

Bocconi University, Milan  
PhD School

## PhD in Legal Studies

Call for Applications

The PhD in Legal Studies at Bocconi University is a 3-year program, which is organized through courses, specialized seminars, working groups and seminar series and the writing of a final dissertation. After a first semester in common, focused on methodological training (theory and technique of legal interpretation, law and economics, empirical research for legal studies, and socio-legal research), the PhD program diversifies into two curricula:

Business and Social Law

International and European Law.

The selection of one of the two curricula should be indicated in the application.

The curriculum in Business and Social Law is partly in Italian while that in International and European Law is entirely in English.

### **The curriculum in Business and Social Law**

The curriculum in Business and Social Law focuses on the laws governing corporations and their relationships with different constituencies, combining an interdisciplinary approach and an international perspective. It is focused on the following fields: Corporate Law and Financial Market; White-collar Crimes; Labor Law; Competition Law; Bankruptcy Law; commercial contracts/commercial and consumer regulation.

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 law practicing. In the last few years, PhDs and PhD candidates have joined law faculties in Italy or abroad, been hired by regulatory authorities such as the Italian Stock Exchange Commission (Consob), become judges or joined leading international law firms.

### **The curriculum in International and European Law**

The International and European Law 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, European trade law, European internal market law, European external relations law, European Citizenship, European constitutional law, EU fundamental rights, and European social law.

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).

### **Common rules: admission to second and third year, period of visiting abroad and qualifications**

The admission to the second and third year of each curriculum is based on the positive assessment of the Faculty Board, taking into consideration the performances of the PhD candidates in the exams as well as in the papers submitted for the various courses.

PhD students are encouraged to spend at least one period of stay abroad in the second semester of the second year in order to complete their research and also attend courses and take exams and/or write papers under the supervision of foreign academics or experts in their field of study.

Applications can be submitted by candidates of any citizenship who:

- have completed or are completing their graduate studies and
- have at least a “proven” B2 (CEFR) level of competence in English (for both curricula)

In addition, for the curriculum in Business and Social Law only:

- are Italian native speakers or have at least a B2 (CEFR) level of competence in Italian

For the PhD in Legal Studies, the PhD School offers:

- a maximum of 8 places with a fellowship;
- a maximum of 2 places with a merit-based tuition waiver covering up to 100% of tuition fees.

Fellowships amount to € 20,000 gross per year. Students with fellowship are exempt from the payment of tuition fees for the duration of the three-year program.

Tuition fees for students without a fellowship or tuition waiver amount to € 15,000 for year 1 and € 5,000 for year 2 and 3.

A candidate will be eligible for admission if he or she has obtained at least 70 points out of 100 in the qualifications assessment and at least 20 points out of 30 in the interview.

See the full official call published on the website <http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd> for all information.

**Applications are due by 16 January 2024.**