

Course Outline

Course number	RBA302				
Course title	Introduction to Law				
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV CP)				
Total hours	80				
Contact hours	32				
Independent studies	48				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory	x	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Kristaps Tamužs	LL.M	Visiting lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Kristaps Tamužs	LL.M	Visiting lecturer
Viktorija Soņeca	LL.M	Visiting lecturer
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course is aimed at introducing the students with instruments for approaching and understanding law. The participants of the course will explore the relationship between (different conceptions) of justice. They will be introduced to the basic ingredients of legal systems and will be provided with a set of techniques used to analyse and apply the law and to determine the appropriate weight that should be accorded to different sources of law. The students will be introduced to various branches of law and will learn about the different way law operates in those areas.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Exam	50%
Midterm exam	15%
Seminar participation	35%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Half of the grade for the course will be determined by the final exam which will consist of a multiple-choice segment and a case-study. Further 15% of the grade will come from the results of the midterm exam which will be in a multiple-choice format. Lastly, 35% of the grade can be obtained by active participation in the seminars.

The attendance of the course is not mandatory; nevertheless, the non-attendance of seminars will inevitably adversely impact the grade for the participation in seminars. The absence of lectures might negatively affect the students' ability to participate in the seminars in a meaningful manner as well as their performance at the exams.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1	Relationship between law and justice.	4
2	Legal norm. Sources of law. Hierarchy of sources of law.	12
3	Introduction to various branches of law.	4
4	The interpretation and application of a legal rule. Methods of interpretation. The relations between the different methods. Further development of law.	8
5	Course wrap-up; midterm exam	4