

PhD in Law

Overview

The PhD in Law hosts graduate students interested in achieving the highest level of academic education, and pursuing advanced studies in law, with a strong interdisciplinary perspective, in a lively international setting in our leading Italian University.

The course aims at training scholars capable of critical thinking and innovative research in their respective fields of interest, at the forefront of the international debate.

The PhD programme encompasses a broad set of areas of law, ranging from private and private comparative law, public comparative and European law, constitutional and administrative law, general theory of law, applied legal theory, criminal – national and international – law, law and technology.

Over the 3-year programme, PhD students attend courses, both in their field of interest and in the others covered by the faculty: interdisciplinary perspective and a sound methodological preparation are essential for competitive scholars in the academic and professional market.

Areas of study and research facilities

During the first year, PhD students are required to attend 120 hours of in class training on methodological, curricular, and interdisciplinary courses. They are also involved in seminars, workshops, conferences and in research activities.

During the second year, the requirement for in class training reduces to 80



hours, since students are expected to be working primarily on the dissertation, in close collaboration with their supervisor.

The third year is devoted to refining the thesis, to be discussed within two months from the end of the programme.

The vast majority of the courses offered are taught in English.

During alternatively the second or third year, students are required - as noted above - to undergo a 3 to 6-month research period aboard, as a visiting scholar at one prominent foreign University or center deemed relevant for their PhD project.

Publication requirements amount to at least two contributions over the second year, to an Italian or an international scientific journal.

Job Opportunities

Researchers who got their PhD in Law at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies have achieved remarkable and high level positions in different fields, from academy to public administration, political appointments, the law profession, the judiciary branch, the diplomatic career, ma-

naging and directive roles in multinational companies. Placement in international organisations and non-governmental ones brings our PhD in Law at the forefront of most impelling contemporary issues, from environmental protection and sustainability to artificial intelligence legal and moral basis unfolding.

Highlights

Notably, the international quality of our programme, the recruitment of a world-class teaching staff, the ongoing research exchange with academic organizations and our networking on a sustained intercontinental range, powerfully increased in the last ten years, paves the way to an unlimited number of opportunities worldwide. Applicants can choose their research area in advance by an in depth analysis of the information we provide regarding the research carried on by the professorial staff. The main areas converge upon the common DIRPOLIS project concerning sustainability, environment, human rights, the rule of law, technological challenges, transnational governance through law, law and democracy.

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