

**7** STUDY PROGRAMMES  
IN ENGLISH

**>2500**  
INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE STUDENTS

**16** STUDENTS  
PER STUDY GROUP

**2300**  
INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

**>35** STUDY BASES

STUDENTS FROM  
**80** DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

TOP 10 COUNTRIES BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NUMBER:

**S W E D E N**  
**G E R M A N Y**  
**F I N L A N D**  
**N O R W A Y**  
**I T A L Y**  
**I N D I A**  
**P O R T U G A L**  
**I S R A E L**  
**U N I T E D K I N G D O M**  
**S P A I N**

**28%**  
OF STUDENTS ARE INTERNATIONAL

## ABOUT LATVIA

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
**LATVIAN**

CAPITAL  
**RIGA**  
POP. 620 000  
METRO. 1 005 000

POPULATION  
**1.9 MILLION**

CURRENCY  
**EURO**

CLIMATE  
SUMMER +20°C to +30°C  
WINTER +5°C to -20°C

EU & NATO  
MEMBER STATE

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 RĪGA STRADIŅŠ  
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# DOCTORAL STUDIES

## SOCIAL SCIENCES



## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

### Digital application via RSU website

- Applicant's photo (for ID)
- Master's diploma and diploma supplement/transcript
- Applicant's CV (signed)
- CV of the supervisor/supervisors of doctoral thesis (signed)
- List of scientific activities (publications, projects, etc.)
- Copy of passport/ID
- Application fee payment slip
- Abstract of the intended doctoral thesis signed by applicant and supervisor/supervisors

### Additional documents for non-EU/EEA students

- 1 photo (size 3×4cm)
- Chest x-ray radiograph and radiologist's report
- Police clearance certificate
- Proof of financial means sufficient to cover tuition and cost of living

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

### September admissions

- EU/EEA: 1 September - 10 August
- Non-EU/EEA: 1 September - 10 August

RSU's interdisciplinary Social Sciences doctoral programme has been developed taking international best practice into account. It places interdisciplinary research at the forefront of what is in demand today. The aim of the programme is to provide motivated PhD students with the opportunity to conduct innovative interdisciplinary research in the social sciences based on individual research work, as well as to use an interdisciplinary approach to solve complex social problems and to develop scientifically sound solutions.

*Karina Palkova,  
Director of PhD programme "Social Sciences"*

## DOCTORAL STUDIES

<b>Degree</b>	Doctoral degree (PhD) in Social Sciences
<b>Sub-programmes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law</li><li>• Political Science</li><li>• Social Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work</li><li>• Communication Culture and Multimedia</li><li>• Health Management</li><li>• Business Administration and Economics</li></ul>
<b>Admission</b>	September
<b>Programme duration</b>	4 years / 8 semesters
<b>Type of studies</b>	Full-time studies
<b>ECTS</b>	264
<b>Forms of studies</b>	Lectures, practical classes and doctoral examination

## WHY STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCES AT RSU?

- More than 30 years of experience in educating international students
- World-class research facilities
- Students involved in international scientific projects and interdisciplinary opportunities
- Experienced research co-supervisors from the best universities of Europe and USA

The Social Sciences PhD programme is all about providing our students with access to theoretical skills, interdisciplinary empirical knowledge, international study experience and networks, as well as European consortia. The programme is a comprehensive platform designed to facilitate the students' transition into the academic world of social discovery.

*Dr. Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova,  
Assistant Lecturer, Head of RSU China Studies Centre*

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Academic or professional Master's degree** in the field of the chosen sub-programme or equivalent higher education

- Diploma
- Diploma supplement/transcript

**Excellent English language skills\***

**Oral defence of abstract for the intended doctoral thesis**

**Proof of scientific work undertaken**

\* International test score (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, etc.)

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*Mārtiņš Vargulis,  
PhD Student, Deputy Director and researcher at the  
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