

Detailed information about the partner

Partner	School of Business and Finance
Partner's name in native language	Banku augstskola
Website	www.ba.lv http://www.ba.lv/en/studies/information_erasmus_students
Brief description of the partner:	<p>The School of Business and Finance is located in the capital Riga, the Republic of Latvia, which is a central country of the Baltic States, located in North-eastern Europe on the east coast of the Baltic Sea, length of Baltic coastline is 494 km. Riga is located on an international crossroad for trade, commerce and cultural exchange, European Capital of Culture in 2014. Art Nouveau architecture blends with more than 800 years history. The Republic of Latvia was founded on November 18, 1918. On August 21, 1991 Latvia declared the restoration of its de facto independence, re-established international diplomatic ties, and joined the United Nations. Latvia joined the WTO in 1998 and in 2004 became a member of the European Union and NATO.</p> <p>The School of Business and Finance is a public self-financing institution of higher education, established in 1992 as a Banking College, accredited as a higher educational institution in 1997. In 2010 the School was accredited for its internationalization activities by NIBS (Network of International Business Schools) www.nibsnet.net. In 2012 School of Business and Finance is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Today providing professional higher education 3 cycle study programmes: Professional Bachelor's Degree: <i>Business Administration, Finance, Risk Management and Insurance, Innovation and Product Development in Business</i>; Professional Master's Degree: <i>Creative Industries Management, Innovative Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, International Finance and Banking</i> (MBA/Double degree with Swiss Business School). It also offers a Short cycle professional programmes: <i>Banking Operations, Accountancy and Finance</i>. Interuniversity Doctoral study programme: <i>Business Management</i> implemented jointly with Ventspils University College and Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration. In 2011 EDUNIVERSAL has started ranking of Master's programmes all around the world. EDUNIVERSAL International Scientific Committee in the selection of 1000 Best Business Schools Worldwide ranks professional Master's programme in International Finance and Banking no.5 on its list of corporate Finance Master's programmes in Eastern Europe. It is a flexible schedule based on module principle. Professional Master's programme in Creative Industries Management is ranked 42 nd among the world's top study programmes in arts and culture management. In 2011 it has been recognized for the third time</p>

	<p>as one of 1000 world's best Business Schools by EDUNIVERSAL. The School of Business and Finance was awarded Investors in Excellence certificate by the British Quality Foundation in 2010, which is a Certificate of international quality improvement system. ECTS as a learner-centred credit system has been implemented. Credit allocation is based on the assessment of learning outcomes. The European Commission has awarded the Diploma Supplement Label from 2011 to 2014.</p> <p>In cooperation with Ventspils University College and RISEBA, the School organizes annual international scientific conferences. Every year the School organizes a guest lecturer week in November by bringing together around 20 guest lecturers from many EU and other countries.</p> <p>The study process takes place in two premises on K. Valdemara Street 161 and K. Valdemara Street 163. The School has a dormitory located in K. Valdemara Street 161.</p>
Language of instruction	<p>The programmes are offered in Latvian, but Bachelor's degree programme: "Finance" and Master's degree programmes: "Creative Industries Management" and "International Finance and Banking" are offered in English. Erasmus exchange students are integrated in the study programmes, the studies are in English.</p>