



**RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW**

Course Outline

Course number	RMF 201					
Course title	International Investment Law					
Credit points	3 ECTS					
Total hours	75					
Contact hours	24					
Independent studies	51					
Course level	Masters					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Güneş Ünüvar	Ph.D.	Visiting Professor

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT

This course examines the treaty-based international legal framework governing foreign investment. It covers treaty interpretation, jurisdiction and admissibility, expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, full protection and security, national treatment and most-favoured-nation treatment. The course also considers the interaction between investment protection and the host State's regulatory powers, using the space sector as a focused application. Lectures are combined with treaty and arbitral case analysis.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge

1. The sources, structure and development of international investment law;
2. treaty interpretation;
3. jurisdiction and admissibility in investor–State arbitration;
4. substantive standards of treatment;
5. the relationship between investment protection and regulatory autonomy;
6. the application of investment law to regulated sectors, including space activities;
7. the contemporary criticism of investment law and proposed reforms.

Skills

8. interpret investment treaty provisions;
9. classify jurisdictional and merits issues;
10. compare arbitral approaches;
11. identify legally relevant facts
12. construct a reasoned written analysis

Competencies

13. Ability to independently analyse conceptual and factual problems;
14. select and apply the relevant treaty standards and exceptions;
15. evaluate competing arguments from investor and State perspectives;
16. communicate a concise legal conclusion

GRADING CRITERIA

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>
Mid-term multiple-choice test	30%
Final written examination	70%