

**FACULTY OF SOCIETY AND SCIENCE
STUDY COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Course Title:	Latvian Language and Culture II				
Course code (LAIS):	Valo2013				
Study programme:	<i>Study course for exchange students</i>				
Level of Study programme:	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st level professional higher education			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Bachelor			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PhD level			
Type of Study programme:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compulsory course (Part A)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization courses (Part B, compulsory)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization optional courses (Part B, optional)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elective courses (Part C)			
Course Workload:	Credits	ECTS	Academic hours	Contact hours	Independent work hours
	4	6	160	64	96
Course Author/ Tutor:	Guest lecturer: Mg.sc.sc. Zane Berzina				
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	Consultation: according to the schedule for each semester: on individual arrangement				
Course Form:	Full time				
Study year, semester:	Autumn				
Language:	English, Latvian				
Prerequisites for the Course:	-				
Course Summary:	Introduction into the Latvian language and culture by learning the basics of the language, providing insight into Latvian traditions and culture.				
Course Methods:	Interactive classes, site, fair and tradition visits.				
Assessment:	Tests: midterm and final; interactive classes				
Requirements for Credits:	Attendance, participation, tests (passed)				
Course Contents:	Latvian as an Indo-European language: specifics of the language; daily phrases, basic vocabulary: nouns, verbs, adjectives; Declination of nouns: accusative and locative case; personal information in the 1 st and 3 rd person; pastime activities, food and drink; places and objects in the city; national meals, well-known Latvians, music and culture, Latvian signs and folk costumes.				
Learning Outcomes; the evaluation methods and criteria	Learning Outcomes			The evaluation methods and criteria	
	Knowledge				
	Daily phrases and telling about oneself			Test I (midterm) speaking part	
	Recognizing genders, sg/pl of nouns; use of Accusative and Locative endings			Test I (writing part)	
	Usage of verbs, adjectives and other parts of speech			Test II (final – writing)	
	Reading and understanding simple sentences.			Test II (Final – writing)	
	Skills				
	Daily interaction phrases in everyday use			Used daily and in class	
	Memorising frequently used words in Latvian, forming simple sentences, understanding menu; speaking about self.			Completing home tasks and practicing in class.	
	Getting familiar with Latvian culture, geography, brief history, well-known people, and specific traditions.			Presentations and site visits attended. Questions un tests.	
Competency					

	Basic use and understanding of the Latvian language. Familiarity with specifics of Latvian culture and traditions.	
Course Compulsory literature:	Compilation of the Latvian language learning/teaching material handed out in the class. Author of the compilation: Mg.sc.sc. Zane Berzina.	
Course additional literature:	Latvian in Three Months, D.Dumpe, Zvaigzne ABC; Latvian in 25 lessons, A. Svarinska, Zvaigzne ABC; K.Poikāns “Es protu latviešu valodu”, Zvaigzne ABC, and online resources.	
Course confirmation date:		
Date of course description update:	19.02.2018.	

Study Course Plan:

Date	Theme	Academic hours		Study Form
		Contact hours	Independent work hours	
<i>The date is specified before the implementation of the course</i>	Introduction into the Latvian language: ABC, letters, sounds, list of nouns; polite daily phrases.	6	6	In-class
	Personal information, pastime activities and “to be” conjugation	6	6	In -class
	Food and Drink: preferences; ordering at a cafe.	6	8	In-class
	Learning about declination of nouns: emphasis on Accusative, Locative, Dative cases.	12	8	In-class
	Learning verbs and specifics of verbs in present, past and future tenses	12	8	In-class
	Learning numbers, adjectives and prepositions.	6	6	In class
	Practice speaking about oneself and the 3 rd person singular.	4	6	In-class
	Learning about Latvia`s history, national celebrations and traditions	4	8	In class and a museum visit
	Presentation on Latvian national food, traditions, folk, post folk and pop-rock music bands.	2	6	Attending a concert
	Visit of a farmers fair.	2	6	On site
	Attendance of a Latvian celebration or tradition.	2	6	On site
	Presentation about well-known Latvians in the world and tourist attraction sites in Latvia and Riga.	2	22	In class and independent visit to Riga
Hours total:		64	96	