



Factsheet no. 4

Ph.D. in Law

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Language	Italian, English
Duration	3 years
Academic Objectives	Our PhD in Law bears an essential international inspiration. It promotes a strong interdisciplinary methodology and develops by integrating generalist and specialized competencies in the legal field. Its aim is to train researchers capable of creativity and originality, in frontier fields, in the strategic directions of the DIRPOLIS Institute (sustainability, AI and technology law, environment and ecological transition, rule of law and constitutional guarantees, human rights, economic law, regulation and global governance, theories and practices of comparative and transnational law), and able to move with mastery in a global horizon of legal interconnections. The Course also aims to train, through a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary didactic and research pathway, figures with a high scientific and professional profile adequately prepared both to operate in the academic and university research spheres at national and international levels and to hold highly qualified positions in national and international organizations and agencies, in the public, private and in the third sector.
Available Positions	n. 5 positions with scholarship funded by Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (1 of which is reserved for candidates who obtained their qualification at a non-Italian University)
Selection Calendar	Application deadline: May 15, 2025 at 5 p.m. (Italian time) List of admitted to interview: starting from June 13, 2025. Ranking List: by July 15, 2025. Schedule of interviews will be available on the page: https://www.santannapisa.it/en/training/call-for-application-phd-law-2025-26 Interviews will be held in-person in Pisa or remotely, using the Microsoft Teams/WebEx platform. Please, check the page periodically for updates.
Scholarship and contributions	The annual budget for each student includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a scholarship of € 16,243.00, inclusive of social security charges borne by the recipient;• a supplement to the scholarship for housing contribution of € 2,200/year inclusive of social security charges borne by the recipient. The scholarship and the housing contribution supplement are paid in postponed monthly installments.
Other non-mandatory documents	Please refer to Article n. 3 of the Call for Applications for all mandatory documents. Optional documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) A copy of the MSc degree thesis or an abstract of the thesis with the cover; those candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification should attach a copy of the degree thesis as a final draft or an abstract of the same to the application.



	<p>2) Two letters from faculty who supervised the candidate's education during their university studies. Candidates are required to add the name, surname, and institutional e-mail address of the Professors in the application process. Professors will receive a link where they can directly upload the reference letters. <u>Letters can be uploaded until three days after the deadline.</u></p> <p>3) Copy of any other qualifications or publications that the candidate deems relevant to the programme.</p>
Test examinations	<p>Pre-selection Candidates are asked to take into account the research fields and interests of the members of the Ph.D. in Law Faculty Board.</p> <p>Eligibility for the competition is established beforehand by a pre-selection committee and assessing the coherence of the research projects submitted with the lines of research of the Faculty and their scientific-disciplinary sectors.</p> <p>Selection from eligible candidates, following the said assessment, is carried out by a Selection Committee. Selection will be performed through an assessment of the qualifications presented and an interview. Assessment will be based on a scale of 1 to 100 points.</p> <p>Assessment of Qualifications – maximum score possible 70</p> <p>The Examining Board will assess the academic, professional and scientific qualifications submitted as resulting from CV, and his/her research plan (quality of the project and relevance to the PhD board professors' research areas).</p> <p>The research project, drafted in Italian or English, of a maximum of 3000 words (bibliography excluded) with details of the research activity that the candidate wishes to perform during his/her PhD, should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">the title;the scientific premises and relevant bibliography;the aim and expected results of the research project;coherence between the research project submitted and the lines of research followed by the teaching staff of the PhD, which can be found on the following website: http://www.phdinlaw.santannapisa.it/; https://www.santannapisa.it/en/education/coordinator-and-board <p>Those candidates obtaining a score of at least 49/70 in the assessment phase will be accepted for interview.</p> <p>Candidates are not present during the assessment of qualifications.</p> <p>Interview – maximum score possible 30</p> <p>The interview will focus on the qualifications submitted, the proposed research project, and the level of knowledge of English.</p> <p>Those candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 will be excluded from the merit ranking list.</p> <p>Candidates have the option to carry out the interview via a video conference. In this case, the identity document used in the online application form must be shown before the start of the test to enable identification of the candidate. It is in any case the candidate's responsibility to make sure that the required hardware (PC, webcam) and software are available and that there is a reliable internet connection.</p> <p>A minimum score of 70/100 is necessary to be accepted for the PhD.</p>
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