



Annex A to Rectoral Decree No. 152 of 9.5.2025

**Doctoral Program in
LAW AND BUSINESS**

XL Cycle – 2025/2026 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:

- GIUR-01/A – Private Law
- GIUR-02/A – Commercial Law
- GIUR-03/A – Economic Law
- GIUR-04/A – Labor Law
- GIUR-05/A – Constitutional and Public Law
- GIUR-06/A – Administrative Law
- GIUR-08/A – Tax Law
- GIUR-09/A – International Law
- GIUR-10/A – European Union Law
- GIUR-11/A – Comparative Private Law
- GIUR-11/B – Comparative Public Law
- GIUR-12/A – Civil Procedural Law
- GIUR-13/A – Criminal Procedural Law
- GIUR-14/A – Criminal Law
- GIUR-17/A – Philosophy of 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:

➤ **Places with University scholarships: n. 10**
Candidates applying for this scholarship position are required to present, **in terms of validity**, a **Research Project** that must have as its subject **any topic** related to one or more of the scientific-disciplinary areas listed in section a) of this form and congruent with the educational objectives and subjects covered by the Doctoral Program.

➤ **Places with University scholarships reserved for International candidates (n. 1), who satisfy the all the following requisites:**

- ❖ not in possession of Italian Citizenship;
- ❖ not having had residency or domicile in Italy, or having carried out their main activity in Italy, for more than 6 months, even non-consecutively, in the three years preceding this Call for Applications;
- ❖ qualification for access to a Doctoral Program obtained in a foreign university.

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Structure: the proposal is well structured and logically Candidates applying for this scholarship position are required to present, **in terms of validity**, a **Research Project** that must have as its subject **any topic** related to one or more of the scientific-disciplinary areas listed in section a) of this form and congruent with the educational objectives and subjects covered by the Doctoral Program.

Should a suitable candidate not be found, this place will be added, without additional funding, to the **n. 10 ordinary University scholarship places** and will be attributed in accordance with the same merit system as for those places.

➤ **Number of places without scholarship, reserved for officials working for public institutions: n. 1**

Candidates applying for this position are required to present, , **in terms of validity**, a **Research Project** that must have as its subject **any topic** related to one or more of the scientific-disciplinary areas listed in section a) of this form and congruent with the educational objectives and subjects covered by the Doctoral Program.

Should there be no public sector employee applications/winners, the place will not be awarded.

➤ **Total places on offer: n. 12**

➤ **Total places on offer with scholarships: n. 11**

It is possible to apply for one or more of the above categories of competitive positions, subject to meeting the mandatory and specific requirements for each category.

c) Selection Process:

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

1. First Phase: Evaluation of CV

At this stage, the candidate's academic background, final grade obtained in the master's degree program, qualifications, publications (if any), and other relevant elements indicated in the candidate's CV will be taken into consideration.

Each candidate may submit no more than two publications in support of their application.

Candidates who achieve at least 18 points in the first stage will be admitted to the second stage, which consists of the evaluation of the Research Project. For more details regarding the evaluation criteria, please refer to section (d) of this document.

2. Second Phase: Evaluation of the Research Proposal.

At this stage, the Research Project submitted by the candidate will be evaluated. The Research Project (which is mandatory) will be assessed based on its scientific relevance, its degree of innovation in terms of identifying the research topic and

expected results, its potential international dimension—where relevant—the rigor in defining the research methodology, and the potential for producing original conclusions, including possible implications in terms of social impact.

The project must include a clear statement of the research question or questions to be explored, the state of the art on the topic with references to the relevant literature, the proposed analytical framework and methodology, the sources for data collection, and an essential bibliography.

It is recommended to submit a research project containing between 1,000 and 4,000 words, excluding the bibliography.

In accordance with the type of position for which you are competing, it is hereby specified that the Research Project will be evaluated on the basis of the following parameters:

- **Relevance:** the proposal addresses an issue that is highly topical and/or important;
- **Novelty:** the proposal addresses a topic that has not yet been thoroughly analyzed in doctrinal literature and/or proposes to deal with the topic from an innovative perspective;
- **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;
- **Structure:** the proposal is well structured and logically reasoned while also being well written and laid out from a formal standpoint.

Candidates who score at least 18 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 thereto (even if not directly covered by the Research Proposal itself but which relate to the areas under study in the Doctoral Program).

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. The oral interview will also include an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of the English language.

Candidates who are applying for a scholarship position reserved for International candidates must exhibit an adequate knowledge of Italian during the Oral Exam.

The oral exam may be held in presence or through the WebEx online platform.

The Oral Exam may 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 24 points; 10 of the 40 points will be reserved for the evaluation of the candidate's knowledge of the English language.

d) Admissions Commission Scoring

The scoring system utilized by the Commission is as follows (minimum score for eligibility 60):

Competition Phase	Subject matter of evaluation	Maximum Score	Minimum score to pass to next phase
Phase 1	CV, qualifications and publications	30	18
Phase 2	Research Project	30	18
Phase 3	Oral Exam and English language evaluation	40	24
Totale		100	60

The minimum score for eligibility (60 points) is to be understood as the sum of the points assigned from the three phases, with the candidate having attained at least the minimum score in all of the selection phases.

e) Method of Submission of Candidature:

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

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

To submit an application 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

- 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**
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 taken and marks obtained for each exam, credits earned 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 taken, and marks obtained for each exam (academic transcript of records), credits earned and the degree grade (for each degree if more than one degree is held);
2. degree parchment in its original language;
3. diploma supplement in its original language;
4. translation into Italian or English of the above-mentioned documents, indicated in the points 1, 2 and 3: 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.

In the case of admission, applicants holding foreign degrees are required to submit to the PhD & Education Funding Office either the Diploma Supplement (the "access to further studies" section must necessarily be complete) **or** an Attestation of Comparability of the foreign degree issued by CIMEA. The Certificate of Comparability can be found at the following link: <https://www.cimea.it/>.

- 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 relevant sections of the online platform. In the absence of publications, a self-declaration should be uploaded attesting to the same. The candidate may submit no more than two publications in support of their application.
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**, it must be consistent with the educational objectives and the subjects covered by the PhD program. It will be evaluated based on its scientific relevance, its degree of innovation in terms of identifying the research topic and expected results, its potential international dimension—where relevant—the rigor in defining the research methodology, and the potential for producing original conclusions, including possible implications in terms of social impact. The project must include a clear statement of the research question or questions to be explored, the state of the art on the topic with references to the relevant literature, the proposed analytical framework and methodology, the sources for data collection, and an essential bibliography.

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**
- III) **Reference letter**

The reference letter should not be uploaded to the platform: the candidate should insert into the platform the names and email addresses of the referees, who will receive a communication at the indicated email address containing a link through which they can personally write and send the letter to the PhD & Education Funding office.

The deadline for submitting reference letters is set for June 27 at 16:00 (CEST), UTC+2.

It is recommended that files be uploaded in PDF format.

f) Deadlines:

- **Deadline for submission of applications:** June 20 at 16:00 (CEST), UTC+2
- **Deadline for awarding of prerequisite qualification for the Doctoral Program:** 15 September 2025.
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** within September 2025, 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:** October 2025.

NOTE: Application Form A may be found on pages 10, 11 and 12 of this document.