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**Research themes**

The Ph.D. course is aimed at training lawyers expert in techniques and methodologies of legal research, providing them with tools suitable for the identification of solution of interest conflicts in a globalised reality. To this purpose, the structure of the course consists, on one hand, in the in-depth analysis of interdisciplinary and general topics connected to legal studies (not only related to positive law, but also involving historical and philosophical aspects), and in the study of argumentation techniques and legal research methodology, including comparison to foreign systems and confrontation to European Union law and international law; on the other, in a specific study related to scientific sectors on which the final thesis is focused. The course is aimed at teaching research methods through an approach in the domain of the so called multilevel constitutionalism, featuring all branches of law and proceeding from the European Convention of Human Rights, as interpreted by the Court of Strasbourg, and the fundamental principles of the EU (enshrined in the Chart of fundamental rights) in the light of the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice to national constitutions as interpreted by constitutional courts. Listed below are the 13 curricula into which the Ph.D. course is divided:

- private and comparative private law,
- commercial law,
- constitutional law,
- comparative public law,
- church law,
- administrative law,
- history of medieval and modern law,
- civil procedural law,
- criminal law,
- Roman law and law of ancient societies,
- labour law,
- tax law,
- criminal procedural law,
- philosophy of law,
- international law,
- European Union law.

**Available places**

1) Places with scholarship financed by the University of Catania: 4;
2) Places with scholarship financed by the Italian Institute of Social Security reserved to the children and orphans of users registered with the unitary system of social security credits and the children of retirees registered with the management of public employees: 1
3) Places without scholarship: 1

Each candidate must indicate for which curriculum he/she is applying among those connected to the Ph.D. course in Law (International)

**TOTAL: 6**

**Selection procedures**

1) Evaluation of qualifications
2) Written examination
3) Oral examination

**Date, place, format, duration and language of the written examination**

Date: September 14 2019 h. 8.30 (8,30 am Italian time)
Place: Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Via Gallo 24 – 95124 Catania
Format: short paper, set of open-ended questions on the research themes related to the chosen curriculum
Duration: 6 hours
Language: Italian (foreign candidates can choose from one of the following languages: Italian, English or Spanish)

**Date, place, format and language of the oral examination**

Date: September 25 2019 h. 8.30 (8,30 am Italian time)
Place: Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Via Gallo 24 – 95124 Catania
Format: - Dissertation on the research project
- General knowledge of the themes of the candidate’s degree and/or the themes related to the Ph.D. course
Language: Italian (foreign candidates can choose from one of the following languages: Italian, English or Spanish)