

Course Outline

Course number	RBE340		
Course title	Latin for Lawyers		
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV CP)		
Total hours	80		
Contact hours	32		
Independent studies	48		
Course level	Bachelor		
Prerequisites	None		
Category	Mandatory	Restricted elective	Free elective x

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

Name	Academic degree	Academic position	
Ilona Gorņeva	Dr. Philol.	Visiting assist.prof.	

COURSE TEACHER

Name	Academic degree	Academic position
Ilona Gorņeva	Dr. Philol.	Visiting assist.prof.

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course mostly focuses on acquiring the basics of the Latin language, which are essential for the legal language. On successful completion of the course, students will gain an understanding of the basics of Latin grammar, will be able to operate independently with the most frequently used phrases and general terminology relevant to jurisprudence. In addition to the above, during the course, students will gain an understanding of the general course of development of Latin as a classical language, its importance and role in the language of the so-called bureaucratic apparatus, as well as in the general processes of terminological formation.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Weekly assignments (homeworks and tasks during the seminars)	25%
Mid-term test (take-home)	25%
Final assignment – written exam	50%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to pass the course, students must complete one take-home test (individually and independently certain topics must be developed and submitted in writing) and the final exam of the course (in written form during the examination week). In the above-mentioned tests, based on the content learned during the course, students must be able to operate (translate, put together, recognize and the like) with individual Latin word forms, word collocations, sentences and terminology.

In addition, weekly assignments must be completed (homework related to the acquired material, completion of various practical tasks during seminars), for which one joint assessment is received at the end of the course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Introduction. Latin and law: the aspects of language development. Pronunciation.	2
2	Latin noun: the 1 st and the 2 nd declension nouns. Adjective of the 1 st and 2 nd declension. Irregular verb <i>esse</i> . Vocabulary and text comprehension.	6
3	Latin verb of 4 conjugations. Verb in a sentence. Vocabulary and text comprehension.	8
4	Latin noun: the 3 rd declension nouns and adjectives. Pronouns. Vocabulary and text comprehension.	8
5	Participles. Latin noun: the 4 th and 5 th declension. Vocabulary and text comprehension.	4
6	Comparative and superlative. Vocabulary and text comprehension.	4