

2024/2025 FACT SHEET

Updated 26 March 2024

Name of the institution	RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW (RGSL) <i>In Latvian: Rīgas Juridiskā augstskola</i>																							
ERASMUS code	LV RIGA34																							
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Website	Incoming students																							
Nominations	Official nominations of incoming students for the Autumn semester or full year to be submitted online in the period 1 April-10 May (request NOMINATION LINK via email ulla@rgsl.edu.lv) A separate round of nominations accepted for the Spring semester only in the period 15 September-15 October (request special NOMINATION LINK via email ulla@rgsl.edu.lv)																							
Registration Documents	Link to student registration online : 1 April- 1 June (for autumn or full year) and 15 September - 1 November (for spring). Documents to be submitted: 1) academic transcript from home university - in English, 2) passport or EU ID card copy, 3) scanned photo (passport size, official style) Acceptance letter will be sent as email message <u>within 2 weeks after the registration deadline (by 15 June or 15 November respectively)</u> . RGSL is using Erasmus+ Online Learning Agreement (a separate submission from above online registration). If other approval formats are necessary, incoming students or coordinators are kindly requested to make individual arrangement with RGSL Erasmus office (ulla@rgsl.edu.lv)																							
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<p>Courses</p>	<p>Course study subject lists will be available by end-May/June for Autumn semester, and by mid-November/December for Spring semester. Guidelines for incoming students will provide instructions section on how to combine subjects in order to avoid schedule overlaps.</p> <p>Most study courses are available to exchange students. <i>Exception: supervised writing of Research Papers and Thesis are not available to incoming exchange students.</i></p> <p>We kindly ask nominated students not to submit early drafts of Online Learning Agreements, but wait till updated subject lists are published in June (or November for spring).</p> <p>RGSL is using EWP Dashboard OLA / Erasmus+ Online Learning Agreement</p> <p>In OLA indicate as <u>signatory, responsible, contact</u> info of receiving/host institution: LV RIGA34 - Riga Graduate School of Law Ulla Zumente-Steele, ERASMUS Institutional coordinator, e-mail ulla@rgsl.edu.lv</p>																												
<p>Language requirements</p>	<p>The working and study language at RGSL is ENGLISH. RGSL does <u>not require</u> Erasmus students to submit proof of English language test, rather we trust partners to select qualified students. Recommended level – C1 (minimum B2). Students are strongly advised to strengthen legal English language skills – both written and oral – before the arrival.</p>																												
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<p>Housing, Visa Living costs</p>	<p>Students must find their own accommodation (RGSL does not have dormitories). Guidelines for Incoming Students include a special section on suggestions for accommodation based on previous student feedback. Website: Incoming students</p>																												
<p>Health insurance</p>	<p>Students must have acquired health insurance when arriving in Latvia: a European Health Card (for EU applicants), and private travel and medical insurance is strongly recommended.</p>																												