

Study Course Title	Law I
Study Course Code	JurZB104
Branch of Science	Law
Sub-branch of Science	Civil law
Credits(ECTS)	3
Total Number of Contact Hours	30
Number of Lecture Hours	10
Number of Seminar and Practical Assignment Hours	20
Number of Hours for Laboratory Assignments	0
Independent Study Hours	45
Language of Instruction	Latvian and English
Responsible Unit	BA School of Business and Finance of the University of Latvia

Study form	Lectures	Seminars and Practical Assignments	Laboratory Assignments	Independent Studies
Full-time Regular Studies	10	20	0	45
Distance learning	2	4	0	69

Course Developer

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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 study course provides a comprehensive introduction to the legal framework relevant to commercial and civil law. It covers the structure and functioning of the legal system, key concepts in legal theory, and methods of legal interpretation and analysis. The course explores the foundations of civil law, with particular emphasis on the law of obligations and contractual relationships. Students will gain practical skills in contract drafting, including understanding the formal and substantive requirements of legally binding agreements. The course also examines the principles of commercial law and provides insight into the procedures and legal requirements for registering business entities in the Commercial Register. By the end of the course, students will have developed both theoretical knowledge and practical competencies essential for navigating legal issues in business and civil contexts.

This course aim is to provide students with practical knowledge and understanding of the legal system and legal methods as well as the application of legal acts which regulate the most common commercial activities such as contract conclusion and creation of capital companies. Understanding and practical knowledge will be acquired by attending lectures, studying literature and by performing individual practical tasks.

Course Plan Full-time Regular Studies

- 1.Legal System in Latvia 1L
- 2.Commercial Law 2L 5Pd
- 3.Law of Obligations 2L 5Pd
- 4.Property Law 2L 3Pd
- 5.Intellectual Property Courts 2L 3Pd
- 6.Consumer Rights 1L 4Pd
- Total 10L 20Pd

Course Plan Distance learning

- 1.Legal System in Latvia 1L
- 2.Commercial Law 1S

- 3.Law of Obligations 1S
- 4.Property Law 1S
- 5.Intellectual Property Courts
- 6.Consumer Rights 1L 1S
- Total 2L 4S

Characterization of students' independent work organization and tasks

Full-time: Group work and presentations on results.

Distance: Independent study via Moodle (video lectures, study materials, self-assessment tests, etc.)

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

1. As a result of completing the study course, the student has acquired theoretical knowledge and understanding of the topics covered in the course, is familiar with the legal systems of Latvia and the European Union, the legal environment of commercial activity, and the regulatory framework governing commercial operations.

Skills:

2. Is able to prepare commercial registration documents and assess their compliance with legal regulations. Has acquired practical skills in working with legal acts and is capable of identifying the objects and subjects of the law of obligations. Can justify an opinion by offering a solution to a problem situation.

Competence:

3. Is capable of independently acquiring and selecting information and applying it within the framework of the study course. Understands the legal aspects of establishing, reinforcing, and terminating loan and purchase agreements and is able to apply legal terminology characteristic of commercial, property, and obligation law.

Requirements for Awarding Credits

Full Time

Intermediate tests or midterms:

- 1. Individual work and a presentation - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 20%
- 2. Test - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 40%

Final test:

- 3. Written Exam - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 40%

Distance Learning

Intermediate tests or midterms:

- 1. Individual work and a presentation - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 20%
- 2. Test - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 40%

Final test:

- 3. Written Exam - The test is graded on a 10-point scale. Weighting in the overall grade – 40%

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. Individual work and the presentation	+	-	+
2. Test	+	+	-
3. Written Exam	+	+	+

Compulsory Reading List

- 1. Grünfeld, L. (2011). Legal Culture and the Legal System of Latvia. Riga Graduate School of Law, 45 pages. An overview of Latvia's legal system structure and legal culture post-EU accession.

[Available from RGSL Publications]

2. Jansons, J. (2018). Commercial Law in Latvia. Wolters Kluwer, 320 pages.
3. Balodis, K. (2007). Introduction to Civil Law. Zvaigzne ABC, Riga, 383 pages.
4. Torgāns, K., Karklins, J., Mantrovs, K., Rasnačs, J. (2020). Contract Law in Latvia. Wolters Kluwer, 280 pages.

Further Reading List

1. European Commission. (2019). Report on Property Rights in the Baltic States. EU Publications, 72 pages.
Covers property law harmonization and specifics in Latvia
2. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), (2020) Commercial Law Reform in Latvia: Challenges and Progress. EBRD Report, 60 pages
3. European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission). (2017). Opinion on the Constitution of Latvia. CDL-AD (2017) 001, Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 50 pages

Periodicals and Other Sources

1. Journal of Business Law
2. Materials prepared by lecturers in Moodle