



**PhD in European and International Law**  
**Guidelines and Regulations for the Acquisition of Credits (ECTS)**  
Academic Year 2023/2024

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

## 1 Foreword

Two institutional meetings between the PhD Board and PhD students are scheduled: one in September, dedicated to the presentation of the progress of the research work of the first- and second-year students, and one in March/April, 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 (60 ECTS/year)

	1 <sup>st</sup> YEAR			2 <sup>nd</sup> YEAR			3 <sup>rd</sup> YEAR			TOTAL
	Tot. 1 <sup>st</sup> year	School	Programme	Tot. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	School	Programme	Tot. 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	School	Programme	
ECTS teaching activities	16	8	8	16	8	8	8	4	4	40
ECTS research	44			44			52			140
<b>Total ECTS</b>	<b>60</b>			<b>60</b>			<b>60</b>			<b>180</b>

As shown in the table, there are 16 teaching activities' credits for the first and second years and 8 for the third year, equally divided between the PhD Programme (European and International Law) and the PhD School of the University of Verona. The remaining credits are research credits (44 in years 1 and 2 and 52 in year 3).

- **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. Exemption from attendance of these activities may only take place with the agreement of the supervisor and the authorisation of the Coordinator.

The teaching activities of the PhD can be consulted in the 'PhD programme courses/classes' section on the dedicated webpage.

- **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, participation in teaching activities exceeding the 8 ECTS of the PhD programme's compulsory teaching activities, as well as 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  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 20 ECTS  
3<sup>rd</sup> year: 25 ECTS
- b) participation in institutional meetings (September and March/April)  
as a speaker at the meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD students: 2 ECTS  
as a speaker at the meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD students: 3 ECTS  
as an auditor at the above-mentioned meetings: 1 ECTS for the whole initiative
- c) participation in optional training activities (1 ECTS for every 4 hours)
- d) participation in conferences  
as an auditor: 1 ECTS for half a day (4 hours)  
as a speaker: a further 3 ECTS
- e) publications  
case and comment: 4 ECTS on a scientific journal; 6 ECTS on a Class A scientific journal  
journal article: 8 ECTS on a scientific journal; 10 CFU on a class A scientific journal  
essay in collective volumes with ISBN: 8 ECTS
- f) research period abroad (see section 3)

### **3 Research periods abroad**

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.