

Course Outline

Course number	RBA311
Course title	Comparative Administrative Law
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV CP)
Total hours	80
Lecture hours	32
Course level	Bachelor
Prerequisites	None

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

Name	Academic degree	Academic position	
Aleksandrs Potaičuks	Dr. iur.	Visiting docent	

COURSE TEACHERS

Name	Academic degree	Academic position
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COURSE ABSTRACT

Administrative law deals with adjusting relationships between the individual and government. A practitioner in this field must always contemplate whether the government at federal, provincial or municipal level has used its powers according to the law. Thus, the course provides an introduction in administrative law by focusing on such topics as definition of administrative act and action, principles of administrative law, administrative procedure, judicial review and transnational administrative acts. Differences between common and continental law theories of administrative law will also be included.

Similarly, the course will focus on new challenges that the development of Europeanization brings to administrative bodies. As well, due to the excessive influence of European Union level law in national systems of administrative law, the course also introduces on how the European Union law is amending some of the basic aspects of public and administrative law of its Member States and how legal practitioners can apply the European Union law in national legal orders. The course presents vital and practical picture on the relationship between national and the European Union law.

The course consists of lectures supported by and combined with problem-solving seminars. Seminars include participation in practical exercises e.g., preparation of appeals of decisions of various state institutions (e.g. State Revenue Service and Competition Supervision Authority) and case studies. Students will have the opportunity to conclude the course by participating in a simulation based on the subjects discussed at classes.

The course will be examined on the basis of two mid-term tests and an exam.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course focuses on developing problem solving competency in legal disputes relating to administrative law. The aim of the course is to introduce students with the basic concepts of administrative law and describe how the law is applied in practice. After finishing the course students will be able to express brief legal opinion in written or oral, thus giving their legal position in administrative law disputes.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Test I	20%
Test II	20%
Exam	60%

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Introduction in administrative law (powers delegated to the executive branch, division of public and private law, Administrative law amongst other public law fields)	1,5
2	Definition of administrative act and action. Review of administrative contracts	3
3	Principles of Administrative Law	3
4	Administrative procedure	1,5
5	Judicial review	1,5
6	Comparison of regulation in different states	3
7	Transnational administrative acts	3
8	Introduction in EU administrative law	4,5