

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

Course Title:	Latvian Language and Culture				
Course code (LAIS):	Valo2013				
Study programme:	Study course for exchange students				
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
	2	3	80	32	48
Course Author/ Tutor:	Lecturer: Mg. philol. Baiba Pāvule-Malnača				
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	Consultation: according to the schedule for each semester				
Study 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:	Lectures, practical sessions, individual and group work, analysis of intercultural situations, dialogues, role plays, work with texts and audio-visual materials, presentations, tests, final exam.				
Assessment:	Midterm and final tests				
Requirements for Credits:	Attendance of lectures, active participation in practical sessions, all independent and group assignments completed, all presentations done, all written assignments submitted in a timely fashion (adhering to the requirements), all tests should have a positive assessment (at least 51%), the final exam should have a positive assessment (the received grade – at least 4). The final grade consists of semester work (70%) and final exam (30%).				
Course contents:	Latvian as an Indo-European language: specifics of the language: nouns, verbs, adjectives. First contact - greeting, saying goodbye. Cultural entertainment and sport activities. Discussion about personal interests, their comparison, likes and dislikes. Food and shopping for it. Meals. Daily routine. Latvian national anthem and flag, seasonal celebrations, traditions, virtues.				
Learning Outcomes; the evaluation methods and criteria	Learning Outcomes			The evaluation methods and criteria	
	Knowledge				
	Students will know the most commonly used expressions.			Tests, examination	
	Students will gain an understanding about interaction with Latvians in everyday context.			Dialogues, analysis of intercultural situations	
Students will understand grammar and sentence construction learnt on the course.			Tests, examination		

	Skills
	Students will be able to independently acquire, select and analyse information on specific topics in Latvian. Dialogues, role plays, group work, presentations
	Students will be able to independently structure their studies; use some Latvian sources of information. Work with text and audio-visual materials, group work, tests
	Students will be able to demonstrate the required level of understanding of the Latvian language and to apply this knowledge in everyday life. Dialogues, role plays, group work, presentations
	Competency
	Students will be able to evaluate their own and their teammates' work. Presentations and group work
	Students will be able to analyse intercultural situations and provide solutions. They will be familiar with specifics of Latvian culture and traditions. Work with text and audio-visual materials, group work, tests
	Students will understand and observe professional ethics. All course assignments
Course Compulsory literature:	Compilation of the Latvian language learning/teaching material handed out in the class. Author of the compilation: Mg.philol. Baiba Pāvule-Malnača
Course additional literature:	Teach yourself Latvian, Tereze Silvane Bartholomew, McGraw-Hill, Latvian in Three Months, D.Dumpe, Zvaigzne ABC; Latvian in 25 lessons, A. Svarinska, Zvaigzne ABC; Es protu latviešu valodu, K.Poikāns, Zvaigzne ABC, Bear's Ears, I. Zauberga, A. Veisbergs, A. Chesterman, Zinātne Publishers and online resources.
Course confirmation date:	
Date of course description update:	09.03.2021

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>	First contact - greeting, saying goodbye.	8	12	In-class
	Cultural entertainment and sport activities.	8	12	In-class
	Daily routine. Food, shopping for food. Meals.	8	12	In-class
	Presentations on Latvian seasonal national anthem and flag, celebrations, traditions, folklore.	8	12	In-class and on site
Hours total:		32	48	