



Riga, September 03, 2021.

To whom it may concern

On behalf of the Department of Political Science at the University of Latvia we would like to inform you that in the **autumn semester of 2021** we will offer **an online three month long intensive module (the Young professionals` school) in European studies** to be taught in English. The programme is specially designed for students from Ukraine to equip students with skills and knowledge, considering Ukraine`s closer integration with the EU.

About the programme:

The programme consists of the two integrated parts:

- (1) **European studies – Foreign Affairs** with the courses - *Europeanization: from partnership to membership* (6 ECTS); *Foundation of the European Union* (6 ECTS);
- (2) **European studies – Domestic Affairs** with the courses - *Governance and management of the European Union* (6 ECTS); *Seminar: politics and policy in Latvia* (3 ECTS); *Strategic communication and public diplomacy* (3 ECTS).

The Young professionals` school is designed in a way that students can apply for the entire programme or just one course. Whatever the application is, all courses will be delivered online with plenty amount of simulation games and participation in international conferences (such as the Riga Conference – an international annual defence conference) and without any research papers.

As we are hoping for improvements regarding epidemiologic conditions, we are looking forward to giving a possibility for limited number of students **to visit Riga either for Riga Conference in October or Innovation laboratory in November.** For this, **the students have to apply of at least one course.**

If a student applies for.....	A student receives.....
Both modules: European studies – Foreign Affairs and European studies – Domestic Affairs and passes all 5 courses included	- 2 international transcripts of records - 2 internationally recognized certificates - In-depth knowledge in Foreign Affairs and European studies – Domestic Affairs - New contacts of like-minded persons (students/academics/experts) - The opportunity to participate in high level international conferences and workshops
One module (either Foreign Affairs or Domestic Affairs) and passes the necessary course	- 1 international transcript of records - 1 internationally recognized certificate - In-depth knowledge in Foreign Affairs or Domestic Affairs - New contacts of like-minded persons (students/academics/experts) - The opportunity to participate in high level international conferences and workshops

Selected courses (like one or two courses from both modules) of interest. E.g. a students apply just for one course “ <i>Strategic communication and public diplomacy</i> (3 ECTS) or <i>Governance and management of the European Union</i> (6 ECTS)	- International transcript of records - In-depth knowledge of the selected course - New contacts of like-minded persons (students/academics/experts) - The opportunity to participate in high level international conferences and workshops
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Please be aware – the online format excludes writing of long-term papers and research papers!

PhD students

PhD students are welcomed to apply for selected courses or modules (one or both). In addition, **we will provide a tailored programme for PhD students** offering a training course on research design as well as participation in the **international conference** organised by consortium of 5 European universities.

Time and money

The one semester module starts at **September 20, 2021** last to **December 03, 2021** and it is **free of charge**.

A place of event:

All the courses will be held online (Zoom platform) four days per week, usually during the afternoon. The lectures are scheduled so that students can easily participate as they in their home universities in Ukraine. For example, if the student decides to participate in one course only, it might take around 1,5 hours per week. While, both participation in both modules might take around 7 hours per week.

What are the benefits and added value?

- A fresh view on foreign and domestic affairs, provided by leading academics and experts.
- New contacts with students and academics from Ukraine, Latvia, and other countries.
- Opportunity to participate in high level international conferences and workshops – for example, the participants will be invited to the Rīga Conference 2021 and the Future Leaders Forum 2021.
- Opportunity to learn design thinking and prototyping as participants will be invited to part of the Innovation laboratory;
- Internationally recognised certificates for future studies in any EU university.

How to apply:

Please apply via electronic application form: <https://forms.gle/Prjzc4k33crUMn3R9>

Necessary documents for the application:

When filling the online application form, students are kindly asked to upload a copy of their passport and a completed application form (enclosed to this letter in excel).

We encourage you to spread information among students

If you have any questions:

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We look forward to a fruitful future collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reinholde', is centered below the text 'Yours sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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