




PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 40TH CYCLE

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| PROGRAMME'S NAME | LEGAL STUDIES |
| DURATION | 3 years |
| PROGRAMME START DATE | 01/11/2024 (DD/MM/YYYY) |
| LANGUAGES | Italian, English, French, Spanish <i>Non-Italian native speakers should have at least CEFR B1 Italian language proficiency</i> |
| COORDINATOR | Prof. Marco Cavina (marco.cavina6@unibo.it) |
| PHD POSITIONS | 13 |
| ADMISSION PROCEDURE | Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination |

Available Positions and Scholarships

| Pos. n. | Financial Support | Description | Positions linked to a specific research topic |
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| 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 | |
| 4 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | |
| 5 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | |
| 6 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | |
| 7 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | |
| 8 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative | |
| 9 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | |
| 10 | PhD scholarship | Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Legal Studies with funds made available by the project CRYPTOSAFE - Title: Towards a safe seizure and confiscation of crypto-assets in criminal proceedings – Ref. Giulia Lasagni - CUP: J53D23018870001 - Code: P2022HW85A - Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) – M4C2 Dalla ricerca all'impresa - Investment 1.1, Call PRIN 2022 PNRR, DD N. 1409 of 14/09/2022  | Cryptography and criminal investigations. From cryptocurrencies to messaging, what challenges and remedies? |
| 11 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by MUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative | |
| 12 | PhD scholarship | Totally funded by MUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative | |

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| 13 | PhD scholarship | Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects “Territorio: Transizione tecnologica, culturale, economica e sociale verso la sostenibilità” (PR. FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 225 del 12/02/2024) - CUP J33C24000280006  | ALMA MATER MAGISTRORUM. Open access data base of Unibo Professors (XII-XX century) |
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The number of positions and scholarships may be incremented in case additional funding becomes available, notwithstanding the terms of the application process in the Call. Any amendment, update or integration of the Programme Table will be published on the University website, even after the Call for applications has expired. Any further PhD positions shall be integrated in the PhD Programme Table within ten days before the oral examination.

All PhD positions winners shall fulfill the learning and research obligations decided by the Academic Board and the obligations foreseen in the relevant regulations, funding schemes and eventual agreements, and in the Call for Applications.

Admission Exams

| | DATE AND TIME | RESULTS |
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| Qualifications and research proposal evaluation | Applicants’ participation is not required | Available from 25/06/2024 |
| Oral examination | Date: starting from 09/07/2024 – 9.00 a.m. CEST Place: In presence, Aula 1, Scuola di specializzazione per le Professioni Legali “Enrico Redenti”, Via Beniamino Andreatta 4, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams | Available from 19/07/2024 |

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation shall 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) together with the oral examination detailed schedule. **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results.**

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

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

All the documents listed below **shall be drawn up in English or in Italian**. In case of documents originally issued in any other language (e.g. identity document, qualifications), an official translation is required.

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 | |
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| 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) |
| Research proposal | 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it must mention on the cover page the Academic Discipline (SSD) the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; - 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. - if present); |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it must include: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; outlining of the criteria meant to be used to assess the research results; references. |
| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS | |
| Thesis abstract | Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduands applicants may submit the draft of the thesis. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and 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. |
| 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 (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces). |
| Reference letter/s | No more than 1 reference letters signed by Italian 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 in the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2) |
| Publications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) - Full text minor publications (conference papers, etc.) - Full text abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc. |
| Other documents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgraduate vocational training programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics - Specialisation thesis abstract - 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 - Curricular or non-curricular professional internships - Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency - Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries 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

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| Qualifications evaluation | <p>Second cycle (Master's) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)</p> | <p>10 points max distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 points to 110 e lode - 9 points to 110 - 8 points to 109 - 7 points to 108 - 6 points to 107 - 5 points to 106 - 4 points to 105 - 3 points to 104 - 2 points to 103 - 1 points to 102 - 100 - 0 points for marks under 100 <p>For graduands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 points for WAM 30 with at least 10 30 with honour - 9 points for WAM 30 - 8 points for WAM 29,62 - 7 points for WAM 29,45 - 6 points for WAM 29,11 - 5 points for WAM 28,90 |
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| | Publications and other evaluable documents | 4 points max |
| | Curriculum Vitae and personal statement | 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

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| Foreign language proficiency | 5 points max |
| Research proposal presentation | 20 points max |
| General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions | 25 points max |

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

* Based on the research proposal submitted by the applicant and on the analysis of a legal text administered by the Admission 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 the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions.

During the oral examination, the Admission Board shall assess the applicant's proficiency in one of the following languages: 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.