



## Course Outline

<b>Course number</b>	<b>RBA213</b>
<b>Course title</b>	<b>Introduction to Diplomacy</b>
<b>Credit points</b>	<b>3 ECTS</b>
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Lecture hours</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Course level</b>	<b>Bachelor</b>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>None</b>

### COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Didzis Kļaviņš	PhD	Visiting Lecturer

### COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Didzis Kļaviņš	PhD	Visiting Lecturer; Senior Researcher
Gints Jegermanis	MA	Visiting Lecturer

### COURSE ABSTRACT

The course provides the students with an all-encompassing overview of what the diplomatic sphere has been and what are the differences with what it is now. In order to provide this comparison a step by step analysis is taken of the diplomatic procedure, embassy responsibilities, Vienna convention and other important aspects of the diplomat's daily duties.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the course is to look through the development of the diplomatic sphere. Therefore, the course is expected to ensure a deep understanding of the challenges faced by traditional diplomacy as well as identify developments from the shift to modern day diplomacy.

The course will have a strong theoretical basis as well as a more practical approach. Within the theoretical basis, the students will achieve greater insight into the evolution of the diplomatic sphere, the functions of a diplomat, consulate and embassy. While in the practical part challenging hypothetical scenarios will be analysed in which students will have to apply the theories established together with the changing circumstances in the economic, legal and political fields.

### GRADING CRITERIA

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
1. Active participation in seminar/group work – Session 4 by Didzis Klavins	10%
2. Seminar task by Gints Jegermanis	20%
3. Quiz – Session 15 by Didzis Klavins	10%
4. Exam	60%

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

In order to pass the course, the students are required to take part in class-seminar/group work (Session 4), complete seminar task, pass a multiple choice test (quiz) and closed-book exam.

**COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS**

<b>No.</b>	<b><i>Main subjects</i></b>	<b><i>Planned hours</i></b>
1	The evolution of diplomacy	4
2	Theoretical diplomacy and what it means in the modern world	8
3	Diplomatic practice: procedure, relations, and embassy work	12
4	Types of modern diplomacy	6