

Course Outline

Course number	RBE347					
Course title	Privacy and EU Data protection law					
Credit points	3 (ECTS)					
Total hours	75					
Contact hours	32					
Independent studies	43					
Course level	Bachelor					
Prerequisites	Human Rights					
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	x	Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Potaičuks	PhD	Docent

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Potaičuks, certified trainer of the Council of Europe's HELP programme	PhD	Docent

COURSE ABSTRACT

This course is aimed at introducing the students with key concepts and principles of privacy and data protection law. On one hand, students will profoundly study the General Data Protection Regulation and Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights. And, on other hand, students will learn how practically the data protection is implemented in practice, including setting up a corporate data protection management system that today is required at any organisation.

The course integrates the Council of Europe's HELP course on "Data Protection and Privacy Rights". The teacher is a certified trainer of the Council of Europe's HELP programme. This gives students the opportunity to learn more about the unique data protection mechanisms under the Council of Europe system. In addition to the RGSL classes, students will have access

to the Council of Europe's HELP course on "Data Protection and Privacy Rights", which offers a comprehensive curriculum that interactively covers the key concepts, the Council of Europe and EU legal framework, and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

This course is intended to be rather practical than theoretical. Students will be introduced with many judgments of European courts as well as will have an opportunity to prepare their portfolio of documents that help to implement corporate data protection management system as well as to preserve right to privacy.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria*	Weighting
Mid-term exam	40
Final exam	60

* If a student submits a statement of accomplishment from the Council of Europe course "Data Protection and Privacy Rights" before the final lecture, their final grade may be increased by one point.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course will be examined on the basis of one mid-term test and an exam. Sequentially next examination (the exam) can be taken only if the previous examination has been successfully passed. In addition to the classroom examination, students will have the opportunity to complete a Council of Europe online course. If a student submits a statement of accomplishment from the Council of Europe before the final lecture, their final grade may be increased by one point.

Attendance at lectures is highly recommended, but generally not compulsory. However, attendance at seminars and successful participation is mandatory. During the whole course, students can miss or fail only two seminars. Passive participation in seminars, failed seminar or not submitting papers or presentations required by the course teacher will be considered as missed seminar.

If the student has missed more than two seminars, the next examination (either the mid-term test or the exam) is not allowed.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1.	Protection of privacy as a fundamental right	4
2.	International data protection legal frameworks	2

3.	Key Principles of General Data Protection Regulation	22
4.	Freedom of information, access to documents held by the EU institutions and protection of commercial secrecy	4