

Ph.D. Guidelines

1. INSTITUTION

The duration of all Ph.D. courses is three years, starting from 1st November of each academic year.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme are accepted from candidates who, regardless of gender, age and nationality, hold an Italian “*diploma di laurea/laurea specialistica/laurea magistrale*”, after the conclusion of the admission tests; or an equivalent second-level degree if obtained abroad (generally equivalent to a Master’s Degree), whose validity will be verified by the admission committee considering the law in force in Italy and in the country where the same title has been released or where there are international agreements for the recognition of titles for enabling further studies.

All candidates who have obtained a degree by an Italian University, whether they are EU-citizens or NON-EU, have to provide a self-declaration of their academic degree and will be admitted with reserve.

The admission of candidates with degree obtained in a NON-EU country will take place after a declaration of validity “Dichiarazione di Valore”, issued by the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy in the country where the academic degree was issued or with the Diploma Supplement, legalized by the competent authorities.

The winners of a position without scholarship, previously enrolled, cannot be admitted to the competition tests for the same Ph.D. course they are already attending.

The simultaneous attendance of the Doctorate together with a course of medical specialization is allowed with consequent reduction to a minimum of two years of the Ph.D. course, having to the general University Regulations.

3. EXAMINATION TEST

The admission examination to the Ph.D. Courses consists in the evaluation of the titles, to which could also be added a written exam and/or an oral exam, according to criteria specifically indicated for each Doctorate.

4. EXAMINATION BOARDS

The Competition Examination Boards are appointed by the Rector. For the Ph.D. courses articulated on several curricula there will be, however, a single competition test with one sole Examination

Board. Distinctive exams for each curriculum and for each exclusive project are possible; in this case the candidates will be required to make a specific choice.

Each Examination Board, for the evaluation of each candidate, has a maximum of one hundred (100) points. The candidate must achieve at least 60/100 to pass the exam.

At the end of the competition procedure, the Examination Board sets up the ranking list based on the sum of the scores achieved by each candidate for each test.

After confirmation of regularity of the procedures during the competition, rankings will be exclusively published on the following websites: www.unich.it and Albo Pretorio.

5. ADMISSION TO THE COURSES

Applicants will be admitted to the Ph.D. courses according to their positions in the final ranking until all available positions are filled. In case of a missing or late acceptance by a successful candidate before the starting of the courses, to the following eligible candidate on the list will be offered the position. In case of score's equality the younger of the two candidates will be selected. In case of score's equality for the awarding of the scholarship, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor in accordance with D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001 and subsequent amendments.

There is only one single ranking list for the Doctorate courses in curricula. The activation of a single curriculum depends by the ranking of candidates that propose themselves for the determinate curriculum.

The positions with "exclusive project" ("tema vincolato") and those reserved to candidates with a doctoral scholarship awarded by abroad institutions, if not assigned, will not be covered.

If a candidate is admitted contemporarily to two or more Ph.D. courses, he/she will choose to attend only one of them.

6. TUITION AND ATTENDANCE FEES

Ph.D. students with a research scholarship, candidates with a recognized disability equal to or higher than 66%, winners of regional scholarship, as well as the winners of a position reserved to dependent of companies (industrial Ph.D.), are exempt from payment of the annual tuition fees.

They are held exclusively to the payment of €140.00: Tassa Regionale Azienda DSU – Chieti – Università G. d'Annunzio – Ph.D. Course in "....." cycle, via MAV (payment by advice).

The tuition fees may vary according to the annual tax regulation (academic year ...) published on www.unich.it. Please consult it before payment.

7. SCHOLARSHIP

The gross amount of the scholarship, according to art.1 of the Ministerial Decree of June 18 2008, amounts to € 13.638,47 per year; this amount includes I.N.P.S. - National Insurance Contributions.

The annual personal gross income limit for the acceptance of the scholarship is €16.000,00.

The cases of total or partial incompatibility for benefiting from a scholarship are fixed by specific rules in force. I.a.: according to L.398/89 art.6 comma 2, “*Students can’t be awarded of the same doctoral scholarship twice*”. In case of verified incompatibility, the amount of money unduly received for a certain period of time has to be reimbursed. The reimbursement refers to the academic year or to a part of it.

The scholarship is granted for the entire course.

The payment is made monthly. In case of a well documented illness, a paid suspension can be granted for no longer than one month. Maternity leaves are granted, according to the ministerial decree n. 247 of July 12, 2007.

The amount of the scholarship can be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad, previously authorized by the Ph.D. Course Coordinator. The scholarships are non-cumulative, that is they cannot be combined with other grants, except for those awarded by national or foreign scientific Institutions for activities related to study research periods spent abroad.

From the second year of activity an additional budget not inferior of 10% of the scholarship will be granted to students.

8. DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PH.D. STUDENTS

Doctoral students must attend the courses and carry out study research activities on a full-time basis. The students cannot contemporarily be enrolled in other Ph.D. courses or other specialization course in Italy or abroad withstanding what provided for medical specialization or for those authorized by the Ministerial office.

They can conduct a limited, additional or integrative teaching activity that shall not in any case compromise their research training. Such teaching activity must be allowed by the Professors’ Board that defines its modalities.

Ph.D. students if authorized by the Ph.D. Coordinator could spend a period of study abroad and obtain further mobility allowance by University.

In case of unsatisfactory outcomes during the intermediate evaluations and of unjustified and prolonged absence, or if the Ph.D. student adopts behaviours not coherent with the research deontology the Professors’ Board is authorized to exclude the Ph.D. student from the course. The attendance of Ph.D. courses can be interrupted in the following cases: maternity, study or work opportunities, serious and documented illness.

9. ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PH.D. DEGREE

The Ph.D. degree (Philosophiae Doctor) is achieved after the positive evaluation at the end of the doctoral cycle and a research thesis that contributes to the knowledge and methodologies advancement in the selected studies. The Doctoral thesis, written in Italian or in English language, or, subject to previous authorization of the examination board, even in another language.

The thesis is valued by two professors of high qualification, coming from foreign institutions, external to those who will take part in issuing the Doctoral title, and named by the Professors' Board. An analytical judgment is expressed on the thesis and it is also proposed either the admission for a public discussion or its postponement for a period of time that cannot exceed six months. After this period, the thesis is admitted to public discussion.

The public discussion takes place in front of a Committee appointed by the Rector, composed by a minimum of three members among qualified professors and university researchers. Regarding the label of "Doctor Europaeus" it is necessary at least one professor or a researcher coming from a European university institution.

The exam cannot be repeated.