

**Information about the Doctoral Programme in Legal Studies**

## 1. Academic program information

Name of the programme: doctoral programme in **legal studies** is offered by the University of Ljubljana's **Faculty of Law** (address: Poljanski nasip 2, SI-1000 Ljubljana).

Mode of study: full-time

According to the basic aim of the Bologna Reform Programme the doctoral programme in legal studies is formed as a unified three year doctoral study, within which every student chooses one of the following modules (orientations):

- **Civil law**
- **Labour law and social security law**
- **Economic analysis of law**
- **European law**
- **Commercial law**
- **Criminal law**
- **Criminology**
- **International law**
- **Legal history**
- **Roman law**
- **Theory of the state and law**
- **Administrative law**
- **Constitutional Law**

Number of ECTS credits: **180**. According to the Bologna educational scheme the program represents the third cycle of education.

Students that fulfil all of the obligations required by this academic program receive the title **PhD** (*doktor znanosti*).

## **2. Basic goals of the program and general skills acquired in the program**

The basic goal of the doctoral program is to offer specialized studies to graduates with a Bologna second-cycle (master's) degree that wish to learn more about their selected area of expertise. The emphasis is thus on individual doctoral students' research. The doctoral program in legal studies has traditionally been oriented toward theoretical exploration of law and analysis of legislation and case law, and students gain practical experience by taking the State Bar Examination. As mentioned above, the goal of the doctoral program is primarily to study a selected legal issue, reference or institute in greater depth, in which the selected issues can also be studied using an interdisciplinary approach – that is, from the perspective of other social sciences or even technical disciplines – if they involve complex topics and issues. The final result of the doctoral program is the doctoral dissertation, which must possess all the properties of a scholarly monograph in terms of methods, approaches, and content.

With regard to the program's basic goals, the general skills acquired include the following:

- Specialized legal expertise in the selected doctoral dissertation topic;
- In-depth theoretical study of areas connected with the selected doctoral dissertation topic;
- Encouraging the system of values underlying all the processes of legal reasoning;
- Using various research methods;
- Capacity to use various interpretative methods to interpret legal texts;
- Using legal syllogism and argumentation;
- Capacity for efficient oral and written expression and communication regarding legal issues;
- Capacity to conduct basic research and find legal sources;
- Encouraging socially responsible thinking and a critical attitude towards social developments;
- Promoting the highest ethical standards of the legal profession.

### **3. Admission requirements and selection criteria for limited enrolment**

**Anyone that has completed the following is eligible to enrol in the doctoral program:**

- a) A second-cycle degree program (Bologna master's degree),
- b) A university undergraduate program adopted before 11 June 2004,
- c) A higher professional degree program (adopted before 11 June 2004) and a specialization program. These students must meet the academic requirements of a maximum of 35 ECTS credits in the second-cycle (master's) degree program in legal studies before enrolment. The academic requirements (selection of courses) for these students are defined by the faculty's Academic Affairs Committee, which takes into account the students' area of expertise (i.e., the type of program they have completed);
- d) An academic program for professions governed by EU directives or any other uniform master's program worth 300 ECTS credits.

In selecting students for enrolment, the following shall be taken into account:

- Second-cycle (master's) degree performance (grade-point average and master's thesis grade): 30%,
- Elective (oral) exam performance: 70%.

Based on the number of suitable students and supervisors, the committee responsible for doctoral studies defines the limitation of enrolment slots for individual module.

Students that have completed a master's program and received a master's degree are entitled to up to 60 ECTS credits for the first year of the doctoral program and can enrol in the second year if they prepare and submit a dissertation proposal. Students that were enrolled in a master's program but did not complete it by receiving a master's degree can transfer credits in place of the courses in the first year of doctoral studies. Credit transfers are decided upon by the doctoral studies committee.

### **4. Criteria for recognizing expertise and skills acquired before enrolment in this program**

Students' expertise and skills acquired in various forms of non-formal education before enrolling in the doctoral program can be **recognized** by the faculty. In doing so, the Faculty of Law shall take into account the Rules on the Procedure and Criteria for Recognizing Informally Acquired Expertise and Skills, adopted by the University of Ljubljana.

## **5. Conditions for advancing to the next year**

In order to advance from the first to the second year of the doctoral program, students must collect at least 45 ECTS credits and submit a doctoral dissertation proposal.

In order to advance from the second to the third year of the doctoral program, students must fulfil all of the first-year requirements in the amount of 60 ECTS credits, collect 5 ECTS credits in the first doctoral seminar, and receive approval of their doctoral dissertation topic from the Senate of the University of Ljubljana.

Students who have not completed all of the study requirements for the enrollment in the next year, may repeat a year once during the course of the studies.

Repeating the first year of the doctoral program can be approved to students who have completed study obligations to the extent of at least 25 ECTS credits.

In order to repeat the second year of the doctoral program, students must fulfil all of the first-year requirements.

## **6. Conditions for completing the program**

In order to complete the doctoral program in legal studies, students must pass all of the exams in obligatory and optional subjects, complete both doctoral seminars, publish at least one scholarly article in a Slovenian or foreign journal, and pass their dissertation defence, thus collecting a total of 180 ECTS credits.

An evaluation whether the publication meets the criteria of a scholarly article is made by the committee responsible for doctoral studies.

The doctoral dissertation is an independent work written by a student that writes it under the guidance of a qualified supervisor holding a faculty rank and defends it orally after receiving a passing grade.

## **7. Transfers between academic programs**

Students enrolled in a third-cycle (doctoral) program can transfer to this doctoral program. Transfer of credits is decided upon by the committee responsible for doctoral studies based on the student's application. In its decision, the committee also decides whether there are any deficiencies in coursework.

## 8. Grading methods

Examination and grading methods are defined in each teaching unit's curriculum. Grading of exams and other forms of examination is performed using a 1–10 grading scale: 6–10 (pass) and 1–5 (fail). The relevant provisions of the Statute of the University of Ljubljana and the Rules of the Faculty of Law are considered.

The doctoral seminar is graded with the grade "pass" or "fail."

The doctoral dissertation is graded with the following grades: "fail", "pass", and "cum laude".

## 9. Program course outline and planned course coordinators

The program is designed to consist of lectures, doctoral seminars and individual student research work guided and assisted by the supervisor. Already with enrolment, a student has to choose a supervisor and his optional courses. The list of doctoral program courses' coordinators, which is also the list of potential supervisors, is available at the website [http://www.pf.uni-lj.si/media/b3.reference.izvajalcev.predmetov.doktorskega.studija\\_koncne.03\\_2015.pdf](http://www.pf.uni-lj.si/media/b3.reference.izvajalcev.predmetov.doktorskega.studija_koncne.03_2015.pdf).

Classroom instruction is planned primarily for the first year. In the second and third year, the program is designed as an individual research work by a student, leading to the doctoral dissertation. In reaching this aim, a student is led and guided by the chosen supervisor.

There are also two doctoral seminars, within which a student firstly presents the disposition of his doctoral dissertation (first doctoral seminar) and later also his advancement in his research work (second doctoral seminar).

### First Year

	No.	ECTS credits	ECTS credits (%)	Semester
<b>Required obligatory subjects</b>	1	10	16.66	First
<b>Required module subjects</b>	3 or 4	30	50	First and second
<b>Optional subjects</b>	2	10	16.66	First and second
<b>Individual research</b>	1	10	16.66	First and second

### Second Year

	No.	ECTS credits	ECTS credits (%)	Semester
<b>First doctoral seminar</b>	1	5	8.33	Third
<b>Individual research</b>	1	55	91.67	Third and fourth

### Third Year

	No.	ECTS credits	ECTS credits (%)	Semester
<b>Second doctoral seminar</b>	1	5	8.33	Fifth
<b>Individual research</b>	1	55	91.67	Fifth and sixth

According to the methodology described above, doctoral students can enrol in the following courses:

Subject	Lecturer	ECTS
<b>Obligatory general subject for all study modules</b>		
<a href="#">Theory of law and methodology of scientific work</a>	Marijan Pavčnik	10
<b>Obligatory subjects of the module</b>		
<b>Module Civil law</b>		
<a href="#">Selected chapters in civil law I</a>	Damjan Možina	10
<a href="#">Selected chapters in civil law II</a>	Miha Juhart	10
<a href="#">Selected chapters in civil procedural law</a>	Aleš Galič	10
<b>Module Labour law and social security law</b>		
<a href="#">Labour law</a>	Luka Tičar	10
<a href="#">Social security law</a>	Grega Strban	10

<a href="#">International labour and social law</a>	Grega Strban	10
<b>Module Economic analysis of law</b>		
<a href="#">Selected chapters of commercial law I</a>	Klemen Podobnik	10
<a href="#">Economics</a>	Katarina Zajc	10
<a href="#">Economic analysis of law</a>	Katarina Zajc	10
<b>Module European law</b>		
<a href="#">EU commercial and civil law</a>	Peter Grilc	10
<a href="#">Legal remedies in EU law</a>	Peter Grilc	10
<a href="#">European public law</a>	Matej Accetto	10
<b>Module Commercial law</b>		
<a href="#">Selected chapters of commercial law I</a>	Klemen Podobnik	10
<a href="#">Selected chapters of commercial law II</a>	Peter Grilc	10
<a href="#">Selected chapters in civil procedural law</a>	Aleš Galič	10
<b>Module Criminal law</b>		
<a href="#">Criminal procedure - national and comparative legal aspects</a>	Katja Šugman Stubbs	10
<a href="#">Criminal law – national and comparative legal aspects</a>	Matjaž Ambrož	10
Optional subject from the field of criminal law I		5
Optional subject from the field of criminal law II		5
<b>Module Criminology</b>		
<a href="#">Criminology and crime policy</a>	Katja Filipčič	10
<a href="#">Criminological research</a>	Matjaž Jager	10
Optional subject from the field of criminology I		5
Optional subject from the field of criminology II		5

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**Module International law**

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<a href="#">International law</a>	Vasilka Sancin	10
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<a href="#">International law and EU</a>	Vasilka Sancin	10
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<a href="#">Peaceful settlement of international disputes</a>	Mirjam Škrk	10
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**Module Legal history**

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<a href="#">Theory and methods of legal history</a>	Katja Škrubej	10
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<a href="#">European legal history</a>	Katja Škrubej	10
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<a href="#">Legal history of the selected period</a>	Katja Škrubej	10
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**Module Roman law**

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<a href="#">Roman property law in relation to modern laws</a>	Janez Kranjc	10
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<a href="#">Continuity and reception of Roman law</a>	Marko Kambič	10
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<a href="#">Analysis of passages of Roman legal texts</a>	Janez Kranjc	10
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**Module Theory of the state and law**

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<a href="#">Sociology of law</a>	Tilen Štajnpihler	10
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<a href="#">Theory of state</a>	Aleš Novak	10
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<a href="#">Theory of law</a>	Marijan Pavčnik	10
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**Module Administrative law**

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<a href="#">Public administration</a>	Bojan Bugarič	10
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<a href="#">Administrative law</a>	Rajko Pirnat	10
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<a href="#">Administrative procedure and administrative dispute</a>	Erik Kerševan	10
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**Module Constitutional law**

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<a href="#">Constitutional law</a>	Igor Kaučič	10
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<a href="#">Comparative and European constitutional law</a>	Franc Grad	10
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<a href="#">Human rights law</a>	Saša Zagorc	5
<a href="#">Constitutional procedural law</a>	Igor Kaučič	5
<b>All modules</b>		
<a href="#">First doctoral seminar</a>	According to the selected subject	5
<a href="#">Second doctoral seminar</a>	Supervisor	5
<b>Optional subjects</b>		
	<b>Lecturer</b>	
<a href="#">Reading glossatorial and post-glossatorial works</a>	Janez Kranjc	5
<a href="#">Criminal evidence law</a>	Katja Šugman Stubbs	5
<a href="#">Social construction of normality</a>	Zoran Kanduč	5
<a href="#">Labour economics</a>	Franjo Štiblar	5
<a href="#">The economics of social security</a>	Mitja Čok	5
<a href="#">European civil procedural law</a>	Aleš Galič	5
<a href="#">European labour and social law</a>	Grega Strban	5
<a href="#">European contract law</a>	Damjan Možina	5
<a href="#">European administrative law</a>	Bojan Bugarič	5
<a href="#">Economic criminal law</a>	Vid Jakulin	5
<a href="#">The fundamental assumptions of the discourse on crime and punishment</a>	Zoran Kanduč	5
<a href="#">Public services and EU law</a>	Bojan Bugarič	5
<a href="#">Criminal law of the EU</a>	Katja Šugman Stubbs	5
<a href="#">White-collar crime</a>	Matjaž Jager	5
<a href="#">Criminology</a>	Katja Filipčič	5
<a href="#">Local self-government</a>	Ciril Ribičič	5

<a href="#">International organizations</a>	Vasilka Sancin	5
<a href="#">International criminal law</a>	Matjaž Ambrož	5
<a href="#">Juvenile criminal law</a>	Katja Filipčič	5
<a href="#">Direct democracy</a>	Igor Kaučič	5
<a href="#">Responsibility of public officials</a>	Igor Kaučič	5
<a href="#">Deviance and literature</a>	Matjaž Ambrož	5
<a href="#">Parliamentary law</a>	Franc Grad	5
<a href="#">Legal elements in Roman literary and philosophical writings</a>	Janez Kranjc	5
<a href="#">Legal aspects of enforcement of penal sanctions</a>	Matjaž Ambrož	5
<a href="#">Law and biomedicine</a>	Viktorija Žnidaršič Skubic	5
<a href="#">Law and sports</a>	Peter Grilc	5
<a href="#">Intellectual property law</a>	Klemen Podobnik	5
<a href="#">Law on civil service</a>	Bojan Bugarič	5
<a href="#">The law of international sales</a>	Damjan Možina	5
<a href="#">Law of treaties</a>	Mirjam Škrk	5
<a href="#">Misdemeanours law</a>	Katja Filipčič	5
<a href="#">Environmental law</a>	Senko Pličanič	5
<a href="#">Law of regulated markets</a>	Peter Grilc	5
<a href="#">Transferable securities law</a>	Miha Juhart	5
<a href="#">Overview of Roman criminal law</a>	Marko Kambič	5
<a href="#">Comparative civil law</a>	Miha Juhart	5
<a href="#">Comparative competition law EU-USA</a>	Klemen Podobnik	5
<a href="#">Comparative law – selected chapters</a>	Aleš Novak	5

<a href="#">Psychoanalysis and crime</a>	Aleš Završnik	5
<a href="#">Psychology and criminal law</a>	Katja Šugman Stubbs	5
<a href="#">Development of public administration</a>	Rajko Pirnat	5
<a href="#">Development of Roman state with basic Roman public law</a>	Marko Kambič	5
<a href="#">Trends of development of EU commercial law</a>	Peter Grilc	5
<a href="#">Common foreign and security policy of the EU</a>	Vasilka Sancin	5
<a href="#">General principles of EU law</a>	Matej Accetto	5
<a href="#">Ancient Oriental laws</a>	Katja Škrubej	5
<a href="#">Ancient Greek law</a>	Katja Škrubej	5
<a href="#">Education law - aspects of civil law</a>	Barbara Novak	5
<a href="#">Punishment - theory and practise</a>	Dragan Petrovec	5
<a href="#">Therapeutic intervention in criminology</a>	Katja Šugman Stubbs	5
<a href="#">Constitutional procedural guarantees in civil proceedings</a>	Aleš Galič	5
<a href="#">Constitutional revision procedure and legislative procedure</a>	Igor Kaučič	5
<a href="#">Introduction to administrative science</a>	Bojan Bugarič	5
<a href="#">Protection of social-economic rights</a>	Grega Strban	5
<a href="#">Electoral law</a>	Saša Zagorc	5
<a href="#">History of legal and political ideas</a>	Aleš Novak	5
<a href="#">Crime and surveillance in the information society</a>	Aleš Završnik	5

## 10. Available elective courses and student mobility

The doctoral program in legal studies provides a wide variety of elective courses. The Faculty of Law has established contacts with a number of universities abroad and provides its students the

opportunity to fulfil part of their academic requirements abroad as part of a student exchange program.

Students may also fulfil part of their academic requirements at **another faculty** of the University of Ljubljana or any other university in Slovenia or abroad as part of student exchange programs.

### **11. Brief description of individual courses**

Descriptions of all program courses are available at <http://www.pf.uni-lj.si/iii-stopnja/ucni-nacrti-7376/>.

### **12. Research and projects**

The Faculty of Law is proud to have a long lasting tradition in scientific research. Its employees often take an active part in the process of drafting the Slovenian legislation, aiming at writing legal text on a high professional level on a basis of their in-depth and wide knowledge of certain specific areas of law. With critical scientific and professional public contributions, they strive to additionally improve legislative provisions.

More information regarding research and projects by the Faculty of Law is available at: <http://www.pf.uni-lj.si/raziskovanje-in-projekti/razvojni-projekti/>.

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