



Course Outline

Course number	RBE263			
Course title	Contemporary Latvian (C2)			
Credit points	3 ECTS			
Total hours	30			
Lecture hours	30			
Course level	Bachelor			
Prerequisites	Latvian C1 level			
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	Free elective X

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Inta Urbanoviča	Dr. philol.	Professor Assistant

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Inta Urbanoviča	Dr. philol.	Professor Assistant

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course is intended for speakers who use Latvian as native language, because the main goal of the course is to analyse and examine the problems related to codified norms of formal written Latvian standard variety. The aim of the course is to gain an insight into basic issues of Latvian standard language and to develop and consolidate the competence necessary for effective use of contemporary Latvian. The main focus is on such codified norms of standard as grammar rules, spelling and punctuation. To enhance standard language skills, the tasks of the course are based on a wide range of texts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of course are to:

- introduce students to a range of rules codified for standard variety of language,
- develop analytical skills to determine typical errors of standard language use,
- develop the skill to identify theoretical sources for different language rules,
- encourage ability to use effectively standard variety in a wide range of texts.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Written task	50%
Written examination	50%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The work of students will be organised individually or in groups.
Tasks for individual work:

1. preparation of several practical individual tasks,
2. preparation of written task – detailed text analyse,
3. an written examination.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1.	Culture of language as a branch of science. Standard variety of language and process of codification.	2
2.	Interference and calques.	4
3.	Use of words in the text. Stylistic and emotional information of words.	2
4.	Standard and non-standard borrowings.	2
5.	Current rules of orthography.	4
6.	The norms of word-formation.	4
7.	Morphological norms of language. Morphological errors in use.	2
8.	Syntax and the items of syntax.	4
9.	Ellipsis and redundancy in language.	2
10.	Norms of punctuation.	4