PhD in LEGAL STUDIES

CYCLE 43rd - COHORT 2027-2028
Please note that the study program might be subject to changes.
The program starts in September.
The program requires full-time commitment with compulsory attendance.

The PhD Program features **two curricula** (to be chosen when applying):
- **Business and Social Law**
- **International and European Law**

First year - a.y. 2027-28

2 compulsory courses shared by the two curricula + 2 curriculum compulsory courses + Research Ethics course (self-managed online course, compulsory for both)

PhD compulsory courses:

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	41086	NEW PERSPECTIVES ON METHODOLOGIES FOR LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP	24	ENRIQUES
1	41087	RESEARCH STRATEGIES FOR LEGAL SCHOLARS	24	TUZET

Curriculum compulsory courses - Business and Social Law:

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1-2	41070	TOPICS IN BUSINESS LAW	24	STRAMPELLI
1-2	41071	PHD SEMINARS IN BUSINESS LAW (*)	24	STRAMPELLI

Curriculum compulsory courses - International and European Law:

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1-2	40951	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW	24	SPAVENTA
2	40952	PHD SEMINARS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW (*)	24	SPAVENTA

(*) Cycle of seminars for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students

Requirements to pass to the next year

Exam for each compulsory course;
Moreover, favorable assessment of the items below by the Curriculum Coordinator, the advisor and another member of the faculty:
- Detailed research plan;
- Draft chapter detailing the findings of the research carried out along the year;
- Oral presentation of the work to PhD colleagues and interested faculty.

Second year - a.y. 2028-29

- Research activities;
- seminars organized by the Legal Department, conferences (as a listener and as a speaker), Teaching/Teaching Assistantship/Research Assistantship activities (optional);
- in the 2nd semester of their 2nd year, PhD students are encouraged to spend at least one period of stay abroad in order to develop their research project under the supervision of international professors or experts in their field of study.

Requirements to pass to the next year

Favourable assessment of the items below by the student's advisor and another member of the faculty:
- Draft chapter/article;
- Progress report detailing the progress of the research.

Third year - a.y. 2029-30

- Seminars organized by the Legal Department, conferences (as a listener and as a speaker), Teaching/Teaching Assistantship/Research Assistantship activities (optional);
- thesis submission to external reviewers (end of 3rd year);
- thesis defense.