

## RTU Course "Legal Aspects of International Trade"

22000 Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management

**General data**

Code	IMP408
Course title	Legal Aspects of International Trade
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice
Responsible instructor	Aldis Čevers
Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part, 2.0 Credit Points, 3.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Annotation	The study course introduces the legal framework in the field of international commercial relations, concluding transactions with persons from different countries. The study course includes questions on the concept and system of International Trade Law (STT), legal norms, codification and unification. Particular attention is paid to such sources of law as the 1980 UN (Vienna) Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the 1994 UNIDROIT Principles for International Commercial Contracts, and the INCOTERMS. The concept, conclusion, structure, content and execution of foreign trade transactions are discussed in detail. The legal framework for international transport, international settlements and insurance are also discussed.
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	The aim of the study course is to create an understanding of the STT system, the specifics of the legislation and the hierarchy. The tasks of the study course: - to develop the ability to correctly interpret and apply national and international foreign trade legislation; - to develop skills to properly compile the documents required for concluding and executing foreign trade transactions; - to create an understanding of the organization of the protection of one's interests in the dispute resolution process.
Structure and tasks of independent studies	Students independently acquire theoretical material: study material, normative acts and special literature. Students independently analyse and evaluate situations, make and justify decisions, compile samples of various documents, participate in discussions.
Recommended literature	<b>Obligātā/Obligatory:</b> Bojārs J. Starptautiskās tirdzniecības un komercijas tiesības. Starptautiskās privāttiesības V, Latvijas Universitāte, 2018. Dokumentu krājums. Mūsdienu starptautiskās un tirdzniecības tiesības. Starptautiskais civilprocess, otrs, papildinātais izdevums, Rīga, AGB, 2000.Incoterms 2000. Rīga. 2000. <b>Papildu/Additional:</b> Škoba, L., Sakārne, I., Novicka, S. 1980.gada ANO Konvencijas par starptautiskajiem preču pirkuma līguma pamatjautājumi. Latvijas Vēstnesis. 2004. Torgāns, K. Norēķinu tiesiskais regulējums. Tiesu namu aģentūra. 2004. Fogels, A. Modernās starptautiskās tiesības. Zvaigzne ABC. 2009. Bojārs, J. Starptautiskās privāttiesības. Zvaigzne ABC. 2010. Ūdris, Z., Sēle, A., Gustsons, V. Pamatzināšanas starptautiskajā tirdzniecībā. Rīga, Jāņa sēta, 1994. Bojārs, J. Starptautiskās kontraktu tiesības. Starptautiskās privāttiesības IV. Latvijas Universitāte. 2015. Hotchkiss, Carolyn, International law for Business. New York; McGraw-Hill, 1994.-XXIII, 396 p. International business law: an introduction to the legal instruments and to the legal environment of business from an international perspective / Nicolas Rouiller. Zurich: Schulthess; Hong Kong: EurAsian Scientific Editions Ltd, 2015. Mark Fenwick, Stefan Wrba. International Business Law: Emerging Fields of Regulation. Bloomsbury Academic, 2018. Michael Joachim Bonell, An International Restatement of Contract Law: The Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts. Transnational Publishers; 1995. Herbert Bernstein and Joseph Lookofsky, Understanding the CISG in Europe, Kluwer Law International, 1997. Jan Ramberg, International Commercial Transactions. Stockholm. ICC. Kluwer Law International. Norstedts Juridik AB, 1998. John, A. Spanogle, Peter Winship, International Sales Law. West, 2000. Christiana Fountoulakis, Ingeborg Schwenzer, Mariel Dimsey. International Sales Law. Routledge, 2007. Larry, A. DiMatteo. Law of International Contracting. Kluwer Law International, 2009.
Course prerequisites	Basic knowledge of economics, law, international economic relations, knowledge of foreign languages.

**Course contents**

Content	Full- and part-time intramural studies		Part time extramural studies	
	Contact Hours	Indep. work	Contact Hours	Indep. work
Introduction	2	2	1	0
Modern ITL system.	4	2	2	2
Codification and unification of the ITL.	4	2	2	4

Foreign trade transactions.	14	20	5	30
Procedures for the solutions of international commercial disputes.	4	4	2	6
Delivery of goods in international trade	10	8	3	18
Legal aspects of international transportation, settlement and insurance.	2	2	1	4
Total:	40	40	16	64

***Learning outcomes and assessment***

Learning outcomes	Assessment methods
Understands the STT system, specifics of legislation and hierarchy.	Test.
Able to correctly interpret national and international foreign trade legislation.	Test, practical work.
Able to correctly apply national and international foreign trade legislation.	Test, practical works.
Able to compile the documents required for the conclusion and implementation of foreign trade transactions.	Test, practical works, exam.
Able to organize the protection of their interests in the dispute resolution process.	Test, practical works, exam.

***Evaluation criteria of study results***

Criterion	%
Tests	30
Practical works	30
Exam	40
Total:	100

***Study subject structure***

Part	CP	Hours			Tests		
		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work
1.	2.0	1.0	0.0	1.0		*	