

The PhD in Legal Studies is a three-year program that forms first class scholars; our PhD graduates have an excellent track record in securing both academic and non-academic positions, including in international organizations. The program offers courses aimed at strengthening research skills, including methodology, interdisciplinarity and the connection between law and economics.

During the first semester of the first year, students are required to attend curricular courses. Subsequently, students are required to work mainly on their dissertation and other complementary research activities. In order to develop their thesis, students are encouraged to spend at least one period of stay at international universities or institutions.

Our program provides a maximum of 8 three-year fellowships, which include tuition waiver, a generous stipend, and access to research funds. In addition, some tuition waivers are available. Starting from the second year of the program, students also have the opportunity to pursue salaried teaching and research assistantships. The PhD School offers further financial support for students seeking academic placement in prestigious institutions.

The program is composed of two curricula: Business and Social Law/ Diritto dell'impresa, taught partly in Italian and partly in English, and International and European Law, taught entirely in English.

The **BUSINESS AND SOCIAL LAW** curriculum aims to examine the study of business law with an approach combining an interdisciplinary perspective, an international orientation and the analysis of the specific field of law chosen by each student (e.g. corporation, securities, competition, commercial contracts, bankruptcy, IPRs, labor law, white collar crime). The study of law, economics and social sciences complements business and legal studies.

The **International and European Law** curriculum seeks foster excellent research in any topic in those areas, including, but not limited to, public international law, private international law, European economic and trade law, European constitutional law and European social law.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1st YEAR

3 COMPULSORY COURSES COMMON TO BOTH CURRICULA:

- Economics: Markets and Policies
- Law and Economics
- Principles of Research Ethics (Self-managed online course)

2 COMPULSORY COURSES FOR EACH CURRICULUM:

Curriculum in International and European Law

- Topics in International and EU Law
- PhD seminars in international and EU Law

Curriculum in Business and Law

- Topics in Business Law
- PhD seminars in Business Law

2nd YEAR

PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH ETHICS (SELF-MANAGED ONLINE COURSE)

3rd YEAR

PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH ETHICS (SELF-MANAGED ONLINE COURSE)

COMPLETION OF DISSERTATION AND FINAL DEFENSE.

Alongside the compulsory first year courses, students will be offered a seminar series with invited speakers (leading academics, members of national, European and international courts, practitioners and civil servants), also enhancing networking possibilities. Furthermore, from the second year students are given the opportunity to contribute to the planning of seminar activities, so as to ensure maximum synergies between the latter and the PhD cohort research interests.

ADMISSIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Assessment is based on:

- CV
- Academic records (including thesis abstract)
- Research proposal
- Up to three reference letters
- Academic records (indispensable): transcript of exams and certification of undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded and final grade (if any); if the graduate programme has not been completed, an enrollment document with the full study plan, the exams taken and the grades achieved.

Complete information regarding deadlines, documents required, the online application process and financial support is available at www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd

PhD students are required to take part in all the activities defined in the program structure, e.g. lectures and seminars, and pass the tests and exams planned for each year by the Faculty Board.

For more information about the program, the faculty and admission procedures, please feel free to contact phdadmission@unibocconi.it or visit our website www.unibocconi.eu/phdlegalstudies

PLACEMENT

The PhD program aims to prepare and foster student careers in academia, governments and international organizations and legal services.

In recent years, our students have been hired by prestigious schools and organizations including, among others: Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich; IE University, Madrid; Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) Law School, Sao Paulo; Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law; Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam; Università Cattolica di Milano; University of Warsaw; European University Institute; University "Magna Grecia"; Safra Center for Ethics, University of Tel Aviv; Legal Service of the Council of the European Union; Financial Conduct Authority (FCA); Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment.

ABOUT BOCCONI

Bocconi University, founded in 1902, has played a leading role in Italy's social and economic modernization. It has remained true to its founding values of being a major research university, with democratic values and open to the world, as well as financially and politically independent. At the outset of the 21st century, Bocconi is contributing to the advancement of European higher education by teaching business, economic and legal knowledge to prospective managers and researchers from all over the world.

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ABOUT MILANO

Renowned as the Italian financial and industrial capital, Milan is also the historical cradle of art, design, fashion, gourmet cuisine, and... soccer. Currently a leading EU city, rich with professional and entertainment energy, Milan is certainly a great place to live.

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Candidates in the PhD program in Legal Studies join an excellent interdisciplinary school, as well as an international network where Bocconi is firmly established as a leading institution. They gain access to a wonderful group of fellow PhD students and young researchers and a high-quality and diverse faculty always accessible and ready to help. PhD candidates are lectured and mentored by outstanding professors with different backgrounds and affiliations from around the world. Moreover, from my perspective of an academic and a practicing lawyer, I consider the PhD program particularly appealing as the perfect path to pursue a career both in academia and practice – including the private and public sector and international institutions. The PhD program provides research and analytical skills that will be particularly valuable to future leaders, thinkers and decision-makers.

LAURA ZOBOLI 2018 PHD GRADUATE; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW, UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

The doctoral program in Legal Studies provides the ideal opportunity to train and nurture curiosity in a stimulating cultural environment. One of its crucial strengths is the possibility of combining independent research activities with enthusiastic support from the faculty and staff. More importantly, the study plan offers a solid multidisciplinary basis and encourages (and funds) visiting periods to internationally renowned universities and research institutes, along with the option of being involved in adrenalin-boosting teaching schemes in higher education. I enjoyed the program, which enabled me to advance my legal intuition and develop a critical attitude towards concepts and ideas. I strongly recommend this experience since it has fueled my passion for socio-legal studies thanks to the efforts of the global and open Bocconi community.

ANTONIO ALOISI 2018 PHD GRADUATE; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EUROPEAN LABOUR LAW, IE UNIVERSITY, MADRID



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