



JURIDICAL SCIENCES	
CYCLE	XLII
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DURATION	3 years
START DATE	01/11/2026
POSITIONS AVAILABLE	3
ADMISSION PROCEDURES	Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS and Research Project Oral Exam in PRESENCE or REMOTELY
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants may apply if they hold at least one of the following qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale or equivalent);• a degree awarded under the previous Italian system;• an equivalent academic qualification obtained abroad, recognized as suitable for admission to the PhD programme. Applicants who have not yet graduated may also apply, provided that they obtain their degree by 31 October 2026 .
TRAINING OBJECTIVES	<p>The PhD course in Legal Sciences envisages the performance of a plurality of higher education activities, throughout the three-year period, variously articulated.</p> <p>First of all, the doctoral course intends to enhance - from the first year - interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary activities, through the provision of various courses on topics of general legal interest or, in any case, transversal for the training of doctoral students. The related courses (some delivered exclusively in English) will be taught by university lecturers, including foreign ones, and by experts in the various scientific-disciplinary sectors involved, so as to foster the acquisition of skills and professionalism really suited to the training objectives of the course (described below), in terms of methodology, reasoning and analysis in the legal field, in relation to the in-depth knowledge required for the professional outlets. In addition to these courses, there is also teaching aimed at perfecting the doctoral students' language skills in the legal field. These teaching activities will be carried out - in particular, although not exclusively - in the first year of the doctoral program, in order to enable doctoral students, on the one hand, to acquire a solid and interdisciplinary 'initial' training, also with regard to methodological profiles and the tools necessary for research; on the other hand, to give them the opportunity in the following years to perfect their skills in specific subject areas, also through periods of residence abroad, with a view to then writing their doctoral thesis. The doctoral course also envisages reinforcing the theoretical skills of the doctoral students through lectures (also in foreign languages) on legal issues related to the individual scientific disciplines of Area 12, held by university professors or researchers, also from outside the teaching staff, Italian or foreign, as well as by experts in the field, also from abroad.</p> <p>Starting from the second year, the doctoral course intends to promote the gradual maturing and empowerment of doctoral students in the performance of teaching activities in favor of those enrolled in the doctoral course, realised through the organisation - left to the autonomous initiative of the doctoral students, under the supervision of the coordinator and their tutors - of seminar cycles on topics of interdisciplinary or transversal interest. In these contexts, the doctoral students will be called upon to deliver papers and speeches, which will be followed by debate among all those enrolled in the course.</p> <p>Lastly, the doctoral course intends to enrich the training of doctoral students by encouraging their participation, also as speakers or panelists, in conferences, study meetings, seminars (typically, though not exclusively, organised or sponsored by universities, including foreign ones, and by national or international research bodies), also abroad, which from time to time will be accredited as moments of joint, interdisciplinary or sector teaching.</p>



RESEARCH AREAS

- GIUR-10/A (IUS/14) – European Union Law
- GIUR-14/A (IUS/17) – Criminal Law
- GIUR-06/A (IUS/10) – Administrative Law

Position with Scholarship

N°	Funding entity	Research Topic
2	University of Parma (Ministerial funds, University funds and Cariparma Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIUR-10/A (IUS/14) – European Union Law• GIUR-14/A (IUS/17) – Criminal Law
1	Fully funded by Cariparma Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIUR-06/A (IUS/10) – Administrative Law

ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

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. Publication on the website constitutes official notification. No individual communication will be sent to candidates by email.	
ORAL EXAM	DATE	3 rd September 2026 (with possible extension in the following days)
	TIME	12:00 pm (Italian Time)
	PLACE	"BANDIERA" CLASSROOM University of Parma - CENTRAL PALACE – 1 st FLOOR Via Università, 12 43121 PARMA - ITALY



FURTHER INFORMATION	<p>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. The PhD research topic will be assigned by the Academic Board.</p>	
	THE INTERVIEW MAY BE HELD ALSO IN ENGLISH for foreign candidates	<p>For foreign candidates, the admission examinations may be held in English at the candidate's choice.</p>

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	<p>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).</p>	
Research Project	<p>The research proposal must be written in Italian or English, in accordance with the format attached to the Call for Applications. It must focus on an original research topic. In accordance with the Guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in education and research, the candidates must explicitly state whether they have used Generative Artificial Intelligence systems in the production of the research proposal attached to their application form, specifying which tools were used and for which parts of the document. During the oral examination, the Admission Board will assess the candidate's full mastery of the content included in the document and their ability to justify the methodological and scientific choices made in the project.</p> <p><u>The research proposal does not constitute a binding commitment for the subsequent choice of the PhD research topic, which will be assigned by the Academic Board</u></p> <p>Failure to submit the research proposal will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.</p>	
LIST OF EVALUABLE QUALIFICATIONS		
(only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)		
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum	<p>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. As an example, the following experiences will be evaluated:</p> <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 	Up to 35 points



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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.) <p>Score related to the final mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 110 with honours (magna cum laude): 20 points - 110: 16 points - from 108 to 109: 12 points - from 106 to 107: 8 points - from 104 to 105: 4 points <p>Score related to the average of the exam marks (if the candidate will attain the degree no later than 31 October 2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From 29/30 to 30/30: 16 points - From 28/30 to 28,99/30: 8 points - From 27/30 to 27,99/30: 4 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	<p>Points relating to the research project:</p> <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
Statement of Research Interest	Short text – maximum 3 pages – in Italian or in English, aimed at explaining the candidate's reasons to attend the PhD program and at describing her/his specific research interests	Up to 2 points
Scientific Publications	<p>Monographs, articles in scientific journals, chapters in collective volumes (uniquely referable to the candidate).</p> <p><i>Only publications of which a copy has been included among the qualifications presented will be evaluated and not any publications cited exclusively in the curriculum and / or in the form of a list.</i></p>	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
EVALUATION ORAL EXAM		
Interview Program	Evaluation CRITERIA	POINTS
The ORAL EXAM includes the presentation of the research project and is intend 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