

# An Introduction to International Business Law

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## Course Description

Professional business is less and less bound to national legal frameworks and economies. Today, almost all business transactions include cross-border elements. This reality increasingly is reflected in day-to-day business activities, of course, but also in social and political events, such as the way in which international crises affect economies and businesses alike.

By contrast, the majority of law is national. More and more, however, especially over the last 60 years, we are witnessing a process of juridification, through which international organisations, trade agreements and other international treaties grow in number and importance. In particular, the WTO sets the legal framework for international trade and even addresses important aspects of intellectual property law.

While these international rules primarily address States, the main actors in international trade and business are private persons and entities. International trade implies that these actors are confronted with different legal systems. Given considerable differences between the legal families, international treaties aim to internationalise private law and dispute resolution.

Rather than covering all the numerous areas of law that are implicated in the subject of international business, this course aims to provide an overview of the relevant concepts and illustrate the way different legal fields all play together in this area.

## Outline

Date	Topic
07.2.2013	<b>International Trade Law I</b>
14.2.2013	International Trade Law II, Introduction to the Law of RTAs
21.02.2013	<b>Comparative Law I</b>
28.02.2013	Comparative Law II
07.03.2013	Comparative Law III
The following dates will be subject to changes and will soon be announced	Comparative Law IV
	<b>EU-Law I</b>
	EU-Law II
	EU-Law III
	EU-Law IV
	<b>Intellectual Property Rights I</b>
	Intellectual Property Rights II
	Intellectual Property Rights III
	Intellectual Property Rights IV
	<b>EU Competition Law I</b>
	EU Competition Law II
	EU Competition Law III
	<b>Dispute Settlement &amp; Arbitration I</b>
	Dispute Settlement & Arbitration II
	Dispute Settlement & Arbitration III

*Requirements:* The joint course of the Faculty of Law and the Riga Graduate School of Law is open for students of all faculties. In order to get 3 credit points (B), participants are required to attend lectures, pass an interim examination (50 %) and pass a final examination (50 %).