

LEGAL STUDIES

Section "Research Topics" integrated on 29/04/2020

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Starting date of the PhD Programme	01/11/2020	
Duration	3 calendar years	
Language of the PhD Programme	Italian, English, French, Spanish	
Mandatory stay abroad	Yes (3 months)	
Research topics (Settore Scientifico Disciplinare – SSD)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IUS/01 – Civil Law - IUS/03 – Agricultural Law - IUS/04 – Commercial Law - IUS/06 – Maritime Law - IUS/07 – Labour Law - IUS/08 – Constitutional Law - IUS/10 – Administrative Law - IUS/11 – Canonic Law <li style="background-color: yellow;">- IUS/12 – Tax Law - IUS/13 – International Law - IUS/15 – Civil Procedure Law - IUS/16 – Criminal Procedure Law - IUS/17 – Criminal Law - IUS/18 – Roman Law - IUS/19 – History of Medieval and Modern Law - IUS/20 – Philosophy of Law - IUS/21 – Comparative Public Law - SPS/12 – Legal sociology, sociology of deviance and of social change 		
PhD positions and scholarships		
Position n.	Financial support	Description
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
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13	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MIUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative
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Admission requirements		
Please, see art. 2 of the Call for applications		
Mandatory documents to be attached to the application		
Please, see art. 3 of the Call for applications		
Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant (only qualifications attested by documents drawn up in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and assessed by the Admission Board)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (please, note that abstract cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formula 		

possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of thesis, the outline, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present);

- No more than 1 reference letter signed by Italian and international academics and professionals in the research field, which do not form part of the Admission Board, attesting the suitability of the applicant and his/her interest for the scientific research.

Please, note that the above letters cannot be uploaded by applicants. When filling the online application form on <http://studenti.unibo.it>, applicants will be only allowed to provide the email accounts of the requested academic/professional. The latter shall receive an email from the University of Bologna providing for the instructions for uploading. Only letters in pdf format submitted before the expiry date and time of the Call shall be accepted.

- Multi-annual research project, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements:
 - o It must indicate in the cover page the research area covered by the research project proposal and for which the applicant is applying (**Please, indicate the *Settore Scientifico Disciplinare - SSD, as described above***)
 - o It cannot exceed 20.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of project, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc - where present);
 - o It must include: the state of the art; description of the project; expected results; lead-time for implementation; (proposed) criteria to be used to assess the findings obtained; references.

The research projects that successful applicants shall carry out during their doctoral career may possibly differ from the project proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.

- Publications *in extenso* (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume's chapters): max 3.
- Minor publications *in extenso* (conference papers, etc.): max 2.

Admission exams (art. 4 of the call for applications)

Examination type	Schedule (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the exams schedule)	Examination results publication (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the publication of results)
Qualifications and research project evaluation	Non-presential.	The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 15/06/2020 at the page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati valutazione titoli e progetto")
Oral examination	Date	The results of the oral examination shall be available on the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it starting from 10/07/2020 (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati prova orale")
	Time	
Applicants shall take the exam remotely. For further details please refer to the relevant provision laid down in art. 4 of the Call for applications.		

Evaluation criteria

Applicants who have passed both the qualifications and research project evaluation and the oral examination, obtaining an overall score equal to at least 60/100, given by the sum of the results obtained in the tests above (evaluation of the qualifications and the research project + oral test), will be eligible for the final ranking of merit.

Points will be allocated to applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

1. Qualifications and research project

- Minimum for admission to the written exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 calendar years prior to the calendar year of publication of the Call for applications shall be taken into consideration, with the exception of the University Degree (Diploma di laurea). Please, note that qualifications must be consistent with the PhD Programme.

Points relating to qualifications shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduation final mark. Undergraduates shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM): max 10 points.
 - o Graduation final mark:

- 10 points corresponding to 110/110 with honors;
- 9 points corresponding to 110/110;
- 8 points corresponding to 109/110;
- 7 points corresponding to 108/110;
- 6 points corresponding to 107/110;
- 5 points corresponding to 106/110;
- 4 points corresponding to 105/110;
- 3 points corresponding to 104/110;
- 2 points corresponding to 103/110;
- 1 point corresponding to marks ranging from 102/110 to 100/110;
- 0 points corresponding to final marks under 100/110.
- Weighted Average Mark (WAM):
 - 10 points = WAM corresponding to 30/30 with at least 10 “lodi”;
 - 9 points = WAM corresponding to 30/30;
 - 8 points = WAM corresponding to 29,62/30;
 - 7 points = WAM corresponding to 29,45/30;
 - 6 points = WAM corresponding to 29,11/30;
 - 5 points = WAM corresponding to 28,90/30;
 - 4 points = WAM corresponding to 28,63/30;
 - 3 points = WAM corresponding to 28,36;
 - 2 points = WAM corresponding to 28,09;
 - 1 point = WAM ranging from 27,81/30 to 27,77/30;
 - 0 points = WAM under 27,77/30.

- Publications: max 4 points
- CV and reference letter: max 1 point

Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal: max 20 points
- Description and structure of the proposal: max 10 points
- Proposal feasibility: max 5 points

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for inclusion in the final ranking list: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Based on the research project submitted by the applicant and on the analysis of a legal text administered by the Examination Board, the oral examination will assess the suitability of the applicant in respect of the pursuing of scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course (Settori Scientifico-Disciplinari – SSD, please see above).

During the oral examination, knowledge of one of the following foreign languages shall be assessed: English, French, German or Spanish.

Oral examination will be carried out in Italian. For non-Italian native speaker applicants, the oral examination shall be held, at the applicant’s choice, in English, French, German or Spanish.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Knowledge of foreign language: max 5 points
- Research project presentation: max 20 points
- Ability to analyze and comment on a legal text administered during the oral examination: max 25 points

Possible evaluation sub-criteria will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Final ranking list and enrolment (arts. 6 and 7 of the Call for applications)

After the publication of the results of the oral exam, the final ranking list will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must enroll on <http://studenti.unibo.it> by the deadline indicated on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information”.