

Course Outline

Course number	RBC507				
Course title	Private International Law				
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV)				
Total hours	80				
Contact hours	32				
Independent studies	48				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	Introduction to Civil Law and Contract Law				
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Fillers	PhD	Assistant Professor

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Fillers	PhD	Assistant Professor

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course introduces students to three key areas of private international law (PIL): 1) international jurisdiction; 2) conflict of laws (applicable law); 3) recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. The course opens with an overview of the notion of PIL, its sources and history. The course continues by introducing students to the theoretical underpinnings of the Brussels Ibis Regulation and teaches its application to practical cases. Final sessions provide students with the necessary theoretical foundation to identify the main characteristics of conflict-of-laws rules and develop their skills of working with the Rome I and Rome II Regulations.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Mid-term exam	40%
Final exam	60%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Missed lectures and seminars. Students must be present in a least 5 lectures and 4 seminars. In case a student is unable to participate in a lecture/seminar, he/she must immediately inform the course responsible. The will be requested to submit a homework assignment. Students that do not fulfil these criteria will not be allowed to sit in the final exam.

2. Failed mid-term exam. If a student has failed his/her mid-term exam (either due to an absence or an unsatisfactory grade), he/she will not be able to re-take the mid-term exam. However, the student preserves the right to submit the final exam. The grade (from 0 to 3) of the failed mid-term exam will be used to calculate the overall grade. If the overall grade is below 4, the student must retake the whole course.

3. Failed final exam. If a student has failed his/her final exam (either due to a non-submission or an unsatisfactory grade), he/she has a right to re-take the exam. If the student does not submit sit in the re-take exam or receives an unsatisfactory grade in the re-take exam, he/she must retake the whole course. If after the re-take exam, the overall grade is below 4, the student must retake the whole course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	General understanding of the scope, subject matter and role of private international law. Understanding the interrelationship between procedural, conflict of laws and substantive law matters. The need for, the structure and the limits of EU harmonization of private international law fact patterns.	2
2	International civil procedure: jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement issues.	14
3	Conflict of laws I: general principles and conflict-of-laws rules on personal and legal persons, property and inheritance.	4
4	Conflict of laws II: Rome I and Rome II Regulations	12