




JURIDICAL SCIENCES	
CYCLE	XLI
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DURATION	3 years
STARTING DATE OF THE PHD PROGRAM	01/11/2025
POSITIONS PUT OUT TO COMPETITION	4
ADMISSION PROCEDURES	Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS and Research Project Oral Exam in PRESENCE or REMOTELY
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants holding at least one of the following academic qualifications can apply for admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale (second cycle master's degree) – Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento (degree obtained under the previous Italian regulations); – Second cycle Master's degree obtained abroad, equivalent to the above mentioned Italian degrees and recognized as suitable for the admission to doctoral program Undergraduates can also apply for admission to the selection, with the obligation to obtain the degree by 31.10.2025
TRAINING OBJECTIVES	
<p>The main objectives that the Doctoral Course in Legal Sciences aims to achieve, through the provision and conduct of the training project described above (interdisciplinary and/or methodological content teaching offered in the three-year period; as well as seminar activities of sector or common teaching), are:</p> <p>a) the training of highly qualified researchers, capable of carrying out high-profile research activities within the scope of the topics of the scientific-disciplinary sectors of reference. The acquisition of the PhD degree will promote access to various professional careers. On the one hand, PhDs will be able to find employment at universities or national and international research organisations, pursuing their activities in the field of 'pure' legal research; on the other hand, by spending the acquired skills on a more pragmatic level, they will be able to find employment in the corporate sector, in the public administration, not only at central level, as well as in international organisations (operating, for example, in the field of the protection of fundamental rights and judicial cooperation in civil and criminal law);</p> <p>b) the deepening, moreover, of the knowledge required for access to traditional jobs in the legal sector, in the liberal professions (lawyers, notaries), or in the public sector (judiciary, management careers).</p>	
RESEARCH AREAS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIUR-02/A (IUS/04) – Business law • GIUR-08/A (IUS/12) – Tax law • GIUR-11/B (IUS/21) – Comparative public law • GIUR-12/A (IUS/15) – Civil procedural law 	



Position with Scholarship		
N°	Funding entity	Research Topic
2	Scholarship funded by University of Parma (Ministerial funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIUR-11/B (IUS/21) – Comparative public law GIUR-12/A (IUS/15) – Civil procedural law
1	Scholarship co-funded by Fondazione Cariparma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIUR-08/A (IUS/12) – Tax law
Position with Scholarship LINKED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS (art. 6 of the Competition notice)		
N°	Funding entity	BOUND RESEARCH TOPIC
1	Scholarship funded by EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION (PR.FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 344 del 10/03/2025) – CUP D92J25000110002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIUR-02/A (IUS/04) – Business law: Intellectual property and innovation in the agri-food chain in the face of new technologies

ADMISSION PROCEDURES
Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS: up to 70 points (a minimum score of 35 points shall be required to be admitted to the Oral Exam) ORAL EXAM: up to 50 points Minimum score for ELIGIBILITY: 70/120

ORAL EXAM PROGRAM		
THE ORAL EXAM TAKES IN THE PRESENCE and with the possibility of carrying out the interview REMOTELY for candidates residing abroad or temporarily abroad for study / work reasons. To this end, candidates must submit a motivated REQUEST as per the model attached to the competition announcement)		
The ORAL EXAM includes the presentation and discussion of the research project by of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course		
Foreign Language the fluency of which shall be assessed during the Oral Exam	ENGLISH	The evaluation of the knowledge of this language will be oral and will consist in translating of a scientific text

SCHEDULE OF THE ADMISSION EXAMS		
ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS		It is the candidate's responsibility to verify the outcome of the evaluation of qualifications, which can be consulted in their reserved area by connecting to the page http://unipr.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do in the days preceding the date of the Oral Exam
ORAL EXAM	DATE	8 th September 2025 (with possible extension in the following days)
	TIME	10:00 am (Italian Time)



	PLACE	"BANDIERA" CLASSROOM University of Parma - CENTRAL PALACE – 1 st FLOOR Via Università, 12 43121 PARMA - ITALY	
FURTHER INFORMATION	The choice of the Research Topic to be expressed in Annex A is not binding on the assignment of the research project, and it is intended to assess candidates skills during the admission exam. <u>The PhD research topic will be assigned by the Academic Board.</u>		
	THE INTERVIEW MAY BE HELD ALSO IN ENGLISH for foreign candidates	For foreign candidates, the admission examinations may be held in English at the candidate’s choice.	

LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AND THEIR ASSESSMENT		
MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ON-LINE APPLICATION		
ANNEX A	(art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)	
Identification Document	Scanned Copy of a valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)	
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum	No specific CV format is required (see art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)	
Abstract of degree thesis	Abstract of the second cycle master’s degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants must submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (abstract/draft of the thesis: 10.000 characters including spaces)	
Academic Qualifications	Certificates and academic transcript of records for both Bachelor’ and Master’ degrees containing the following details for each degree held: (art. 3.2 of the Competition notice): University that granted the degree - Type of degree (first cycle/second cycle/single cycle) Name of the degree program - Date of graduation - Final mark - List of exams and corresponding scores (academic transcript of records) - Translation into Italian or English (only for degrees issued in languages other than Italian or English).	
Research Project	Written in Italian or in English, according to the format attached to the competition notice. It will have to focus on an original research topic (unpublished, developed personally by the candidate, PENALTY NOT EVALUATION. It should be noted that the Examination Board can use of IT tools useful for verifying the originality of the submitted Project) <u>It does not represent a constraint with respect to the following choice of the doctoral thesis, which will be assigned by the Academic Board</u>	
LIST OF EVALUABLE QUALIFICATIONS		
(only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)		
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum	Including academic career and postgraduate experience, accompanied by a statutory declaration in lieu of the certification of the exams passed with the relevant marks, as well as the final graduation mark. Score related to the final mark: - 110 with honours (magna cum laude): 10 points - 110: 8 points - from 108 to 109: 6 points - from 106 to 107: 4 points - from 104 to 105: 2 points Score related to the average of the exam marks (if the candidate will attain the degree no later than 31 October 2025): - From 29/30 to 30/30: 8 points	Up to 35 points



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From 28/30 to 28,99/30: 4 points - From 27/30 to 27,99/30: 2 points 	
Graduation thesis	Congruence with the research topics of the PhD course for the scientific disciplinary sectors available for competition	Up to 5 points
Research Project	Points relating to the research project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ methodological rigor: max 10 points ○ originality: max 8 points ○ consistency with the chosen research area: max 2 points 	Up to 20 points
Scientific Publications	Monographs, articles in scientific journals, chapters in collective volumes (uniquely referable to the candidate).	Up to 5 points
Other Academic qualifications	First or second level Master's degree obtained in Italy and/or specialization degree in subjects consistent with the research topics of this PhD program	Up to 3 points
Other experiences (training, work, research, teaching, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Research activity (basic, applied, translational, etc.) carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grant, and as a staff member of research units – Working activity – Professional and/or training internship – Language proficiency certificates – Periods of study abroad, outside the country of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes) – Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, awards, etc.) 	Up to 2 points
EVALUATION ORAL EXAM		
Interview Program	Evaluation CRITERIA	POINTS
The ORAL EXAM includes the presentation of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ presentation of the project: max 30 points ○ preparation on the topics of the scientific disciplinary sector of reference for the project: max 20 points 	Up to 50 points