

PhD in LEGAL STUDIES

CYCLE XXXX - COHORT 2025-2026

Please note that the study program might be subject to minor changes.

Lessons start in early October.

Attendance is mandatory. The program cannot be attended by distance learning.

The PhD Program features **two curricula** (to be chosen when applying):

- **Business and Social Law** (Diritto dell'impresa) - in English and Italian
- **International and European Law** - in English

First year - a.y. 2025-26

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.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	ECONOMICS: MARKETS AND POLICIES	24	MASCIANDARO
1	LAW AND ECONOMICS	24	TUZET
1-2	PRINCIPLE OF RESEARCH ETHICS	2	ONLINE SELF-MANAGED

Curriculum compulsory courses - Business and Social Law (Diritto dell'impresa):

SEM.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1-2	TEMI DI DIRITTO DELLE IMPRESE	24	STRAMPELLI
1-2	PHD SEMINARS IN DIRITTO DELLE IMPRESE (*)	24	STRAMPELLI

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

Curriculum compulsory courses - International and European Law:

SEM.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1-2	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW	24	SPAVENTA
2	PHD SEMINARS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW	24	SPAVENTA

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. 2026-27

- Research activities;
- seminars organized by the Legal Department, conferences (as a listener and as a speaker), TA and RA activities;
- 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. 2027-28

- Seminars organized by the Legal Department, conferences (as a listener and as a speaker), TA and RA activities;
- thesis submission to external reviewers (end of 3rd year);
- thesis discussion.