

PhD Programme in LEGAL SCIENCES	
DISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC AREA	12 - LEGAL SCIENCES
COORDINATOR	PROF. GIANMARIO DEMURO
HEAD DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT OF LAW
DURATION	3 YEARS
LEARNING OUTCOMES AND RESEARCH TOPICS	<p>Our PhD in Legal Sciences is based on a curriculum offering lectures, seminars, and conferences. All these elements are combined together to foster the achievement of a rich set of learning outcomes.</p> <p>With members of staff teaching the programme coming from both Italian Universities and distinct foreign Universities, the curriculum spans over three years but most of the delivery happens normally during the first year from enrolment.</p> <p>Specifically, the academic activities of the first year are shared amongst all partners, and PhD candidates will attend - in addition to lectures in Cagliari, the programme of "Higher Education in Legal Sciences" organised by Venice Ca' Foscari, Siena, Second University Naples, LUISS Guido Carli Rome, Catania, Florence, Pamplona and Salamanca.</p> <p>In the 2023/2024 the programme will focus on the topic "European integration thirty years after the Maastricht Treaty: competition; stability and solidarity; citizenship, family and work".</p> <p>Furthermore, the programme will focus on the techniques of regulation of public and private powers, the topics of innovation, sustainability and inclusion, as well as human rights in the discipline of the process and in international law.</p> <p>The timetable of PhD activities is normally prepared by the PhD board to suggest a multidisciplinary approach; all students are required to attend workshops and dissemination events, where they discuss publications about a common topic previously identified by the board itself.</p> <p>During the second year (preferably), candidates will spend a period abroad (min. 6 months) in a foreign institution. At the moment there are two international doctoral agreements in place, one with Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, and one with Universidad de Salamanca. Thanks to this, our PhD candidates will eventually be able to acquire a degree valid in both countries.</p> <p>LEARNING OUTCOMES:</p> <p>The programme aims to develop a high critical awareness of the complexity of legal phenomenon in all aspects including European and International context.</p> <p>The ultimate goal is to train a "European Jurist" capable of reconciling the diverse perspectives and needs of contemporary law. This is even more important in the light of the interaction between national and international regulatory frameworks.</p> <p>By the end of the course, candidates will master the critical attitude, methods, and the autonomy to carry out independent research and achieve novel results with measurable outputs.</p> <p>To do so, our PhD programme promotes the publication of students' works in Department's volumes or legal journals. Indeed, by the end of the course,</p>

	<p>it is possible to print and publish the entire doctoral thesis or part of it.</p> <p>Thanks to the partnership with the University Language Centre, PhD candidates will be required to achieve a B2-CEFR level of linguistic competence in one EU languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Italian for foreign students).</p> <p>Finally, PhD students will have to develop and demonstrate their IT skills related to legal research. In order to do so, they will be asked to attend lectures in legal informatics and methodology of research.</p>
ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES (ART. 2 - NOTICE OF COMPETITION)	<p>Applicants must hold the following academic qualifications for admission: LMG/01 Classe delle lauree magistrali in giurisprudenza LM-63 Scienze delle pubbliche amministrazioni and all equivalent degrees awarded according to Italian Regulations.</p> <p>Foreign candidates: Degree issued by a foreign University, comparable in duration and content to Italian degree in Law or Political Sciences which provide access to PhD education, recognized as equivalent</p>
ADMISSION TESTS	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CURRICULUM VITAE, AND INTERVIEW</p> <p>The interview will assess the candidate's methodological knowledge and his/her communicative skills.</p> <p>During the interview, the candidate will discuss his/her 3-year research project. The project (preferably written in English) must be uploaded along with the documents listed in art. 3 of the PhD notice of competition (<i>Annex A "Titoli valutabili e Curriculum Vitae"; Annex B "Dichiarazione sostitutiva di certificazioni del/i titolo/i di accesso con esami e voti"; two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid ID, with a clear photo</i>), within the deadline (file name: progetto_di_ricerca_surname_name - formatting requirements: min. 8,000 max 16,000 characters including spaces - excluding title, schemes, charts and bibliographic references). The project will be evaluated during the interview exclusively and must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. research object 2. state of the art 3. research purposes 4. detailed workplan; 5. expected results; 6. motivation letter, i.e. max. 1,000 characters (including spaces) explaining the reasons prompting the candidate to apply for the PhD Programme. <p>With regard to linguistic skills, in the event of failure to produce certificates attesting the achievement of a level of knowledge B1 or higher, the basic knowledge of a language chosen from English, French, Spanish and German will be ascertained during the interview, to assess that the candidate's level allows him/her to understand legal texts in that language.</p> <p>Candidates unable, for justified reasons, to take the interview at the established venue, may be granted the possibility of carrying it out by videoconference, on the same date and time established for face-to-face interviews, according to the procedure indicated in the notice of competition.</p>
ADMISSION TESTS FOR FOREIGN CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR RESERVED POSITIONS SUPPORTED BY A SCHOLARSHIP	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CV, VIDEO CONFERENCE INTERVIEW</p> <p>The interview will assess the candidate's methodological knowledge and his/her communicative skills.</p> <p>During the interview, the candidate will discuss his/her 3-year research project. The project (preferably written in English) must be uploaded along with the documents listed in art. 3 of the PhD notice of competition (<i>certificate attesting the award of a 2nd level foreign degree needed to access a PhD programme, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian</i></p>

	<p>or English; certificate attesting the award of a 1st level foreign degree, including and marks, with a translation in Italian or English; signed Curriculum Vitae preferably in EU format, in English or Italian; additional qualifications, certifications, publications (up to 5) and work experiences, detailed in English or in Italian; two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid passport, with a clear photo), within the deadline (file name: research_project_surname_name - formatting requirements: min. 8,000 max 16,000 characters including spaces - excluding title, schemes, charts and bibliographic references). The project will be evaluated during the interview exclusively and must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. research object 2. state of the art 3. research purposes 4. detailed workplan; 5. expected results; 6. motivation letter, i.e. max. 1,000 characters (including spaces) explaining the reasons prompting the candidate to apply for the PhD Programme. <p>During the interview, a basic knowledge of the Italian language will also be ascertained, enabling the student to follow the courses successfully from the first year.</p> <p>Reference letters (up to 3) must be written in English, using the form available on the webpage https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca (How to apply for PhD selection: Guidelines and forms- Annex D), by a university professor or an expert in the research fields of the PhD programme, on letterhead of their institution, dated and signed. Evaluators will send their letters directly to the email address phdcall_referenceletter@unica.it (object: surname and name of the candidate being evaluated and name of the PhD programme for which he/she is applying).</p>
POSITIONS	6 (1 of which, with scholarship, reserved for a foreign candidate with a foreign degree)
SCHOLARSHIPS	6: 2 funded by UniCa; 4 funded by Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023: Public Administration
POSITIONS WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP	-
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SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY MINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 118/2023	
SCHOLARSHIP 1	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Collective ownership and new perspectives for local development
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Gianmario Demuro
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	Moving from historical analysis of the collective property regime and through a multidisciplinary approach, the project aims to analyse the complex legislation (national, regional and municipal) on civic uses. Thus, in line with the objectives of the PNRR to improve PA and Justice, the project aims to support the judicial protection of the collective dimension of the land structures by the Regional Commissioners for the liquidation of civic uses, facilitating the decision-making activity and connection with the bodies responsible for the adoption of sector policies, in the light of the environmental protection and local development functions recognized to civic uses by the latest reforms. The project also aims to improve awareness of the Commissioners' activities through the maximization and collection in a digital archive of the most relevant recent sentences of the Commissioner for Sardinia.

COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Commissariato per la liquidazione degli usi civici per la Regione Sardegna Legal head office: Via E. Pessagno 4, Cagliari Contact person: Dott. Nicola Caschili
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Juristische Fakultät Sede legale: Prof.-Huber-Platz 2, Monaco di Baviera (Germany) Contact person: Prof. Johannes Platschek
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
SCHOLARSHIP 2	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Distributed ledger technology in financial trading
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Gianmario Demuro
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	The project is focused on the use of new technologies, self-learning algorithms and distributed ledgers (DLT, especially blockchain) has a strong impact on contractual activity, especially in financial negotiation which also involves public issues. Speed, enormous processing capacity, automatic execution are some of the aspects and advantages that interest the topics involved, starting with public entities that provide loans through investee financial companies. Therefore, the management of risks associated with decentralization and automation in the execution of transactions registered on DLT becomes crucial. In fact, the functioning mechanism of the DLT ensures reduction of times, costs and favours the certainty of the negotiations thanks to the reduction of the risks of default, linguistic ambiguity, unpredictability.
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	SFIRS S.p.A. (Società Finanziaria Regione Sardegna) Legal head office: via Santa Margherita, 4, Cagliari Contact person: Dr. Massimo Concas
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Universität Wien Schottenbastei 10-16 (Juridicum) A 1010 Vienna, Austria Contact person: Prof. Matthias Lehmann
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
SCHOLARSHIP 3	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Migrations and multiculturalism
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Gianmario Demuro
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	The project addresses the issue of migration, which is also on the rise due to the climate emergency, and new or existing management strategies at the local government level, in view of the development of multicultural policies and the implementation of pluralism. The project aims to facilitate the sharing of tools and problems encountered by local authorities (CAL - Local Autonomies Council), so as to enhance the ability to formulate public policies on the issue of reception of migrants and cultural diversity, diagnostic of the problems and coordination between different public entities on the policies adopted. Institutional planning will be supported by the use of new technologies, in line with the purpose of digital transition and of a higher level of cohesion and inclusion (Mission 5 - NRRP).
COMPANY/RESEARCH	Consiglio delle Autonomie locali

INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Legal head office: Piazza Palazzo 2, Cagliari Contact person: Dott. Luigi Mossa
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FOREIGN INSTITUTION	School of law, Glasgow University UK Legal head office: The Square n. 8, Glasgow G12 8QQ, United Kingdom Contact person: Prof. Maria Fletcher
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
SCHOLARSHIP 4	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Discrimination in the workplace and new technologies
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS	Prof. Gianmario Demuro
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	The project deals with the issue of actions to prevent and fight against discrimination, including algorithmic ones, in the various phases of the employment relationship. The debate on the topic has reached an advanced level on the European and national scenario, even if significant exegetical problems remain to be addressed, because technological progress leads to an increase in the risk of discrimination. The project is part of Mission 5 (Inclusion and Cohesion) of NRRP, as it contributes to the pursuit of the transversal objectives of the Plan to fight against discrimination (also linked to gender diversity) in the workplace. It also contributes to raising the "levels of participation of women in the labour market" and to their socio-economic empowerment. The research, therefore, will be oriented towards the identification of means of protection in line with the needs of the victims of discrimination resulting from use of algorithmic technology.
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Ispettorato del Lavoro Legal head office: Via Emilio Pirastu, 2, 09125 Cagliari Contact person: Irene Rosaria Cammarata
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FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Universidade de Santiago de Compostela - Departamento de Derecho Público Especial y de la Empresa Legal head office: Facultad de Derecho, Avda. Dr. Ángel Echeverri, s/n, 15782, Santiago de Compostela (Spagna) Contact person: Prof. Jose Maria Miranda Boto
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6