

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

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Latvian Language and Culture</b>				
<b>Course code (LAIS):</b>					
<b>Study programme:</b>					
<b>Level of Study programme:</b>	<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			
<b>Type of Study programme:</b>	<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 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	32	48
<b>Course Author/ Tutor:</b>	<b>Name Surname</b>				
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	Consultation: on individual arrangement				
<b>Course Form:</b>	Full time				
<b>Study year, semester:</b>	Spring, 2018				
<b>Language:</b>	English/Latvian				
<b>Prerequisites for the Course:</b>	-				
<b>Course Summary:</b>	Introduction into the Latvian language and culture by learning the basics of the language and providing insight into Latvian traditions and culture.				
<b>Course Methods:</b>	Interactive classes, site, fair and tradition visits.				
<b>Assessment:</b>	Mid-term and final test				
<b>Requirements for Credits:</b>	Attendance, participation, tests (passed).				
<b>Course Contents:</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> person; pastime activities, food and drink; places and objects in the city; national meals, well-known Latvians, music and culture, Latvian signs and folk customs.				
<b>Learning Outcomes; the evaluation methods and criteria</b>	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>			<b>The evaluation methods and criteria</b>	
	<b>Knowledge</b>				
	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 (midterm) writing part	
	Usage of verbs, adjectives and other parts of speech			Test II (final) (in writing)	
	Reading and understanding simple sentences.			Test II	
	<b>Skills</b>				
	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 in tests.	
	<b>Competency</b>				
Basic use and understanding of the Latvian					

	language. Familiarity with specifics of Latvian culture and traditions.
<b>Course Compulsory literature:</b>	Compilation of the Latvian language learning/teaching material handed out in the class. Author: Mg.sc.sc. Zane Berzina.
<b>Course additional literature:</b>	Latvian in Three Months, D.Dumpe, Zvaigzne ABC; Latvian in 25 lessons, A. Svarinska; K.Poikāns "Es protu latviešu valodu", Zvaigzne ABC, online resources.
<b>Course confirmation date:</b>	
<b>Date of course description update:</b>	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.	4	4	In-class
	Personal information, pastime activities and "to be" conjugation	4	4	In-class
	Food and Drink: preferences; ordering at a cafe.	4	4	In-class
	Learning about declination of nouns: emphasis on Accusative and Locative cases.	6	6	In-class
	Learning verbs and specifics of verbs	6	6	In-class
	Learning numbers, adjectives and prepositions	4	4	In-class
	Presentation on Latvian national food, traditions, folk, post folk and pop-rock music bands.	2	2	In-class
	Presentation about well-known Latvian in the world and tourist attraction sites in Latvia.	2	14	In-class, independent travel to Riga, Cesis or Sigulda
	Visit of a farmers fair.		4	Site visit
	<b>Hours total:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	