

PHD IN LEGAL STUDIES

GRADING SCALE

grade	F (fail)	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Grade equivalent (out of 30)	<18	18-19	20-21	22-23	24-25	26-27	28-29	30	30 cum laude

REQUIREMENTS

Rules to be applied as of a.y. 2021-22 to any cohort of LS students

1st year:

Students in both curricula must attend all compulsory teaching hours of each single course and pass all examinations in order to proceed to the second year.

Should students be unable to attend due to serious impediment, they must request authorization (e-mail to be sent to the Program Director, cc Course Director). In any case, in line with the full-time nature of the PhD, absences cannot exceed 20% of the compulsory teaching hours of each course.

Moreover, as part of the first year assessment, they will have to:

- present a detailed research plan (maximum 2000 words)
- a draft chapter (maximum 10000 words) detailing the findings of their research in the first year
- present their work orally to their colleagues in the PhD and interested faculty

The deadline for submission of the research plan and draft chapter is the 31st May of each year.

The research plan, draft chapter and oral presentation will be assessed by the Curriculum Coordinator, the advisor and another member of the faculty. Following the examination, the student might:

- Proceed to the second year, if the examiners consider that sufficient progress has been made in the first year and that the candidate has clearly shown the ability to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program.

- Be required to resubmit within 3 months to be re-evaluated, if the examiners consider that the candidate has shown some potential to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program but progress is not sufficient to proceed to the second year; following resubmission the candidate will be either allowed to proceed to the second year; or their participation in the Doctoral Program will be terminated.
- Fail to proceed to the second year, if the examiners consider that the candidate has not shown sufficient progress and has not shown sufficient potential to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program.

2nd year:

In order to progress to the third year, candidates will have to submit by the 31st May:

- A draft chapter/ article (maximum 10000 words),
- A progress report (maximum 2000 words) detailing the progress of their research, and the plan for completion.

The draft chapter and progress report will be assessed by the student's advisor and another member of faculty. Following the examination, the examiners recommend that the student:

- Proceeds to the third year, if the examiners consider that sufficient progress has been made and that the candidate has clearly shown the ability to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program.
- Is required to resubmit within 3 months to be re-evaluated, if the examiners consider that the candidate has shown some potential to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program but progress is not sufficient to proceed to the third year; following resubmission the candidate will be either allowed to proceed to the third year; or their participation in the Doctoral Program will be terminated.
- Fails to proceed to the third year, if the examiners consider that the candidate has not shown sufficient progress and has not shown sufficient potential to conduct independent research at the level required for a Doctorate Program.

3rd year:

Thesis submission (following the detailed instructions available at [this page](#)).