

## Course Outline

<b>Course number</b>	RBA127				
<b>Course title</b>	Legal Research Methods				
<b>Credit points</b>	3 ECTS (2 LV CP)				
<b>Total hours</b>	80				
<b>Contact hours</b>	32				
<b>Independent studies</b>	48				
<b>Course level</b>	Bachelor				
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>X</b>	Elective		Free elective

### COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Anastasija Kaplane	LL.M	Lecturer

### COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Anastasija Kaplane	LL.M	Lecturer
Inga Jēkabsone	Dr.sc.admin	Researcher, Visiting Lecturer

### COURSE ABSTRACT

This course provides an introduction to research in social sciences in general, and *legal* research in particular. Students will become familiar with the main approaches to legal research and the key elements of writing legal research papers.

Students are encouraged to actively participate in both lectures and seminar sessions.

**Please note: passing this course is a mandatory precondition to be admitted to writing a Y1 Research Paper.**

## GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Mid-term exam (in-class, open-book)	40%
Final exam (take-home)	60%

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to pass the course, a student has to pass the mid-term exam and final exam.

If a student does not participate in the mid-term exam, the grade for the respective component is "0". If a student receives a negative grade for a mid-term exam, it is not possible to retake it.

If a student fails the final exam or if the final grade of the course is negative, a student is entitled to take a re-exam. As the final exam, the re-exam grade counts as 60% of the final grade. If after the re-exam the final grade is still negative, the student has to retake the course.

## COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Conducting research: practical aspects	16
2	Qualitative research methods	14
3	Quantitative research methods	2