



PhD Programme in RESEARCH AND SOCIAL INNOVATION	
DISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC AREA	14 - POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES; 12 - LEGAL SCIENCES; 11 - HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, PEDAGOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES; 13 - ECONOMICAL AND STATISTICAL SCIENCES
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HEAD DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DURATION	3 YEARS
LEARNING OUTCOMES AND RESEARCH TOPICS	<p>The PhD in Research and Social Innovation (R.I.S.) aims to train high-level researchers and professionals in the field of social, cultural, and institutional innovation, with a particular focus on local/territorial development, social integration and cohesion, sustainable development, and cultural and communication processes related to institutional innovation. It is conceived as a multidisciplinary and innovative course in terms of content and methods, with a focus on social sciences and an openness to Geography, Statistics, Demethnoanthropological studies, Psychology, and Law. This integration enriches the methodological and cultural background of the R.I.S. research doctorate. Specifically, courses and seminars will focus on developing skills in the epistemological and theoretical foundations of social sciences, statistical data analysis, qualitative and quantitative methodologies, and graphic and spatial representation of social phenomena. R.I.S. aims to train scholars of social and institutional processes, experts in public policies capable of analyzing the potential of territories through the enhancement of community cohesion, innovation, and social inclusion.</p> <p>It delves into the dynamics of innovation production in contemporary society, as well as considers the actors, processes, and conditions in which it spreads and stabilizes in ordinary and crisis situations. The PhD is part of an international network that facilitates stays abroad in qualified locations.</p> <p>Moreover, the presence of scholars affiliated with national and international institutions in the R.I.S. teaching staff enables training activities to be conducted in foreign languages. The pedagogical project of R.I.S. is focused on the objective of providing the PhD student with a toolbox of research methods, advanced theoretical, and epistemological skills in a multidisciplinary perspective. Teaching/learning activities will utilize various methods to transmit knowledge and develop disciplinary and transversal skills, including ad hoc master's courses (lectio), laboratory-type courses, and seminar-type courses.</p> <p>The three-year structure of the course will be as follows: First year: 8 courses are planned with final evaluation, 148 hours. Second year: 4 courses are planned with final evaluation, 102 hours. Third year: No courses are planned. PhD students will focus on processing their own data and thesis writing.</p> <p>PhD students will participate in seminars to discuss the progress of their theses. The seminars aim to develop transversal skills (communication, organization, social) and advance thesis projects.</p> <p>Supplementary activities include courses and workshops organized as part of the research activities of the SPOL department, the Inter-university Center for Educational Research - CIRD, and the University of Cagliari.</p> <p>The general structure of the courses can be modified by the PhD Faculty Council, and it is possible to create customized training paths.</p>
ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES (ART. 2 - NOTICE OF COMPETITION)	EVERY ITALIAN 2ND CYCLE DEGREE (LAUREA MAGISTRALE/SPECIALISTICA/VECCHIO ORDINAMENTO) AND EQUIVALENT AND SUITABLE FOREIGN ACADEMIC DEGREES



	<p>The doctoral program welcomes students from various master's degrees; however, backgrounds in social and political sciences are particularly suitable. Specifically, a basic understanding of statistics is required. Doctoral students lacking a foundational knowledge of statistics must undertake a statistics exam during their first year in the program.</p>
ADMISSION TESTS FOR CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE ORDINARY POSITIONS	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CURRICULUM VITAE, AND IN-PERSON INTERVIEW</p> <p>The interview will aim to ascertain the candidate's ability to orient on the main areas of study inherent in the doctorate and to verify his/her analytical, processing and communication skills.</p> <p>During the interview, a three-year research project proposed by the candidate will be discussed, which must be presented, in addition to the documents required by art. 3 of the call for applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex A "Titoli valutabili e Curriculum Vitae";• Annex B 'Titolo/i di accesso con esami e voti';• two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid ID, with a clear photo), by uploading it to the system by the call expiry date (file name: research_project_surname_name). <p>The Master's thesis, which must be mandatory attached, will be subject to evaluation.</p>
ADMISSION TESTS FOR FOREIGN CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE RESERVED POSITION	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CV, AND ONLINE INTERVIEW</p> <p>During the interview, a three-year research project proposed by the candidate will be discussed, which must be presented, in addition to the documents required by art. 3 of the competition announcement (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 or English; certificate attesting the award of a 1st level foreign degree, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian or English; signed Curriculum Vitae preferably in EU format, in English or Italian; additional qualifications, certifications, publications, a copy of the Master degree thesis - translated in English if non-EU languages; copy of a valid passport), by uploading it to the system, by the expiry date of the announcement (file name: research_project_surname_name). The interview can also be conducted in English. Reference letters - for foreign candidates - (up to 3) must be written in English, using the form available on the webpage https://web.unica.it/unica/en/studenti_s01_ss05.page (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). Candidates unable to attend the interview at the designated venue for justified reasons may be allowed to conduct it via videoconference, at the same date and time scheduled for in-person interviews, following the procedure outlined in the competition announcement. The candidate bears full responsibility for the technical quality and conduct of the online interview.</p>
POSITIONS	5 (1 of which, with scholarship, reserved for a foreign candidate with a foreign degree)
SCHOLARSHIPS	4 funded by UniCa (1 of which reserved for a foreign candidate with a foreign degree)
POSITIONS WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP	1
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