



Annex A to Rectoral Decree No.287 of 28th December 2021

**Doctoral Program in
LAW AND BUSINESS**

XXXVII Cycle – 2021/2022 Academic Year

Administrative Headquarters: Department of Law, Luiss Guido Carli University

Statutory Duration of the Program: 3 years

a) Educational Goals and Research Themes:

The educational goal of the Doctoral Program is to offer an advanced course of study that combines both theoretical and practical aspects of the legal and regulatory issues concerning markets and business from a national, EU, international and comparative perspective, focused on both the analysis of theoretical models and on the resolution of practical cases.

The Doctoral Program is interdisciplinary in nature and concerns the following scientific-disciplinary sectors:

- IUS/17 - Criminal Law
- IUS/01 - Private Law
- IUS/02 - Comparative Private Law
- IUS/04 - Commercial Law
- IUS/05 - Economic Law
- IUS/07 - Labor Law
- IUS/08 - Constitutional Law
- IUS/09 - Principles of Private Law
- IUS/10 - Administrative Law
- IUS/12 - Tax Law
- IUS/13 - International Law
- IUS/14 - EU Law
- IUS/15 - Civil Procedure Law
- IUS/16 - Criminal Procedure Law
- IUS/20 - Philosophy of Law
- IUS/21 - Comparative Public Law

The program, specifically designed to meet the demand for highly qualified professionals, seeks to ensure that the doctoral students will reach an appreciable level of scientific and research autonomy allied to a strong capacity for criticism and analysis. Doctoral students should thus be able to investigate and examine in depth, in an interdisciplinary manner, the theoretical and empirical research themes covered by the program.

b) Places on offer:

There are n. 3 places with scholarships within the framework of the XXXVII cycle of the doctoral program in Law & Business, to be assigned to those in residence or domiciled in the Province of Reggio Emilia at the commencement of the doctoral program.

These places will be assigned within the scope of the following three interdisciplinary research key-lines, further clarified in specification sheet A1 attached to the Call, to which the candidates will express an order of preference (to be considered non-binding for the commission):

- ❖ rethinking personal services for the public from a proximity perspective through forms of public-community-science collaboration which enable urban innovation and the self-organization of local communities in the production and/or administration of goods, services, community infrastructure, with a Law & Policy approach and empirical analysis capabilities.
- ❖ digital innovation, with special reference to technological solutions of a cooperative nature (for example, smart neighborhoods, smart communities, etc.) to support the adoption of an urban co-governance protocol, with a Law & Tech approach and qualitative analysis capabilities.
- ❖ Sustainable innovation in the sphere of public and social residential construction, also by supporting the experimentation of residential energetic communities, with a Law & Economics approach and quantitative analysis capabilities.

Approaches of open innovation, collaboration and sustainability should be considered for each of the above-mentioned key-line research themes. The potential for development in terms of cooperative and social economics should be analyzed, as well as the consistency of the presented research projects with international, EU and national objectives and public policies for sustainable development, ecologic transition, and the fight against climate change.

c) Selection Process:

The selection process for admission to the Doctoral Program consists of three phases:

1. First Phase: Evaluation of CV, qualifications, and publications

This phase will consider all qualifications, publications (if any) and further relevant elements indicated in a candidate's CV.

Publications will be evaluated considering the academic value of the writings, their relevance to the topics under study in the Doctoral Program and the standing of the journals and publishing houses through which the candidates have published.

Please note that it is possible to apply for the Doctoral Program even in the absence of publications.

Candidates who score at least 24 points in the first phase will be admitted to the second phase, i.e., the evaluation of the Research Proposal. Reference should be made to section **d)** of this sheet for more details on the evaluation criteria.

2. Second Phase: Evaluation of the Research Proposal.

This phase evaluates the Research Proposal submitted by the candidates. The proposal must be drafted within the framework of the above-mentioned three interdisciplinary key-line research themes, for which the candidates must express an order of preference (while submitting the candidacy). This expressed preference will nonetheless be considered non-binding for the Commission (see Datasheet – Annex 1):

- ❖ Rethinking personal services for the public from a proximity perspective through forms of public-community-science collaboration which enable urban innovation and the self-organization of local communities in the production and/or administration of goods, services, community infrastructure, with a Law & Policy approach and empirical analysis capabilities.
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The candidates must express an order of preference of the three key-line research themes in the dedicated FORM A.

It is herewith specified the candidate's expressed order of preference indicated in the FORM A will not be binding for the Commission for the purpose of defining the ranking list by merits.

The **Research Proposal** will be evaluated based on the following parameters:

- **Relevance:** the proposal addresses an issue that is highly topical and/or important for the present social, economic, technological, institutional, and other contexts, and proposes a model or a methodological protocol for implementing the research hypothesis.
- **Novelty:** the proposal addresses a topic that has not yet been thoroughly analyzed in doctrinal literature or does not possess a solid empirical, qualitative, or quantitative evidence and/or proposes to deal with the topic from an innovative perspective or by building a proper empirical, qualitative, or quantitative database.
- **Comparative/international dimension:** the proposal intends to examine the legal systems of other countries and/or to examine the chosen topic also from the perspective of the international and/or EU legal system.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** the proposal exhibits an interdisciplinary profile regarding one or more areas under study in the Doctoral Program.
- **Scientific accuracy:** the project starts with a proper revision of the existing literature and appears well structured around a logical thread of arguments, denoting a solidity in terms of the empirical, qualitative, and quantitative data applied, is well written and well structured from a formal point of view.

Candidates who score at least 12 points in the second phase will be admitted to the third phase, i.e., Oral Exam and English language test.

3. Third Phase: Oral Exam and English language test

The Oral Exam will focus on the Research Proposal submitted and will concern topics and subjects pertinent to the Call and the analysis of the research approach applied by the candidate.

It is designed to assess not only the candidate's depth of knowledge regarding the proposal submitted but also the candidate's ability to engage in legal reasoning and discuss concepts relating to various branches of the legal system.

Testing of the English language will consist of reading a text in English and translating it into Italian.

The Oral Exam will be held online on the Webex platform. Candidates must possess a computer (with a webcam and microphone) and internet access and follow the instructions relating to the use of the Webex application which they will receive by email at the address that has been submitted during the candidacy phase.

The Oral Exam will be deemed to have been passed by candidates who obtain at least 12 points; 5 of the 20 points will be reserved for the evaluation of the candidate's knowledge of the English language.

4. Fourth Phase: Evaluation of the candidates by the Luiss –Reggio Emilia Municipality – Management Body Commission

For assigning the n.3 places with scholarships a Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission will be established, which will identify three names from the candidates in the ranking list compiled by the Luiss Selection Commission at the end of the three phases.

The Commission may assign a maximum of 20 extra points through an overall evaluation of the candidates ranking, projects, compliance of the profile to the methodology and competencies required in the key-line areas of research and to the context, objectives and method of the Reggio Emilia Co-Lab research and innovation program, and the order of preference between the three key-line research areas, expressed by the candidate during the submission phase of the candidacy, which is non-binding for the Commission.

Should none of the candidates present a research project in the areas mentioned in the Call and in Annex A, the Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission

reserves the right to assign the scholarship to the candidate, chosen from the ranking list compiled by Luiss, that they deem as having the most compatible profile with the research themes of interest for the Reggio Emilia Co-Lab program and who accepts to conduct a research in the said research areas.

d) Luiss Admissions Commission Scoring

The scoring system utilized by the Commission is as follows

| Competition Phase | Subject matter of evaluation | Maximum Score | Minimum score to pass to next phase |
|-------------------|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phase 1 | CV, qualifications, and publications | 40 | 24 |
| Phase 2 | Research Project | 20 | 12 |
| Phase 3 | Oral Exam and English language evaluation (via Webex) | 20 | 12 |
| Total | | 80 | 48 |

Only for candidates with the minimum score for eligibility of 48 points accumulated during the three phases (to be understood as the minimal sum of the 24 points in the First Phase, 12 points in the Second Phase, and 12 points in the Third Phase) will the Luiss Commission compile a ranking list of merit for admittance in the final Phase of selection (Fourth Phase), led by the Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission.

e) The scoring process of the Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission

The **Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission** will proceed to evaluate the research projects, the compliance of the profiles to the methodology and competencies required in the key-line areas of research and to the context, objectives and method of the Reggio Emilia Co-Lab research and innovation program and the order of

preference between the three key-line research areas expressed by the candidate during the submission phase of the candidacy (non-binding for the Commission) for those candidates that have been admitted to the fourth phase.

The Commission will utilize the following scoring process (minimal score to pass Phase 4: 12 points):

| Final Phase | Subject matter of evaluation | Maximum Score | Minimum score to pass to next phase |
|-------------|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phase 4 | Evaluation by the Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission | 20 | 12 |
| Total | | 20 | 12 |

The minimal score for eligibility (60 points) is to be intended as a sum of the points received during the four Phases, having received at least the minimal point in all the selection phases, as indicated in the summary table of the four phases.

The Commission retains the right to summon the candidates in the ranking list for an additional follow-up interview.

| Competition Phase | Subject matter of evaluation | Maximum Score | Minimum score to pass to next phase |
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| Phase 2 | Research Project | 20 | 12 |
| Phase 3 | Oral Exam and English language evaluation (via Webex) | 20 | 12 |

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| Phase 4 | Evaluation by the Luiss-Reggio Emilia Municipality-Management Body Commission | 20 | 12 |
| Total | | 100 | 60 |

The Three Candidates with the highest scores in the final ranking will be admitted to the doctoral program.

f) Candidature Submission Method:

The online application procedure is to be completed by accessing the University's website at:

<https://phd.luiss.it/diritto-impresa/calls/open-calls/>

To apply to participate in the competition candidates must:

- go to the webpage: <https://phd.luiss.it/diritto-impresa/calls/open-calls/>
- fill out the competition application in full, attaching the required documents, specifically:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION:

- I) **Application Form A (which can be found at the end of this document) completed, dated, and signed**
- II) **Proof of possession of a master's degree**
- III) **Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held**
- IV) **National ID card/passport**
- V) **List of publications, together with the full text of the publications or a self-declaration stating that no publications exist**
- VI) **Research Proposal**

Details of the mandatory documentation

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- II) **Proof of possession of a master's degree**
The required documentation to prove attainment of a master's degree varies according to where the degree was awarded, thus it should be noted that:

Candidates with a qualification awarded in ITALY must submit:

- certification/self-certification of the degree held, setting out the exams undertaken, and credits earned, the **grade point average** and the degree grade (for each degree if more than one degree is held).

Candidates with a qualification awarded in an EU country must submit the following:

1. certification/self-certification of the degree held, setting out the exams undertaken, the marks and credits earned, the grade point average and the degree grade (for each degree if more than one degree is held);
2. degree parchment in its original language;
3. diploma supplement and academic transcript of records in their original language;
4. translation into Italian or English of the two documents indicated in the preceding points 1 and 2: the translations are not required if the documents in question are issued by the institution directly in English.

Candidates with a qualification awarded in a non-EU country must submit the following:

- A. degree parchment in its original language;
- B. academic transcript of records in its original language;
- C. translation into Italian or English of the two documents indicated in the preceding points A and B: the translations are not required if the documents in question are issued by the institution directly in English.

For qualifications awarded in a non-EU country the admitted candidates may submit a statement of comparability of the foreign qualification issued by the Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA) as an alternative to submission of the documents indicated in points A and B above. In that regard candidates should click on the following link: <http://www.cimea.it/it/index.aspx>

III) Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held

(For example, master's degree, advanced courses, other PhDs, etc.), research undertaken, study and work periods either abroad or of international relevance, and certified knowledge of additional foreign languages other than English, if any.

- IV) **National ID card/passport.**

- V) **List of publications** in areas pertinent to the Doctoral Program, together with the full text of the publications included in said list, to be uploaded in pdf format onto the relevant sections of the online platform. In the absence of publications, a self-declaration should be uploaded attesting to the same.
N.B. it is nonetheless possible to apply for the Doctoral Program even in the absence of publications, by attaching a self-declaration stating that no publications exist;

- VI) **Research Proposal, which must be drafted within the framework of the following three interdisciplinary key-line research themes (see Specification Sheet – Annex A1):**
 - ❖ rethinking personal services for the public from a proximity perspective through forms of public-community-science collaboration which enable urban innovation and the self-organization of local communities in the production and/or administration of goods, services, community infrastructure, with a Law & Policy approach and empirical analysis capabilities.

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OPTIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

- I) **Any other qualifications** (certificates, for example, regarding a master's degree in a subject pertinent to the Doctoral Program, LL.M., MA, European Doctorate, relevant experience at institutions and public bodies, a diploma from a graduate school for the legal profession – indicating the marks obtained in the individual exams if such marks were awarded).
- II) **Statement of purpose.**

It is recommended that files be uploaded in pdf format.

g) Deadlines:

- **Deadline for submission of applications: 11 February 2022 at 16:00 (CET), UTC+1**
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** by March 2022, unless extended by a communication to that purpose on the LUISS website.

The ranking order and list of those admitted will be published on the Doctoral Program website at the following link: <https://phd.luiss.it/diritto-impresa/calls/admission-and-ranking-list/> and communicated by e-mail to the successful candidates in accordance with article 5 of the call for applications.

- **Deadline for acceptance of admission by the successful candidates:** within 7 days, to commence from the day after publication of the ranking order and list of those admitted on the University's website (<http://www.luiss.it>) and the associated concurrent notice of admission.
- **Commencement of the Program:** by March 2022.