

NORDPLUS INTENSIVE COURSE

MEDIATION IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES

Students are welcome to apply for the NORDPLUS Intensive Course on
Mediation in Riga!

This summer from August 11 until 21 Turība University in Riga will host NORDPLUS Intensive Course „Mediation in criminal and civil cases” 2025. We invite to apply students of all faculties - Business, Management and Law programmes.

10.08.2025 – arrival date

22.08.2025 – departure date



Mediation is an effective interdisciplinary method for dispute resolution, integrating legal studies, entrepreneurship, administration, and psychology. This Intensive Course aims to provide students with both theoretical knowledge and practical training, equipping them with essential skills to resolve conflicts of diverse contexts amicably.

Developing conflict resolution skills is crucial as students preparing to work and life in complex professional and social environments. Conflicts are inevitable in fields such as law, business, administration, and psychology, and the ability to manage disputes effectively impacts personal and professional success. Mediation teaches students to analyze situations critically, communicate effectively, and foster constructive dialogue, helping them resolve disagreements efficiently and prevent escalation.

In frame of the course students will participate in **lectures, workshops, practical sessions** and **study visits**. In this Course participants will be bachelor and master level students from Latvia, Lithuania and Finland. Lessons and practical seminars will be led by professors from partner Universities as well as invited professionals.

Language of the Course – English, participation in the Course – **free of charge**. Organisers will **cover travel, accommodation, catering, study visits'** and some excursions and free time activity costs. Applications are accepted only from college, bachelor and master level students. Students will receive **4 ECTS** for the participation in the Course.

All students have to apply to the national coordinator:

Latvia: Turība University, **Kristīne Neimane** Kristine.neimane@turiba.lv

Finland: Laurea University of applied sciences, Mr **Sampo Mielityinen** Sampo.Mielityinen@laurea.fi

Lithuania: Mykolas Romeris University, Ms **Agne Tvaronavičiene** a.tvaronavicene@mruni.eu

After students are selected by national coordinator, please fill in the **application form**:

<https://forms.gle/fBXZeogVUjzNNZes8>

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How the course is financed? What will be my costs?

This course is financed by NORPLDUS programme. The goal of the program is to strengthen and develop cooperation in higher education in the Nordic and Baltic countries, promote Nordic languages and culture and develop common cultural understanding between the countries.

This means that travel, accommodation, catering, study costs will be covered by the organisers.

Coordinator of the project (Turība University from Latvia) will contact student and offer possible flights or bus to Riga and back home. After receiving approval from student, Turība will buy flight / bus tickets. Please note, we can buy tickets only from project partner country – Lithuania, and Finland. If you are international student and go home for summer, you must travel back to country of the study and from there we will buy you the travel tickets.

We will also organise your pick-up from the airport or bus station.

You will live in our students' hostel in 2 or 4 bedded rooms. Please note, accommodation is quite simple, you can check webpage www.hostelturiba.lv Hostel is located in campus of the University.

During the course we will provide you catering (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Catering will not be provided in weekend (16.-17.08.2025), so those days it will be on your own expenses.

All study costs will be covered by the organisers. We will have lectures and several study visits. During the course we will have guided course in city centre and one excursion during the weekend. The costs will be covered by organisers.

You have to cover from your own expenses insurance for the period of the course (travel insurance), catering for the weekend and public transport tickets in Riga city centre.



What are my obligations?

Ones you have agreed to participate in the course and we have bought you travel tickets, you can't recall your participation. In the case if you do not arrive to the course, you will have to refund flight ticket costs to the organisers.

You also will have to attend lessons of the course (not less than 85%), will have to prepare final assignment and present it on the end of the course (in groups).



What we will do? What is the programme?

Arrival day is on 10th of August. We start with lessons on 11th of August. Final presentations will be on 21st of August and your departure will be planned on 22nd (or possible also on 21st afternoon).

You will have lectures, study visits, workshops, discussions and group work. Lecturers will be from partner Universities. Detailed schedule will be sent to you closer to the course.



What should I be prepared for?

Mediation is a way to solve conflicts where a neutral third person – the mediator – helps two or more sides talk, understand each other, and find a solution they all agree on. It's a faster, more peaceful alternative to going to court. This course does not require from you any specific knowledge, or you do not have to be Law student. At the same time, we suggest you read about mediation and prepare yourself for the course. Also, you must be ready that there will be not only lectures, but a lot of practical exercises – role plays, simulations, discussion etc.

Also, we have planned several study visits and outdoor activities. So, please be ready and remember to take with your sport clothes and shoes and comfortable clothes for walking and outdoor activities.

For more information please explore the webpage about mediation:

<https://mediation.turiba.lv/index.php?id=10>

For the beginners especially useful will be Mediation ABC:

<https://mediation.turiba.lv/index.php?id=40>