (160 KP = 240 ECTS) for 1 year programme; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters' degree in law, economics, finance, management or related fields.

English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+.

Public International Law and Human Rights LL.M.

DURATION	1 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS
STUDY FORM	Full time / Part time
FEE	5500 EUR
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

Designed at the intersection of public international law and human rights law, this masters programme offers an in-depth look at the fundamental legal issues of the two specialisations as well as their interaction. Leveraging the extensive human rights law expertise of RGSL faculty, the master's programme prepares students to work with international law and human rights spheres both at national and international levels.

The programme explores legal issues surrounding sovereignty, fundamental rights, state responsibility, criminality. In addition the programme focuses on international institutions, courts and arbitral bodies involved in the creation of global rules in the area of human rights.

The one year masters programme consists of 60 ECTS of theoretical study within each course track of which 30 ECTS are devoted to a thesis. Following successful completion, students are awarded a Masters degree (LL.M.) in Public International Law and Human Rights.

Students have to complete six mandatory courses and two optional courses chosen from other masters programme streams and defend their master thesis at the end of the programme.

In addition to the selected mandatory courses, all students, regardless of the programme, have to complete a law foundation course as well as a course in legal research.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

MANDATORY COURSES:

International Law
International Criminal Law
International Human Rights Law
International Adjudication
Litigation at the European Court of Human Rights
Human Rights and Business

Admission requirements

Public International Law and Human Rights (LL.M.) programme is available to individuals with bachelor degree or masters degree in law; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters degree in law (at least 160 CP = 240 ECTS).

English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+.

IMPORTANT: In academic year 2022/2023 RGSL offers one 100% waiver for one academic year for the best applicant for "Public International Law and Human Rights" Masters programme.

EU Law and Policy LL.M.

DURATION	1 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS
STUDY FORM	Full time / Part time
FEE	5500 EUR
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

Dedicated to training students for careers in domestic and international institutions, the masters programme in European Union Law and Policy covers integration, law and policy in the European Union, the union's internal market and its external relations. The programme's rich instruction in the intricacies of the European Union and its laws and policies helps to train the next generation of experts in international law and diplomacy.

The programme explores political and legal themes relating to the single market, decision making, justice, security and defense as well as energy and environment.

The one year masters programme consists of 60 ECTS of theoretical study including 30 ECTS devoted to a thesis. Following successful completion, students are awarded a Masters degree (LL.M.) in European Union Law and Policy.

Executive-style schedules allow ambitious students and professionals to combine work and studies.

The programme is also offered on a part-time basis with the duration of the part time programme dependent on a schedule tailored to the student. Normally, the duration of study is doubled. For example,

the one year programme takes two years to complete if followed on a part time basis.

Students have to complete six mandatory courses and two optional courses chosen either from the tracks of Public International and Human Rights Law, Transborder Commercial Law, and Law and Finance as well as specialised courses and defend their master thesis at the end of the programme.

In addition to the selected mandatory courses, all students, regardless of the programme, have to complete a law foundation course as well as a course in legal research.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

MANDATORY COURSES:

EU Constitutional Law
EU decision making – Institutional Law
Area of Freedom Security and Justice
Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union
European Political Economy
Environmental Law

Admission Requirements

European Union Law and Policy (LL.M.) programme is available to individuals with bachelor or masters degree in law, politics or related fields, if basic knowledge in law or corresponding work experience is acquired; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters degree in law, politics or other related fields, if basic knowledge in law or corresponding work experience is acquired (at least 160 Latvian CP = 240 ECTS).

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

Transborder Commercial Law LL.M.

DURATION	1 year
LANGUAGE	English
CREDITS	60 ECTS
STUDY FORM	Full time / Part time
FEE	5500 EUR
DEGREE	Master of Social Science in Law (LL.M.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

Focusing on the aspects of trade within the European Union and beyond, the Masters programme in Transborder Commercial Law prepares students for future success in international trade, arbitration, and contract law. In addition to covering trade policies within the European Union, this Masters programme also provides a detailed examination of the international conditions framing European Union trade and policy and company structures operating within.

The one year masters programme consists of 60 ECTS of theoretical study including 30 ECTS devoted to a thesis. Following successful completion, students are awarded a Masters degree (LL.M.) in Transborder Commercial Law.

Executive-style schedules allow ambitious students and professionals to combine work and studies.

The programme is also offered on a part-time basis with the duration of the part

time programme dependent on a schedule tailored to the student. Normally, the duration of study is doubled. For example, the one year programme takes two years to complete if followed on a part time basis.

Students have to complete six mandatory courses and two optional courses chosen either from the tracks of Law and Finance, Public International Law and Human Rights or European Union Law and Policy, and defend their master thesis at the end of the programme.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

MANDATORY COURSES:

International Sales Law
European Private International Law
Comparative Contract & Commercial Law
The Foundations of Intellectual Property Law
International Arbitration
Company Law

Admission requirements

Transborder Commercial Law (LL.M.) programme is available to individuals with bachelor degree or masters degree in law; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters degree in law (at least 160 Latvian CP = 240 ECTS).

English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+.

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.)
ACCREDITED	until 16 June 2027

The Technology Law masters programme enables students to identify and understand the complicated relationships between technological advances and the law. Providing students with the tools necessary to navigate the complex regulatory systems developing around new technologies (e.g. data protection, ICT contracts, intellectual property rights, cyber security), the masters programme in Technology Law provides an innovative and competitive degree in a rapidly growing area of specialisation.

Programme objectives:

to empower students with academic and practical skills to manage and understand the multifaceted relationship between the legal and technological development

to provide students with understanding on how to succeed in the digital marketplace by shaping and navigating the complex regulatory environment.

The one year masters programme consists of 60 ECTS of theoretical study with an interaction between law and other disciplines emphasised within each course track, including 30 ECTS devoted to a thesis.

Following successful completion, students are awarded a Masters degree (LL.M.) in Technology Law.

The Programme is primarily designed for:

- ▶ legal industry
- ▶ ICT industry
- ▶ policy makers

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

In addition to the selected mandatory courses, all students, regardless of the programme, have to complete a law foundation course as well as a course in legal research.

FOUNDATION COURSES:

Introductory course
Legal Research

MANDATORY COURSES:

Privacy and Data Protection
Intellectual Property Law and Technology
Digital Regulation
Contracts and ICT
Cybercrime and Cybersecurity
Disruptive Technology

Admission requirements

The programme is available to individuals with bachelor or masters degree in law or related fields; second level professional higher education, professional bachelor or masters degree in law or other related fields (at least 160 Latvian CP = 240 ECTS).

English language proficiency: IELTS 6+, TOEFL IBT 80+ or TOEFL paper based test 550+.

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.

George Ulrich,
PhD, Professor

George Ulrich has published more than 20 significant publications in the area of international human rights. He served as a Rector of Riga Graduate School of Law from 2009 to 2016. He teaches Business and Human Rights, International Human Rights.



Carlos Llorente,
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. He teaches Comparative Contract and International Commercial Law.

Ilze Rūse,

Dr.Phil, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair at RGSL

Professor Rūse currently serves as Latvian ambassador to Sweden. Since 2020 she is also a holder of prestigious Jean Monnet Chair at RGSL, awarded by the EU to strengthen the academic education in EU studies. Ilze Rūse teaches EU Decision Making - Institutional Law.



Tuition fee waivers

In the academic year 2022/2023 RGSL offers 100% tuition fee waiver for one academic year for the best applicant for “Public International Law and Human Rights” Masters programme.

To support applicants and students from various social groups and acknowledge the loyalty of students, graduates and RGSL employees, RGSL offers tuition fee waivers for RGSL employees, children of RGSL employees, orphans, persons with 1st or 2nd degree of disability and graduates of SSE Riga.



Early admission discount

All applicants, local and foreign, applying for studies by the Early Application Deadline – 12 April 2022 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 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 2022/2023 will be open from February to April. More information: viaa.gov.lv

Questions about our programmes or studying at RGSL?



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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.Sc.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.”



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 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)

GENERAL LIVING EXPENSES: EUR 280–300



Alumni

The geography of RGSL alumni reaches 51 countries of the world. 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. 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.



Mārcis Reveliņš,

RGSL Law and Finance graduate, 2021.

“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.”



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.

Since 2019 RGSL annually 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.

The best students thesis are published in the “RGSL Research Papers” series documenting the broad range of innovative scholarly work undertaken at RGSL.

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.



8 reasons to choose RGSL

1

Careers in law,
business and
diplomacy

2

Teaching
exclusively in
English

3

International
environment

4

Students and faculty
from 30+ countries



5

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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