

Study Course Title	International Commercial Law
Study Course Code	JurZM083
Branch of Science	Law
Sub-branch of science	International law
Credits (ECTS)	3
Total Number of Contact Hours	24
Number of Lecture Hours	8
Number of Seminar and Practical Assignment Hours	16
Number of Hours for Laboratory Assignments	0
Independent Study Hours	51
Language of Instruction	Latvian and English
Course Approval Date	29.09.2025
Responsible Unit	BA School of Business and Finance of the University of Latvia

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Prerequisite Knowledge

Prerequisite knowledge required for the acquisition of the course corresponds to the study programme admission requirements and the general knowledge, skills and competences obtained at the previous level of education.

Study Course Abstract

This course offers an analysis of the fundamental principles and regulatory framework of international commercial law. It examines the legal aspects of international commercial transactions, contracts, intellectual property, and the management of entrepreneurial legal risks. The course develops the skill to legally manage international business projects correctly and to evaluate legal challenges in a rapidly changing business environment.

Study course aim is to provide the necessary foundational knowledge to enable the execution of international commercial transactions.

Course Plan Full-time Regular Studies

1. Natural and legal persons in international commercial law. 2L 1S
 2. Specifics of the state as a legal person in international commercial law. 1S
 3. Harmonization of international trade. 1L 1S
 4. Conflict of laws in international commercial law. 2S 2Pd
 5. Tax aspects of international transactions, including the regulation of digital services and e-commerce. 2L 2Pd
 6. International carriage of goods 1L
 7. Settlement procedures in international transactions. 1L 1S 2Pd
 8. Resolution of international disputes 1L 2S 2Pd
- Total 8L 8S 8Pd

Characterization of students' independent work organization and tasks

The student prepares for discussions, completes group and individual practical assignments, conducts situation analyses, develops a final project, and prepares for the examination.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

1. Demonstrates advanced knowledge of international commercial law.

Skills:

2. Is proficient in critically analysing information using diverse sources.

Competence:

3. Can demonstrate optimal decision-making in matters related to international commercial law.

Requirements for Awarding Credits

Midterm Assessments and Course Activities:

1. In-class discussions. Assessment will be graded on a 10-point scale, contributing 10% to the overall grade.
2. In-class practical work. Assessment will be graded on a 10-point scale, contributing 10% to the overall grade.
3. Development and presentation of independent assignments, accounting for 40% of the overall grade.

Final Assessment:

4. Examination – a combined assessment wherein the student demonstrates acquired knowledge and presents an individual practical assignment. Contribution to the final grade - 40%.

Assessments will be graded on a 10-point scale.

Criteria for Evaluating Learning Outcomes

In accordance with Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia, at the end of the course, students' knowledge is evaluated according to the following criteria: the amount and the quality of the obtained knowledge, acquired skills and competence in compliance with the planned learning outcomes.

Type of Assessment	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1. In-class discussions	+	+	+
2. In-class practical work	+	+	+
3. Individual or practical assignments	+	+	+
4. Examination - combined	+	+	+

Compulsory Reading List

1. Ray August (2013), International Business Law, Pearson Prentice Hall

Periodicals and Other Sources

1. Materials uploaded to e-studies (case studies, articles, presentations, videos, audio, etc.).

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