

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

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>International Legal Environment of Business</b>				
<b>Course code (LAIS):</b>	<b>JurZ5001</b>				
<b>Study programme:</b>	<b>Business Environment Administration</b>				
<b>Level of Study programme:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st level professional higher education			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Bachelor			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Professional Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PhD level			
<b>Type of Study programme:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compulsory course (Part A)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization courses (Part B, compulsory)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization optional courses (Part B, optional)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elective courses (Part C)			
<b>Course Workload:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Academic hours</b>	<b>Contact hours</b>	<b>Independent work hours</b>
	2	3	80	24	56
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	Consultation: according to the schedule for each semester				
<b>Study Form:</b>	Full time studies				
<b>Study year, semester:</b>	Year 1, Semester 2				
<b>Language:</b>	English				
<b>Prerequisites for the Course:</b>	-				
<b>Course Summary:</b>	<p>The course is intended to raise and develop the students' knowledge and orientation in basic legal issues of international business law. Students will be introduced with main sources, system, parties and principles of the international business law and its sources as well as developed their critical and analytical thinking via case studies, reading of suggested laws, literature, judgments and contracts (employment, service, gift, lease, rent, loan, lending, sales, carriage etc.). Students will be trained to analytical thinking and legal reasoning, interpretation skills development, business negotiations, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution skills through independent and team work.</p>				
<b>Assessment:</b>	Active participation in workshops, presentation of group and individual work, exam.				
<b>Requirements for Credits:</b>	<p><b>Assessment methods:</b> participation evaluation (+/-); presentations (1-10); completion of mid-test or individual assignment and exam (1-10).</p> <p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (20 %) – <b>Case studies in seminars and active listening during lectures;</b></li> <li>– Presentations (5 minutes) on 15 and 22 February 2019;</li> <li>• <b>Mid-test (30%)</b></li> <li>• Exam (50%)</li> </ul>				
	<b>Abiding by the Academic Ethics</b>	<p>Students must abide by the academic and research ethics, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences Ethics Regulations, incl.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– study papers must be independently developed;</li> <li>– the study work should reference all statements, ideas and data used that have been authored by someone else;</li> <li>– appropriate data acquisition methods should be used in the acquisition of data, the research ethics must be respected, empirical data must be collected independently and cannot be distorted or falsified;</li> <li>– the examination must be carried out by the student independently, without the use of supporting materials and/or consultations with other students, unless the lecturer states otherwise.</li> </ul> <p>In the event of non-compliance with the academic and research ethics, punishment is imposed in accordance with the ViA Ethics Regulations and the study course must be re-</p>			

	taken, unless the punishment is extramarital.	
<b>Learning Outcomes; the evaluation methods and criteria</b>	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>The evaluation methods and criteria</b>
	<b>Knowledge</b>	
	understand the notion, system of the international business law, main transactions as well as basic understanding international business law issues	Group works
	know the interpretation of law methods and other crucial theoretical questions of international business law studied during the lectures and seminars	Lecture, seminar
	<b>Skills</b>	
	know how to solve practical legal issues (summarizing of relevant facts, finding core issue, stating necessary argumentation and applying appropriate articles of law).	Seminars, group works,
	to apply obtained civil law knowledge in practice and to find the most appropriate solution for the problem.	Group works, discussions,
	<b>Competency</b>	
to analyze and reflect critically on various possibilities of interpretation of international business law	individual assignments	
<b>Course Compulsory literature:</b>	<p>Commercial Law of Latvia          Law on Governance of Capital Shares of a Public Person and Capital Companies          Law On European Companies          Group of Companies Law          Competition Law          Unfair Retail Trade Practices Prohibition Law          Advertising Law          Labour Law of Latvia          Insolvency Law          Law On Information Society Services          Consumer Rights Protection Law          Regulations Regarding Distance Contracts etc.          Internet Resources:          EU: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/doing-business-eu/company-law-and-corporate-governance_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/doing-business-eu/company-law-and-corporate-governance_en</a>          - World Intellectual Property Organization: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en">http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en</a>          - Directive - Directive 2017/1132 relating to certain aspects of company law</p>	
<b>Course additional literature:</b>	<p>COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2157/2001 of 8 October 2001 on the Statute for a European company (SE)          Conventions of the International Labour Organisation (No. 97, 98, 135, 144, 154, 155, 158) – available at: <a href="http://www.ilo.org">www.ilo.org</a>          - United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980) (CISG). As of 2018          - Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, available at: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/legal_texts/trtdocs_wo015.html">http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/legal_texts/trtdocs_wo015.html</a>          - New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958, available at: <a href="http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/arbitration/NYConvention.html">http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/arbitration/NYConvention.html</a>          - European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration of 1961, available at: <a href="http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/europe.international.commercial.arbitration.convention.geneva.1961/">http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/europe.international.commercial.arbitration.convention.geneva.1961/</a>  <i>UNICTRAL Arbitration Rules</i>, available at: <a href="http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/arbitration/arb-rules/arb-rules.pdf">http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/arbitration/arb-rules/arb-rules.pdf</a>          - <i>UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration</i>, available at:</p>	

[http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/arbitration/ml-arb/07-86998\\_Ebook.pdf](http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/arbitration/ml-arb/07-86998_Ebook.pdf).

- *International Chamber of Commerce Rules of Arbitration*, available at:

<http://www.iccwbo.org/court/arbitration/id4199/index.html>.

- London Court of International arbitration rules of arbitration, available at

[http://www.lcia.org/Dispute\\_Resolution\\_Services/LCIA\\_Arbitration\\_Rules.aspx](http://www.lcia.org/Dispute_Resolution_Services/LCIA_Arbitration_Rules.aspx).

- Rules applicable to antitrust enforcement, Vol 1,

[http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook\\_vol\\_1.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook_vol_1.pdf), pp. 12 – 16.

- Rules applicable to antitrust enforcement, Vol 1,

[http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook\\_vol\\_1.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook_vol_1.pdf).

Rules applicable to antitrust enforcement, Vol 2,

[http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook\\_vol\\_2.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/legislation/handbook_vol_2.pdf).

- Convention on Contract for the International Sale of Goods (1980)

- INCOTERMS 2010, International Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2010

- The Hague-Visby Rules (carriage by sea), available at:

<http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/sea.carriage.hague.visby.rules.1968/>.

- Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road

(CMR)(carriage by road), available at:

<http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/un.cmr.road.carriage.contract.convention.1956/>.

- Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air

(Montreal Convention) (carriage by air), available at:

<http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/air.carriage.unification.convention.montreal.1999/>.

- Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by

Air, (Warsaw Convention) (carriage by air), available at:

<http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/air.carriage.warsaw.convention.1929/>.

- International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), Model Rules for

Freight Forwarding Services available at: <http://www.fiata.com/>.

United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (carriage by sea), available

at: <http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/un.sea.carriage.hamburg.rules.1978/>.

- UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, available at:

<http://www.unidroit.org/english/principles/contracts/principles2004/blackletter2004.pdf>.

- The Principles of European Contract Law (PECL), available at:

<http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/eu.contract.principles.parts.1.to.3.2002/>.

Conclusions and recommendations for Latvia's corporate governance framework,

OECD: [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/corporate-governance-in-latvia/conclusions-and-recommendations-for-latvia-s-corporate-governance-framework\\_9789264268180-7-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/corporate-governance-in-latvia/conclusions-and-recommendations-for-latvia-s-corporate-governance-framework_9789264268180-7-en)

- OECD recommendations Latvia: [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub\\_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub\\_countryId&value2=country%2Flv](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub_countryId&value2=country%2Flv)

- OECD recommendations Latvia: [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub\\_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub\\_countryId&value2=country%2Flv](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub_countryId&value2=country%2Flv)

- OECD recommendations Latvia: [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub\\_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub\\_countryId&value2=country%2Flv](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/search?option1=pub_themeId&value1=theme%2Foecd-40&value1=theme%2Foecd-79&value1=theme%2Foecd-45&value1=theme%2Foecd-78&option2=pub_countryId&value2=country%2Flv)

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<b>Course confirmation date:</b>	06.01.2020.
<b>Date of course description update:</b>	

### Study Course Plan:

Date	Theme	Academic hours		Study Form/ Organization of independent work of students and task description
		Contact hours	Independent work hours	
<i>The date is specified before the implementation of the course</i>	Introduction to International Business Law: sources, main actors and system	2	6	Lectures
	Contract law and main contracts: labor, service, sales, carriage, lease etc.	4	8	Lectures, seminars,
	Intellectual Property: trademarks, designs, patents and copy rights.	2	6	Lectures, seminars,
	Commercial Dispute Avoidance and Resolution	2	6	Lectures, seminars,
	Basics on Competition and Consumer Protection	2	6	Lectures, seminars,
	Corporate Finance and Taxation	2	6	Lectures, seminars,
	Expansion of business: Mergers and Acquisitions	2	6	Lectures, seminars,
	Mid-test	2	6	Test
	Case studies	2	6	
	Presentations	2	6	
	Exam	2		Written exam
	<b>Hours total:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56</b>	