

Title of the Course		COMMERCIAL LAW	
Amount in credit points/ECTS)	2/3	Volume (in hours)	80
Grounding	State and Law Theory, Labour and Social Law, Civil Law		
Science Sector	Legal Science		
Science Subsector	Civil Law		
Summary of academic hours		Amount (academic hours)	
Distance learning		40	
Contact hours / video lessons		8	
Exercises, self – assessment questions and tests		14	
Individual work/ discussions in distance		16	
Exams/tests		2	
1. level professional study programme	Law		
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Goal of the course:	<p>To introduce with the legislative acts, which directly or indirectly regulate civil relationships concerning commercial activities. By getting acquainted with the study material, students will obtain knowledge about the forms of commerce and merchant responsibility regarding third parties.</p> <p>The goal of the course is to provide with practical knowledge for starting, continuing and termination of commercial activities, including insolvency proceedings within the frame of existing legal regulations in Latvia.</p>		
Requirements for obtaining credit points (structure of course evaluation):	<p><u>The final evaluation is calculated:</u></p> <p>1) Moodle discussion/task – 50%</p> <p>2) Exam – 50%</p> <p><i>For obtaining final evaluation, both activities should hold successful evaluation – not below 4 points.</i></p> <p><i>Final evaluation is the average grade in 10-point system, in proportion of percentage distributed amongst both activities</i></p>		
Study Results			
<p>1. <i>Knowledge:</i></p> <p>1.1. Students obtain knowledge and understanding about the theoretical and practical aspects of law on commerce, types of commerce activities and options in Latvia, peculiarities of forms of governance, registration differences, reorganisation and in case of liquidation of activities.</p> <p>2. <i>Skills:</i></p> <p>2.1. Students are able to navigate through the appliance of legislative acts regarding commerce, to start commerce activities, to make all the necessary changes in the documents regulating commerce, including reorganisation of commerce activities, as well as are able to navigate through the execution of process of legal protection and insolvency process of natural/legal person.</p> <p>3. <i>Competencies:</i></p> <p>3.1. Students are able to prepare documents regarding establishing, reorganisation, liquidation and insolvency of commerce activities and concluding commercial transactions.</p>			

**Content of the Course**

No.	Subjects	Contact hours, video, audio lessons	Distance learning	Exercises, self-assessment questions and tests	Individual task – remote discussion. Description of the individual task is available in the E-studies.	Exams/tests
1.	Merchants and types of merchants	8	4	2	2	2
2.	Procurement, ordinary commercial power of attorney, commercial agent and broker		5	2	2	
3.	Individual merchant, farming and partnerships		6	2	2	
4.	General description of cooperative companies and limited liability companies		4	2	2	
5.	Description of joint stock companies.		6	2	2	
6.	Description of state and municipal capital companies		6	2	2	
7.	General description of insolvency process		5	1	2	
8.	Types of insolvency proceedings		4	1	2	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		8	40	14	16	2
<b>80</b>						

**Mastering the course and successfully passing examination, student is capable of (knowledge, skills and competencies)**

Study Results:	Evaluation Criteria		
	(40-69%)	(70-89%)	(90-100%)
<b>Knowledge</b>	To name and recognise terms	To define and recognise terminology	To understand and offer a solution to a problem-situation
<b>Skills</b>	To use and justify usage of terms	To evaluate and analyse usage of terms in practice	To synthesize, model and discuss about real problem-situations

<b>Competencies</b>	Responsibility, initiative, creativity during evaluation of real problem-situations	Decision-making, critical thinking during real problem-situations, presentations skills during offering solutions to real problem-situations	Organisation and planning skills, self-discipline during solving different complexity issues and ability to make informed decisions
<b>Acknowledgement of the obtained study results</b>			
<b>Study Results</b>	<b>1.1.-1.3.</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.1.</b>
<b>Evaluation Method</b>			
Moodle discussions/tasks	X	X	X
Exam	X	X	X

**Core Literature**

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2.	Law of the Republic of Latvia "Insolvency Law", adopted on 26.07.2010, Latvijas Vestnesis, 06.08.2010., Nr.124.
3.	Strupiss A. Commentaries on Law of Commerce / Part A. General provisions of commerce. – R., 2003. – 303 p.
4.	Strupiss A. Commentaries on Law of Commerce / Part B. Merchants. – R., 2003. – 335 p.
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**Additional Literature**

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2.	Kalnins E., Theory and Practice of Private Law, TNA- Tiesu namu agentura, 2005, 400 p.
3.	Insolvency Administration, Explanations and advances of Insolvency Administration. 2008-2014, TNA- Tiesu Namu agentura, 2015, - 509 p.
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5.	Law of Commerce. Commercial Mortgaging Law. Concern Law. With explanations of A.Strupisa and G.Visnakovas. – Rīga: Tiesu nama agentura, 2000. – 224 p.
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12.	Vizule.V. Closing down. How to Terminate and Liquidate a Corporation., Lietiskās Informācijas dienests, 2009.
13.	Law of the Republic of Latvia “Cooperative Company Law”, Latvijas Vēstnesis, 24.02.1998., No. 48/49
14.	Law of the Republic of Latvia „Komerclikuma spēkā stāšanās kārtības likums”, Latvijas Vēstnesis, 28.12.2001., Nr. 188.
15.	Law of the Republic of Latvia „About Commercial Register”, 20.11.1990., Zinotājs, 06.12.1990., No.49
16.	Neimanis J. „Rights of Procurement”, Jurista vards, 03.07.2007 No.27 (480);
17.	Torgans K. „Komerclikuma ieviešana Eiropas likumu tiesību principu pagaidu normas”, Jurista vards, 20.02.2007., No.8
18.	Balodis Kaspars. Advisable Regulations on Commerce in Commerce Law // Likums un Tiesības, 2004, 6. vol., no. 2 (54), 34.p.
19.	Balodis Kaspars. Merchant as an Object of Civil Law // Likums un Tiesības, 2005., 7. vol., no. 67.
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**Recommended Periodicals**

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2.	Maksatnespejas kontroles dienests: <a href="http://mkd.gov.lv/">http://mkd.gov.lv/</a>
3.	Jurista Vards: <a href="http://www.juristavards.lv">www.juristavards.lv</a>
4.	Latvijas Vēstnesis portal: <a href="http://www.lvportals.lv">www.lvportals.lv</a>

5.	Latvijas Republikas Augstākā tiesa. Court rulings: <a href="http://www.at.gov.lv/judikatura">www.at.gov.lv/judikatura</a>
6.	Valsts ienemumu dienests: <a href="http://www.vid.gov.lv">www.vid.gov.lv</a>
7.	Lursoft company databases, <a href="http://www.lursoft.lv">www.lursoft.lv</a>