



**RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW**

Course Outline

Course number	RMC101				
Course title	Foundation				
Credit points	3 ECTS				
Total hours	75				
Contact hours	24				
Independent studies	51				
Course level	RMC101				
Prerequisites					
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The Course consists of four interrelated parts. First, it addresses the notions of State and order of rules from the perspective of political thought. Second, it introduces the notions of law and power from a legal perspective. Third, it examines the emergence of the State centred world order. Finally, it looks at

ever-closer integration between States and asks the question of the way forward for civilization. More specifically the course will explore the foundations of world order and law.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is a foundation course which aims to ensure that all students of the Master Programme at the RGSL have the same basic understanding of the notions and institutions that will be referred to repeatedly during their studies at the RGSL. The course assists in making the studies more effective and coherent. Current times are characterized by rather narrow and in-depth specializations in different areas of law and that is offered also as a possibility by the Master Programme of the RGSL. The foundation course recalls the broader ideas of a society, events and studies that are at the basis of law and legal systems. It is important that, while being specialized in a particular field we are able to relate to the sources and evolution of law and relevant concepts, such as State, sovereignty, public order, separation of powers, legitimacy of rules, etc. It is considered that such a foundation course should be interdisciplinary. It is therefore that the students are offered an overview of the main historical events and development of political thought leading to the ideas of law and order. Students are offered elements of legal political theory, theory of international law and European integration.

GRADING CRITERIA

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>
Course Essay	100%