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## PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

Call for applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (41<sup>st</sup> cycle) - A.Y. 2025/2026  
Second round

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| PROGRAMME'S NAME     | EUROPEAN LAW  |
| DURATION             | 3 years   |
| PROGRAMME START DATE | 01/11/2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)   |
| LANGUAGES            | Italian, English, French  |
| COORDINATOR          | Prof. Pietro Manzini ( <a href="mailto:pietro.manzini@unibo.it">pietro.manzini@unibo.it</a> ) |
| CURRICULA            | 1. European Law<br>2. European Markets Law  |
| PhD POSITIONS        | 6   |
| ADMISSION PROCEDURE  | Qualifications and research proposal evaluation<br>Oral examination                           |

### Available Positions and Scholarships

| Pos. n. | Financial Support                         | Description  | Positions linked to research topics   |
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| 1       | <b>PhD Scholarship</b>                    | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget   |   |
| 2       | <b>PhD Scholarship</b>                    | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget   |   |
| 3       | <b>PhD Scholarship</b>                    | Funded by MUR in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative  |   |
| 4       | <b>PhD Scholarship</b>                    | Funded by the Department of Legal Studies with funds made available by Regione Emilia-Romagna in memory of Guido Fanti   | International Trade and European Union Law: potential and limits of the common commercial policy from the perspective of the Regions and economic operators |
| 5       | <b>PhD Scholarship</b>                    |  |   |
| 6       | <b>PhD position without a Scholarship</b> | Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects for PhD programmes 41st cycle "High skills for resilience and sustainability of land and communities - ESF+ PR 2021/2027 Priority 2. Education and Training Specific Objective e) - Action No. 1 - Digital Transition" - under the public notice approved by resolution of the Regional Council n. 344 of 10/03/2025 – funding approved by resolution of the | Electronic surveillance in European law   |

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|  |  | Regional Council n. 732 of 19/05/2025 – CUP<br>J33C25000520006  |  |
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The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in “European law” is €16,243.

All winners of PhD positions must fulfil the study and research obligations decided by the Academic Board, as well as the obligations set out in the relevant regulations, in the call for applications, in the funding schemes and in any agreements relating to specific positions.

## Admission Exams

|  | DATE AND TIME   | RESULTS                          |
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| <b>Qualifications and research proposal evaluation</b> | Applicants’ participation is not required   | Available from <b>07/07/2025</b> |
| <b>Oral examination</b>                                | <b>Date:</b> starting from <b>15/07/2025 – 09.00 a.m. CEST</b><br><b>Place:</b> In presence, Palazzo Malvezzi, Via Zamboni 22, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams | Available from <b>22/07/2025</b> |

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation, as well as the oral examination detailed schedule, shall be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select “requests in progress” > “see detail” and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page). No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results.

**During the oral examination, applicants will express their interest in one or more PhD positions linked to specific research topics.**

## Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

Only documents in Italian or English will be considered valid and will be assessed by the Admission Board. Identity documents and diplomas/degree certificates issued in a language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by an official translation. The translation must be carried out by an authorized body or by the awarding university. Only qualifications obtained in the last 5 years will be taken into account, with the exception of university degrees. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD programme.

| REQUIRED DOCUMENTS       |   |
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| <b>Identity document</b> | Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)   |
| <b>Curriculum Vitae</b>  | No specific CV format is required   |
| <b>Degrees</b>           | Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)  |
| <b>Research proposal</b> | <p>Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>it cannot exceed 20,000 characters</b>, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of proposal, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables, etc. - if present);</li> <li>- <b>it must include:</b> the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; references.</li> </ul> <p>The research proposal that successful applicants shall carry out during their PhD career may possibly differ from the one proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.</p> |
| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS     |   |
| <b>Thesis abstract</b>   | Abstract of the <b>second cycle degree thesis</b> . Graduating applicants may submit an abstract of the thesis to be defended. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and   |

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|                        | formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of the thesis, the outline, references, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc.  |
| <b>Publications</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications in full text (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – <b>max n. 3</b></li> <li>- Minor publications in full text (conference papers, book's chapters etc.) – <b>max n. 2</b></li> <li>- List of abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Other documents</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postgraduate vocational training or specialization programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics</li> <li>- Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects, relevant to the PhD programme main topics</li> <li>- Work activity</li> <li>- Curricular or non-curricular professional internships</li> <li>- Study periods completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)</li> <li>- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)</li> </ul> |

## Evaluation criteria\*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

### 1. Qualifications and research proposal evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

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| <b>Qualifications evaluation</b>    | First and second cycle degrees final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) | 5 points max  |
|                                     | Thesis abstract  | 1 point max   |
|                                     | Publications   | 2 points max  |
|                                     | Professional and research activity, consistent with the PhD programme's main topics                                  | 3 points max  |
|                                     | Postgraduate programmes attended   | 4 points max  |
|                                     | Study periods abroad   | 5 points max  |
| <b>Research proposal evaluation</b> | Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal  | 14 points max |
|                                     | Structure of the proposal  | 12 points max |
|                                     | Feasibility of the proposal  | 4 points max  |

### 2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

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| English language proficiency   | 10 points max |
| General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions | 40 points max |

Oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions.

**During the oral examination, the applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed.**

The oral examination is carried out in one of the languages of the PhD programme (Italian, English or French).

\* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".