

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 37TH CYCLE

PROGRAMME'S NAME	LEGAL STUDIES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2021
LANGUAGES	Italian, English, French, Spanish
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	3 months
COORDINATOR	Prof. Renzo Orlandi (renzo.orlandi@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	N/A
RESEARCH TOPICS	Detailed list at the bottom of the present document
PhD POSITIONS	14
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. 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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11	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
12	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
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Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 05/06/2021**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 05/07/2021 - 9.30 a.m. CEST* Place: Remotely using Microsoft Teams	Available from 12/07/2021**

* In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral examination detailed schedule shall be made available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) together with the results of the qualifications evaluation.

** **The results of the admission exams** will be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select "summary of the 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.**

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

(only documents in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and be assessed by the Admission Board)

Only qualifications obtained during the last 5 calendar years shall be taken into consideration, except for the University Degree. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD Programme.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required
Degrees	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)
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis. Graduands may submit the draft of their thesis (abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and formulas, if present. The above figure does not include: title, outline, images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. if present).
Multi-annual research proposal	A multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The research proposal shall meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It shall indicate on the cover page the research topic covered by the research proposal and for which the applicant is applying; – It cannot exceed 20,000 characters, 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 - where present); – It must include: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; lead-time for implementation; references.
Personal Statement	The statement shall include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those relevant experiences and research interests, that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Reference letter/s	No more than one reference letter signed by Italian and/or 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. The letter shall be uploaded following the procedure on Studenti Online , detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
Publications	List of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals, volume chapters), minor publications (conference papers, etc.) and abstracts and posters presented during academic conferences.
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – University Master Courses (Master Universitari di I e II livello), Postgraduate vocational training programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme – Specialisation thesis abstract (max 3000 characters) – Teaching activity carried out at university level – Research activity - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research units – Working activity – Professional or training internships – Language proficiency certificates – - Periods of study abroad, outside the country of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)

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

Qualifications evaluation	Graduation final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	10 points max**
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	Publications and other qualifications	4 points max
	Curriculum Vitae and reference letter	1 point max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	20 points max
	Structure of the proposal	10 points max
	Proposal feasibility	5 points max

2. Oral examination*** - Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

Foreign language proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	20 points max
General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme	25 points max

*Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

** **Graduation final mark evaluation:** 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. For graduands Weighted Average Mark (WAM) evaluation: 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.

*** **Oral examination** based on the research proposal 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 encompassed by the PhD Programme (Settori Scientifico Disciplinari-Research Topics).

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.

Final Ranking List and Enrollment

After the publication of the results of the oral examination, the final ranking list will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", section "Notices" at the bottom of the page.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants shall enroll on [Studenti Online](#) by the deadline indicated on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".

If a successful applicant withdraws from a position, the following applicant in the ranking list, who is also eligible for the specific position, will be contacted. During the replacement procedure, the new terms of enrollment shall be communicated via e-mail to the chosen applicant.

Research Topics

- 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
- 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