RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW

Course Outline

Course number	**RTL104**					
Course title	**Cybercrime and Cybersecurity**					
Credit points	3 ECT					
Total hours	75					
Contact hours	24					
Independent studies	51					
Course level	Masters					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	Mandatory	x	Restricted elective	X	Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

Name	***Academic degree***	***Academic position***
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course provides students with an understanding of the regulation of cybercrime both on an international and national level. The topic is contextualized and framed utilizing the latest developments in international law that affect both the national criminal law definitions of cybercrime offenses as well as international co-operation between states in criminal investigations. The course is not focused on any specific national criminal law system, rather it is focused around the definitions of cybercrime as derived from the key international treaties, the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the UN Cybercrime Convention. Comparisons and discussions on the implications of the differences between the two instruments are discussed during the lectures. As a result of the utilization of the treaties, the course primes students from various jurisdictions to the applicable definitions of cybercrime, which will be derived from the treaties that their own state is a part to.

In addition, the course will discuss the mechanisms for international cross-border co-operation in the prosecution of cybercrime. Jurisdictional challenges will be discussed, as will the various means that states have in acquiring digital evidence in cross-border cases. Furthermore, the course will utilize case studies and discussions seminars to enable students to apply the definitions of cybercrime in practical situations. The impact and challenges that emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence will be addressed during the course.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	**Weighting**
Cyber Crime Case – Take Home Assignment	50%
Exam – in-class	50%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND AI USE POLICY

The take home assignment consists of a fictional cybercrime case. The students must solve the case by utilizing the applicable law(s). The assignment will be given after the 8th session, and the task must be submitted by the 8th of January 2027. Students must work on their own, as it is an individual task. Any incidents of plagiarism or undisclosed AI use will be reported. AI may not be used to solve the case or to produce the written content of the solution. Language corrections and formatting through the use of AI is allowed, if disclosed clearly in the submission. The task must be solved in writing while complying with the word limit that is stated in the case instructions.

The final exam will consist of a Moodle exam that must be completed in-class. The exam combines multiple choice questions and short essay questions. The total amount of points available for the exam is 50. Students will have 1 h and 30 minutes to complete the exam. The exam is open book. AI may not be used to solve the questions.