



PhD in European and International Law Guidelines and Regulations for the Acquisition of Credits (ECTS)

Academic Year 2025/2026

All information can be found on the course [web pages](#).

1 Doctoral Seminars

Two institutional meetings between the PhD Board and PhD students are scheduled: one in April, dedicated to the presentation of the progress of the research work of the first- and second- year students, and one in September, dedicated to the presentation of the thesis contents by the third-year students.

Attendance at the meetings is compulsory for all PhD students, and the presentations are assessed for the achievement of the training objectives (see section 4).

2 Credits per year

| | 1 st YEAR | | | 2 nd YEAR | | | 3 rd YEAR | | | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| | Tot. 1 st year | School | Programme | Tot. 2 nd year | School | Programme | Tot. 3 rd year | School | Programme | |
| ECTS teaching activities | 15 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 40 |
| ECTS research | 40 | | | 45 | | | 55 | | | 140 |
| Total ECTS | 55 | | | 60 | | | 65 | | | 180 |

As shown in the table, there are 15 teaching activities' credits for the first and second years and 10 for the third year, divided between the PhD Programme (European and International Law) and the PhD School of the University of Verona. The remaining credits are research credits (40 in the first year, 45 in the second year, and 55 in the third year). One ECTS corresponds to 6 hours of lesson.

- **Teaching activities' credits for the PhD Programme** (European and International Law): these are obtained exclusively through attendance of the teaching activities indicated as 'compulsory' in the course syllabus. The teaching activities can be consulted in the 'PhD programme courses/classes' section on the dedicated webpage.

The teaching activities of the PhD are held in presence. When abroad, students are allowed to attend the lessons online by accessing the link shown on the lesson flyer or e-mailed by the PhD office. PhD students with no grant may also be authorised to attend the lessons online under the Supervisor's request.

Absence in compulsory lessons **must be agreed with the Supervisor and authorised by the Coordinator**, at request of the student which is to be sent in due advance. **A copy of the request shall also be sent to the Supervisor and the organiser.**

- **Teaching activities' credits of the PhD School** of the University of Verona: these are obtained through attendance of intersectoral seminars, which can be consulted in the section "Teaching activities of the School" on the PhD Programme webpage. This category includes the activities provided in the

other fields covered by the School in accordance with the Ministry of University's provisions, i.e. further training in languages, IT, statistics, courses on library resources, copyright and other topics related to the organisation and management of research.

- **Research credits:** they are obtained by working on the research project, as well as through the participation in conferences as speaker or auditor, or through publications.

The activities carried out must be included in the PhD students' annual report. The composition of the research ECTS is decided by the PhD student and her/his supervisor. The achievement of the research ECTS must be listed in the student's annual report, approved by the supervisor and by the Coordinator.

Research credits are composed as follows:

- a) research related to the PhD thesis certified by the supervisor in the student's annual report
1st and 2nd year: 15 ECTS
3rd year: 20 ECTS
- b) participation in institutional meetings (April and September) as a speaker at the meeting for 1st and 2nd year PhD students: 2 ECTS as a speaker at the meeting for 3rd year PhD students: 3 ECTS
as an auditor at the above-mentioned meetings: 1 ECTS for the whole initiative
- c) participation in conferences
as an auditor: 1 ECTS for half a day (4 hours)
as a speaker: a further 3 ECTS
- d) publications
case and comment: 4 ECTS on a scientific journal; 6 ECTS on a Class A scientific journal
journal article: 10 ECTS on a scientific journal; 12 CFU on a class A scientific journal
essay in collective volumes with ISBN: 10 ECTS; monographs: 15 ECTS.
- e) research period abroad (see section 3)
- f) Integrative teaching activity in the official courses in the presence and under the Supervisor's guidance (these activities shall appear in the official register of the lessons): 1 ECTS every 2 hours for a maximum of 6 hours.

3 Research periods abroad

All PhD students in European and International Law are required to spend a 6-month research period abroad, albeit not continuous.

In addition to the funds allocated annually as a budget for each PhD student and any external funds, students may obtain funding for their stay abroad by the Erasmus programme (study and traineeship) and by UniVR international mobility programmes.

6 ECTS will be awarded for research stays abroad lasting at least 1 month, distributed as follows:

- a) 2 ECTS for each month, of which 1 ECTS is substituted for the training activities of the PhD Programme and 1 ECTS is substituted for the training activities of the PhD School.
- b) 4 ECTS for each month for research activities.

4 Assessment of the achievement of learning objectives

Attainment of the educational objectives for the purposes of passing to the following year and for confirmation of the grant (for years 1 and 2) or admission to the final exam (for year 3) will be based on the following elements:

- a) submission of completed teaching activities credits form (approved by the supervisor and the Coordinator);

- b) submission of the annual report on the activities carried out by the student, experiences gained, and skills acquired (signed by the supervisor);
- c) presentation of the research results at the two institutional meetings (September and March/April) between the coordinator/PhD Board and the PhD students (see section 1).

5 Personal webpage and publications on IRIS Platform

PhD students are required to complete and keep up to date their personal page on the University website by uploading, in particular:

- 1) photograph;
- 2) indication of the Scientific Disciplinary Sector;
- 3) name of the first and second supervisor;
- 4) CV in Italian;
- 5) CV in English;
- 6) abstract of the research project.

PhD students must also upload their publications on IRIS (institutional Open Access archive designed to collect, preserve and make visible the scientific production of the University of Verona).

6 Forms

Forms for PhD students are available in the University Intranet (MyUnivr):

Come fare per > Dottorati > La mia carriera come dottorando

For anything not provided for in these Guidelines, the Regulations of the School and of the Doctoral Programme, the Regulations for Doctoral Studies and the provisions of the Handbook for the PhD Students apply.