

PhD Program in Legal Sciences

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The doctoral program in Legal Sciences promotes the integration of the different legal specialties through an interdisciplinary approach. It aims at the production of a scientific and professional competence suitable for a “global jurist” who can, thanks to the acquired methodological skills and knowledge, critically approach the different aspects of the legal experience, while at the same time enhancing the knowledge of the subject matters pertaining to the chosen curriculum. In addition to the activities pertinent to each curriculum, common activities are offered (legal methodology, linguistic and informatics skills). The mobility of students and teachers is guaranteed and some lectures and workshops will be held in English.

The PhD course includes three distinct curricula:

- curriculum “CONSTRUCTION OF LEGAL TRADITIONS”

The “Construction of legal traditions” PhD program is aimed at training a particular kind of legal expert, deeply involved in global scenarios, able to converse with jurists from different parts of the world and to work in interdisciplinary research groups. Participants are to be involved in the activities of the “Health, Environment and Territory” Law Clinic, which deals with cases concerning private law, international law, public law and EU law issues. The program promotes conferences and seminars with European and overseas scholars and participates in the organization of the annual local Summer School and the “Semaine Doctoral Intensive” at SciencesPo, in Paris, which brings together professors and researchers from major universities around the world.

- curriculum “PUBLIC LAW”

The Public Law curriculum deals with educational training in the field of: public institutions, constitutional systems, fundamental rights, public services and the functions of public administration. Young students enrolled in the PhD can acquire useful skills with regard to research and scientific production, the interpretation of legislation and case law and the design of guidelines and public interventions.

- curriculum “JUDICIAL PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS AND FREEDOM OF COMPETITION”

The curriculum, within the framework of the European and transnational integration process of personal status, is aimed at examining in depth the subjects related to the protection of so-called «situazioni giuridiche soggettive» (juridical subjective situations), both in the Italian context and the European and global one. Said protection is to be investigated with regard to the different legal disciplines, both within the substantive and procedural context. The didactic activities for the PhD program are common for all participants and specific for each individual, with particular reference to periods of stay abroad, aimed at studying foreign languages and legal systems.