

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE
Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses
41st cycle, Academic Year 2025/2026

PhD Course: LEGAL SCIENCES

Available positions: 4

Evaluation Methods: based on academic and research records and interview

Available positions:

Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
1	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
2	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
3	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
4	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the programme "Advanced Skills for Resilience and Land Sustainability" - PR ESF+ 2021/2027 CUP E83C24003170002	Sustainable Development: Studies for a European and National Law of Sustainability

Areas of the PhD Programme: The PhD programme is structured as a single curriculum in Legal Sciences with a strong interdisciplinary and international focus. Doctoral training is delivered through a structured series of seminars and lectures on multidisciplinary topics, involving Italian and international experts. The PhD programme also includes training in legal English and informatics.

The PhD programme aims to provide PhD candidates with advanced legal tools for conducting high-level research, enhancing their legal reasoning and methodological skills to prepare them for academic careers. It also aims to train highly qualified legal professionals who can access traditional legal careers in both public and private sectors.

Official Language: Italian. However, all PhD students are encouraged to learn or improve their English during the course. Further Information can be acquired on the PhD website: <http://www.dottoratoscienzegiuridiche.unimore.it>

Admission requirements: Italian second cycle master's degree ("laurea magistrale", under D.M. 270/04) in the discipline LMG/01 Law, or equivalent Italian second cycle master's degree ("laurea specialistica", under D.M. 509/99) in one of the following disciplines: 22/S Law, 102/S Theories and techniques of law-making and legal information; Italian degree obtained prior to D.M. 509/99 (the previous Italian regulations) in Law; or Second cycle non-Italian Master's degree, equivalent to the Italian degrees mentioned above, in accordance with Article 2 of this Call.

Documents to be attached to the application:

- 1) In order to express interest in also competing for the scholarship linked to a specific research topic, candidates must complete and attach the file "[Declaration of priority interest to compete for scholarships linked to a specific research topic](#)";
- 2) degree certificate (or self-certification for Italian degrees); and Transcript of Records including the full list of examinations. Applicants with a non-Italian degree must attach

their certificate (including the full list of examinations) and a legalized translation or Diploma Supplement and, if available, the Declaration of Value (“Dichiarazione di Valore in loco”) issued by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular Representation, or the certificates issued by the CIMEA - ENIC-NARIC centre. If the degree certificate is not yet available or if the degree has not yet been obtained, the candidate must attach a description of the degree with a list of the examinations taken using [Annex A](#);

- 3) a curriculum vitae including their scientific and teaching activities in Italian or English using the form in [Annex B](#); the CV must include the university-level qualifications held;
- 4) a research proposal to be developed during the PhD, related to one of the topics listed for the interview; concerning the topic-specific scholarship funded by the Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the programme “Advanced Skills for Resilience and Land Sustainability” - PR ESF+ 2021/2027 - CUP E83C24003170002, the research proposal may be related to any legal field, without limitation to those of the subjects listed below in the part concerning the interview in the paragraph “Evaluation Criteria”;
- 5) an abstract or report in Italian or English on the undergraduate/master’s thesis (already defended or pending), minimum 5 to maximum 10 pages, covering: motivation, methodology, results;
- 6) possible letters of recommendation/reference (maximum 3); in the online application, applicants must enter all the personal data of the professor/researcher/expert who will send the letter of recommendation. After the submission of the application, the computer system will send an automatic e-mail to the contact person requesting the letter of recommendation. The deadline for uploading letters is 30 June 2025, 11.59 pm (CET); applicants can check on the application summary page whether the contact person has sent the cover letter/recommendation. Within this deadline, applicants may send a reminder to the contact person who has not yet sent a letter by selecting the ‘reminder’ item on the application summary page;
- 7) any other document considered useful for the candidate’s assessment and/or scientific publications; candidates must provide a full list of all the documents and publications attached;
- 8) a copy of a valid identity document.

Evaluation criteria:

In the evaluation of candidates’ qualifications, the Selection Committee assigns scores up to a total of 60 points, as follows:

- a document including the full list of examinations and the corresponding marks: 0 to 15 points;
- curriculum vitae: 0 to 20 points;
- publications: 0 to 5 points;
- research project: 0 to 20 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the evaluation of their presented qualifications has reached a score of at least 30 points out of the 60 available.

The list of candidates admitted to the interview, as well as any changes concerning the procedures or schedule of the selection process, will be published by July 15th, 2025 at the following University website address: <https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-41>.

The interview will focus on one of the following academic disciplinary sectors, chosen by the candidate, based on the topics outlined in the research project:

- GIUR-13/A Criminal Procedure Law (IUS/16 - Criminal Procedure Law)

- GIUR-06/A Administrative and Public Law (IUS/10 - Administrative law)
- GIUR-09/A International Law (IUS/13 - International Law)

Concerning the topic-specific scholarship funded by the Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the programme "Advanced Skills for Resilience and Land Sustainability" - PR ESF+ 2021/2027 - CUP E83C24003170002, the interview will focus on the different aspects related to the topic 'Sustainable Development: Studies for a European and National Law of Sustainability' with particular reference to the research programme proposed by the candidate.

The oral interview will also include an assessment of English language proficiency, as well as of any optional foreign language declared by the candidate at the time of application. The Selection Committee may award up to 40 points for the evaluation of the interview. No minimum score is required to pass the oral exam.

The title of the research project submitted with the application is not binding. After admission, students may agree upon a different title with their supervisor.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Interview via Google Meet: July 17th, 2025, 9:30 am. In the event of a large number of candidates, the interview will continue on July 18th, 2025, 9:30 am.

The operational indications on how to carry out the interview via Google Meet will be communicated at the time of publication of the list of candidates admitted to the interview.