

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE
Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses
42nd cycle, Academic Year 2026/2027

PhD Course: LEGAL SCIENCES

Available positions: 4

Evaluation Methods: academic and research records and interview

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Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
1	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
2	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
3	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
4	Scholarship	University scholarship	-

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: <https://www.dsg.unimore.it/en/home-2/>.

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) Degree certificate (or self-certification for Italian degrees) and Transcript of Records including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks. Applicants with a non-Italian degree must attach their certificate (including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks) 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](#);

- 2) a Curriculum Vitae (CV) 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;
- 3) a research proposal to be developed during the PhD, related to one of the topics listed for the interview;
- 4) 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;
- 5) possible letters of recommendation/reference (maximum 3); in the online application, applicants must enter all the personal details of the professor/researcher/expert who will be sending the letter of recommendation. Once the application has been submitted, the computer system will send an automatic e-mail to the contact person requesting the letter of recommendation. The deadline for uploading letters is June 30th 2026, 11.59 pm (CET); applicants can check on the application summary page whether the contact person has sent the cover letter/recommendation. Within the aforementioned deadline, applicants may send a reminder to the contact person who has not yet done so by selecting the 'reminder' item from the application summary page;
- 6) 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;
- 7) a copy of a valid identity document.

Evaluation criteria:

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 60 points, divided as follows:

- a document including the full list of examinations and the corresponding marks: 0 to 10 points;
- curriculum vitae: 0 to 10 points;
- publications: 0 to 5 points;
- research project: 0 to 35 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the evaluation of their qualifications has reached a score of at least 30 points out of the 60 available. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview, and any variation in the selection procedure, will be published before July 15th, 2026 at the following University website address: <https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-42>.

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-01/A Private Law
- GIUR-02/B Navigation and transport Law
- GIUR-02/A Business Law
- GIUR-12/A Civil procedural Law

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.

For the interview, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 40 points. 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 22nd, 2026, 9:30 am. Interviews may continue on July 23rd, 2026, 9:30 am, should there be a high number of candidates

Instructions on how to conduct the interview via Google Meet will be communicated with the list of candidates admitted to the interview.