



Annex A to Rectoral Decree No. 170 of 11.3.2026

**Doctoral Program in  
LAW AND BUSINESS**

**XLII Cycle – 2026/2027 Academic Year**

**Administrative Headquarters:** Department of Law and Institutions, 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. 9**  
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.

**Should a suitable candidate not be found, this place will be added, without additional funding, to the n. 9 ordinary University scholarship places and will be attributed in accordance with the same merit system as for those places.**

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.



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

Institutions that adopt the principles set out in Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001 to regulate the organization of employment relationships within their structure are considered Public Institutions.

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. 11**

➤ **Total places on offer with scholarships: n. 10**

**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 (including the exams taken and the final average), qualifications, publications (if any), and other relevant elements indicated in the candidate's CV will be taken into consideration, with particular attention to any internationalization aspects of the study and research path of the candidate.

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; Maximum 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
<b>Phase 1</b>	CV (with particular attention to any internationalization aspects of the study and research path of the candidate), qualifications and publications	30	18
<b>Phase 2</b>	Research Project	30	18



<b>Phase 3</b>	Oral Exam and English language evaluation	40	24
<b>Totale</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>

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, including the exams taken and the final average**
- III) **Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held**
- IV) **National ID card/passport**
- V) **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**

A list of any publications relevant to the PhD field, together with the full texts of the most significant publications, must be attached to Form A.

If the candidate does not have any publications, this must be declared in the relevant section of Form A attached to this call.



Please note that applications may be submitted even in the absence of publications.

## 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, the final average, the 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), the final average, the 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, with the average of the exams taken;
- 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.
- D. CIMEA Statement of comparability (<https://www.cimea.it/>)



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 illustrative purposes only and not exhaustively: master's degree, advanced courses, other PhDs, etc., research undertaken, study and work periods either abroad or of international relevance (with particular attention to highlighting any study or professional experiences abroad or otherwise of international relevance), and certified knowledge of additional foreign languages other than English, if any;

**IV) National ID card/passport;**

**V) 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) 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 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 April 24, 2026 at 16:00 (CET), UTC+1.**

**It is recommended that files be uploaded in PDF format.**

### f) Deadlines:

- **Deadline for submission of applications:** April 17, 2026 at 16:00 (CET), UTC+1
- **Deadline for awarding of prerequisite qualification for the Doctoral Program:** 15 September 2026.
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** within July 2026, 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 2026.

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



## APPLICATION FORM A

### PERSONAL SWORN DECLARATION (ART. 46, D.P.R. N. 445/00):

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) and resident in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fully aware of the penal sanctions in the case of false declarations and the consequent forfeiture of the benefits obtained (pursuant to articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000) for which I take complete personal responsibility.

#### **DECLARE, UPON PRESENTATION OF THIS CANDIDACY: subject to the admission requirements specified in the Call**

1. That I wish to candidate myself for a position in the following categories

**(Applicants may select one or more of the following categories, provided that they meet the mandatory eligibility requirements specified for each category in Annex A to the Call for Applications<sup>1</sup>)**

- 9 places with university ordinary scholarships**
- 1 place with increased scholarship, reserved for international candidates** with residency abroad and with qualification for the Doctoral Program obtained abroad
- Both positions with scholarship listed above**
- 1 place without scholarship, reserved for employees of Public Institutions**  
 Institutions that adopt the principles set out in Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001 to regulate the organization of employment relationships within their structure are considered Public Institutions

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<sup>1</sup> **Both applicants of Italian nationality and international candidates residing in Italy or abroad may apply for ordinary University scholarships**



2.

- To be **currently** a resident in Italy  
**OR**
- to be **currently** a resident abroad, specifically in .....

3.

- to have NOT had residency or domicile in Italy or to have carried out my main activity in Italy, for more than 6 months, even non-consecutively, in the three years preceding this Call for Applications  
**OR**
- to have had residency or domicile in Italy or to carried out my main activity in Italy, for more than 6 months, even non-consecutively, in the three years preceding this Call for Applications

4.

- To have obtained my Master's degree (or equivalent) at the following University:  
.....located in.....  
**OR**
- To have NOT yet obtained my Master's degree (or equivalent), with the full expectance that this degree will be awarded to me by 15 September 2026 at the following University:  
.....located in.....

5.

- To be an employee of a Public Institution, namely .....
- OR**
- NOT to be an employee of a Public Institution

6.

- To have publications in fields relevant to the PhD Program  
(if this option is selected, the applicant is required to attach to this form a list of publications and the full texts of those considered most relevant)  
**OR**
- NOT to have any publications



The undersigned also declares, pursuant to art. 13 of Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, that I have been informed that the personal data contained in this declaration will be processed, also with IT tools, exclusively in the context of the procedure for which this declaration is made.

Finally, the undersigned declares to have read the information referred to in Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 d.d. April 27, 2016 (GDPR).

Place and Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Declarant \_\_\_\_\_

This declaration does not require signature authentication and effectively replaces the normal certifications required or intended for a Public Administration as well as for managers of public services and private individuals