



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN LEGAL SCIENCES

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XLII cycle – Academic Year 2026/2027

SOCIAL SCIENCES AREA	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	Department of Legal Sciences
WEB	www.dsg.unifi.it/dottorato
CURRICULA	1. Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure 2. Private Law 3. International and European Union law 4. Public Law – Town Planning Law and Environmental Law 5. Theory and History of Law 6. Comparative Law 7. Theories of Human Rights – Law and Society, Genealogy and Perspectives of Legal Thinking 8. European and Transnational Legal Studies (in English) 9. Business, labor, civil procedure and autonomy in dispute management
POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 14 Positions with Scholarship: 12 Position without Scholarship: 2* <i>* standard ranking only</i>	
RANKING LIST FOR STANDARD POSITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 7	University of Florence
RANKING LISTS FOR POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 3	Department of Legal Sciences - Progetto Ministeriale “Dipartimenti di Eccellenza 2023-2027” Thematic: “Equality and inclusion: the law and its effectiveness tested by economic, digital, social, and environmental transformations”
RANKING LISTS FOR POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 1	EBRET (Ente Bilaterale dell’Artigianato Toscano) Thematic: “The bilaterality system: role, functions and rules. The Tuscan experience in the craft sector”

RANKING LIST FOR SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS SCHOLARSHIPS POSITION AVAILABLE: 1 <i>(subject to the grant of funding)</i>	National Cybersecurity Agency - Call for 30 scholarships on Cybersecurity Thematic: “Standardization and regulation of cybersecurity in the European digital ecosystem: Towards an integrated legal frameworks” Please note: scholarship will be awarded ONLY if the respective funding will be granted
Further information on Cybersicurezza Call	The procedures for the management, implementation, reporting, and funding of the scholarship are governed by the “Disciplinare”, with particular reference to the following articles: Article 4 (Obligations of the PhD student recipient) 1. The PhD student recipient of the scholarship funded by the Agency must carry out the research project in line with what is indicated in the Research Project Fact Sheet approved for the funding. 2. The PhD student recipient of the scholarship funded by the Agency must comply with the obligations related to intellectual property aspects as outlined in the following Article 5. Article 5 (Intellectual property and research results) 1. Universities may not use, for advertising purposes or any other promotional activity, the name, trademark, or other distinctive sign of the Agency except to disclose the funding of the PhD scholarships. 2. Without prejudice to the moral right of authorship of the PhD students, the ownership of the research results of the projects funded by the Agency will be shared equally (50%) between the Agency and the University. Consequently, the University will promptly inform the Agency – via Certified Electronic Mail (PEC) to the address acn@pec.acn.gov.it – of the existence of research results so that the Agency, within the following sixty days, may express its possible intention to waive its right via Certified Electronic Mail (PEC) to the address acn@pec.acn.gov.it. In such a case, the University will acquire full ownership of the research results. Article 9 (Revocations, non-allocation of scholarships, withdrawals, terminations, and cessations) 1. The Agency will proceed with the total revocation of the funding, with the consequent obligation for the University to return any amounts already disbursed, in the following cases: a) failure to start the doctoral program in the XLI doctoral cycle within the established deadlines; b) interruption of the courses due to reasons attributable to the University itself; c) failure to comply with the obligations incumbent on the University as outlined in the Call and the Implementation Regulations; d) implementation of the research project in a manner different from that approved for funding. 2. In the case of the PhD student recipient failing to obtain the doctoral degree, or if the PhD student recipient is not positively evaluated for the renewal of the scholarship, or if they renounce it, partial revocation of the funding will occur, with the obligation to return the amounts disbursed following the last annual report submitted by the University to the Agency. Amounts not yet disbursed will be considered not due, and payments will be interrupted. 3. The University will notify the Agency of any withdrawals by the PhD student, whether regarding the position or the scholarship, even if related to a portion of the course.
STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD	at least 3 months: for all curricula and for specific research topic scholarships with a separate ranking funded by the Department of Excellence and by EBRET.

	at least 6 months: for • The curricula in “Theories of Human Rights – Law and Society, Genealogy and Perspectives of Legal Thinking • ” and “European and Transnational Legal Studies,” preferably at one of the partner foreign universities: Universidade Federal da Paraíba, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, and Mackenzie Presbyterian University for <i>Human Rights Theory</i>, and Maastricht University for <i>European and Transnational Legal Studies</i>; • The scholarship funded by the National Cybersecurity Agency.
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION	• Copy of the Identification Document • Self-certification for qualifications obtained in Italy (laurea triennale, specialistica o magistrale o ciclo unico) with list of exams taken, credits and related grade, title of the thesis and graduation mark (using this template or similar forms containing the required information) • Qualifications obtained abroad (Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees or combined cycle Degree) with a list of all exams taken, credits and related grade, rating scale, title of the thesis and graduation mark <i>The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate within the 31/10/2026</i>
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION	MANDATORY • Curriculum vitae MANDATORY ONLY FOR POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS SCHOLARSHIPS • Research project OPTIONAL • Copy of the Master Thesis (or equivalent) • List of qualifications and experiences beyond the degree, publications (if any) • Copy of publications (if any). The candidate can either attach to the application a pdf copy or refer to an open access repository.
STANDARD POSITIONS	
WRITTEN TEST	In person The written test is on a topic chosen by the Commission. Time available is three hours.
INTERVIEW MODE	In person In the application form candidates may ask to conduct the interview remotely
FURTHER INFORMATION	The interview consists of an interview focusing on knowledge of the curricular subject matter derived from the written test and the discussion of a possible line of research proposed by the candidate. It is not required to attach a research project.

	The test may be conducted in Italian or English. Knowledge of a foreign language to be chosen from English, French, German and Spanish is also required.																				
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RESEARCH PROJECT	The research project (between 10.000 and 15.000 characters, within spaces, notes and bibliographical references), drafted in Italian, English or French, shall fit within one of the curricula (that must be identified in the application). The project must specify the topic of the research, clarify the characteristics of originality, briefly indicate the state of the art on the subject (with appropriate bibliographical references) and the lines of investigation that can be usefully develop over the three years of the PhD program. The candidate may apply for several rankings by attaching for each one a separate project consistent with the thematic chosen clearly indicating the reference to it.																				
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EXAMINATION SCHEDULE			
	DATE	TIME	PLACE
WRITTEN TEST (only for standard positions)	June 30 th ,2026	10:30 a.m.	Department of Legal Sciences, via delle Pandette, 35 Firenze
INTERVIEW (both for standard positions and positions with specific research topic)	July 20 th ,2026	09:30 a.m.	Department of Legal Sciences, via delle Pandette, 35 Firenze
Candidates who apply for standard positions are admitted to the test, they are required to be present at the venue. The Board will communicate any exclusion directly to those concerned. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the page PhD courses			

ENROLLMENT ROUNDS		
Enrollment must be completed within the specified mandatory deadlines, under penalty of exclusion (as per Art. 12 of the Call for Applications - Annex 1)		
	Opening Date	Deadline for Enrollment
Enrollment (successful candidates)	Ranking's publication date (by July 31, 2026)	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on August 25th 2026*
1st round (eligible candidates)	from 31st August 2026	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on September 7th 2026
2nd round (eligible candidates)	from 10th September 2026	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on September 17th 2026
<i>* Please note that the University will be closed from August 8th to August 23th, 2026.</i>		
Subsequent reassignment of vacant positions: The reassignment of any residual positions after the first two rounds will be activated on every Tuesday until October 27th, with a mandatory enrollment deadline set for the following Friday (11:59 PM CEST). It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check their personal reserved area No personal communications will be sent to candidates. Technical instructions for enrollment can be found <u>here</u>		