

Course Outline

Course number	RBE247					
Course title	Introduction to Moot court					
Credit points	1.5 ECTS (1 CP)					
Total hours	15					
Lecture hours	15					
Seminar and other hours	8					
Course level	Bachelor					
Prerequisites	Public International Law					
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	X	Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Ieva Miluna	LL.M., PhD cand.	Lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Ieva Miluna	LL.M., PhD cand.	Lecturer
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course Introduction to Moot court is intended to give an introduction on how to participate in moot court competitions. It will give practical knowledge of how to prepare a written memorial and how to present an argument before the court. This course is intended to prepare the first and the second year law students for the participation in an international moot court Riga Moot 2018, which will take place on 24-25 May 2018. Even if you do not intend to participate in it, the course will be useful for you to develop your research, legal writing and oral presentation skills, which are very important for every law-related profession.

This course will elaborate on students' research skills and oral argumentation skills. Students will be required to write and submit written memorials and to practice presenting their argument before a court.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will get knowledge of how to research and draft written submissions, as well as how to present an argument before a court. These skills are absolutely necessary to be a successful lawyer. This course will also train students' public speaking skills. Students will feel more confident when speaking and presenting arguments in public.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Written Memorial	50%
Oral presentation	50%

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Introduction to the course; research methods	2
2	Writing a memorial	6
3	Oral advocacy	4
4	Open lecture	2

COURSE PLAN – SESSIONS

Session	Session subjects and readings	Lecture/seminar
1	Introduction to the course; research methods	Lecture – IM
2	Writing a memorial	Lecture/seminar –KT
3	Writing a memorial	Lecture/seminar – KT
4	Writing a memorial	Lecture/seminar – KT
5	Oral advocacy in moot courts. Questions related to moot court case	Lecture/seminar – IM
6	Open lecture – “Hybrid warfare – Myth vs. Fact”	Lecture – Mārtiņš Hiršs
7	Closing remarks for successful oral argumentation in a moot court	Lecture – KT

COURSE LITERATURE

No.	Author, title, publisher
1	European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms - http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf