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PhD program in Legal Studies (LS)	
Research interests and Faculty	The **PhD program in Legal Studies** at Bocconi University is a 3-year program in English, which is organized through courses, specialized seminars, working groups and seminar series and the writing of a dissertation. After a first semester in common, focused on methodological training, the PhD program diversifies into two curricula: Business and Social Law and International and European Law. Bocconi University is part of CIVICA, the European University of Social Sciences (civica.eu), a network of 10 European universities. Besides the courses offered by the Bocconi PhD in Legal Studies Program, students can choose from a rich portfolio of courses offered by our partners. PhD students are encouraged to take part in exchanges and activities (including targeted summer and winter schools) within the CIVICA network. The **curriculum in Business and Social Law (BSL)** focuses on the laws governing corporations and their relationships with different constituencies, combining an interdisciplinary approach and an international perspective. It focuses on the following fields: Corporate Law and Financial Market; White-collar Crime; Labor Law; Competition Law (Antitrust); International Commercial Arbitration, Bankruptcy (Insolvency) Law; Commercial Contracts Consumer Law. This curriculum is designed to foster an academic career, in Italy or abroad, but opens several career opportunities, including national and international organizations, regulatory agencies, and legal practice. In the last few years, PhDs and PhD candidates have joined law faculties in Italy and abroad, and regulatory authorities such as the Italian Stock Exchange Commission (Consob). Others have become judges or joined leading international law firms. The **International and European Law (IEL) curriculum** seeks to foster world-class research on any topic within the two broad subject areas of international law and European law. Potential fields of interest include, but are not limited to, general public international law, international trade law, international investment law, international cultural heritage law, international criminal law, private international law, European economic law,

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	European trade law, European internal market law, European external relations law, European Citizenship, European and comparative constitutional law, EU fundamental rights, and European social law. Students in this curriculum have the opportunity to co-operate with, and be involved in the activities of, the Bocconi lab for European Studies (BLEST; https://blest.unibocconi.eu/) and in the Institute for European Policymaking (IEP, https://iep.unibocconi.eu/). PhD graduates from this curriculum have obtained employment in international and Italian academia, as well as in professional practice activities and international organizations (including the EU, the IMF and the World Bank). For more information about the program, please visit the website: PhD in Legal Studies
Opening date	3 November 2026
Closing date	18 January 2027
Enrollment date	Refer to Art. 10 "Enrollment deadlines" of the present Call for details
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP	4 (BSL) Bocconi fellowships + 4 (IEL) Bocconi fellowships
Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	2
Fellowship	€ 27,000 per year for three years Students can benefit from an extension with fellowship up to six months (see art.3)
Starting date	1 September 2027
Duration	3-year, full-time program
Curricula	**Business and Social Law** **International and European Law** Applicants must select the curriculum they opt for when they apply online. Applicants can apply for only one curriculum. No change of curriculum is allowed after admission to the PhD program. Applicants planning to specialize in Competition Law and International Commercial Arbitration must select the Business and Social Law Curriculum.
Selection Criteria (see art. 5)	The **first step** assessment is based on a candidate's:

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	• Curriculum vitae (mandatory); • Academic records (mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Research proposal (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory); • Other relevant documents (e.g. thesis' abstract, publications). The qualifications **assessment criteria** are as follows: • a maximum of **50 points** for the applicant's curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of **40 points** for statement of purpose, research proposal and reference letters; • a maximum of **10 points** for other relevant elements. The Admission Board will interview (on-line) candidates who have obtained at least **70 points** in the qualifications' assessment. The **second step** assessment is based on the on-line interview, whose maximum score is **30 points**. **A candidate is eligible for admission if they obtain at least 70 points in the qualifications assessment and at least 20 points out of 30 in the interview.**
Results	First step: no later than 19 February 2027 Second step: no later than 15 March 2027
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