



REGULATIONS FOR
3rd CYCLE STUDIES
LEADING
TO A PHD IN LAW

NOVA School of Law
NOVA University Lisbon



REGULATION NO. 1021/2023*

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In July 2022, the Scientific Council of NOVA School of Law approved the creation of the specialisation in Law, Politics and Security, and the specialisation in Law and Society, within the scope of the Study Programmes leading to a PhD degree in Law. This change makes it necessary to amend the Study Programme Regulations and the respective Study Plan.

It is also necessary to regulate or clarify other aspects of the Study Programmes of studies leading to a PhD degree in Law and in particular the inclusion of a provisional research plan at the time of application, the applicability of the Regulations to working students, the applicability of NOVA School of Law's Prescription Regulations, and the creation of a second assessment period for the teaching phase.

In accordance with these needs, the Regulation of the 3rd Study Plans leading to the PhD degree in Law - PhD in Law, Regulation No. 816/2021, of 31 August, is amended.

The PhD in Law is duly accredited by the Higher Education Assessment and Accreditation Agency (A3ES), and the present changes were authorised by A3ES and communicated to the Directorate-General for Higher Education on 27 March 2023, in compliance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, in its current wording, and registered by the Directorate-General for Higher Education under No. R/A-Ef 3194/2011/AL03, of 06/04/2023.

Under the terms of article 38 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 (Legal System for Degrees and Diplomas in Higher Education), of 24 March, and Regulation No. 265/2007 of NOVA University Lisbon (UNL), as well as article 16, paragraph b, of the Statutes of NOVA School of Law (Order No. 9852/2022, of 9 August), having heard the Scientific Council (12/04/2023) and the Pedagogical Council (19 August/2022), the present Regulation is approved, by Rectorial Order of 18/08/2023.

4 September 2023. - The Director, Prof Dr Margarida Lima Rego.

Regulations for the Study Programmes leading to the PhD degree in Law -
3rd Cycle - PhD in Law

* English-language translation of the Portuguese Regulation (Regulamento 1021/2003, published in Diário da República, 2.ª Série, of 15 September 2003), which remains the only official, authoritative version.

CHAPTER I

Characterization and governance of the study cycle

ARTICLE 1

Creation and objective

1 - NOVA School of Law promotes a Study Programme leading to the PhD degree in Law.

2 - The Programme includes the completion of a set of curricular units aimed at training for research (“taught component”), with the curricular structure and study plan defined below, and the writing of an original thesis prepared especially for the purpose of obtaining the PhD degree.

3 - The Regulations are without prejudice to other legally provided forms of access to the Study Programmes leading to a PhD degree, nor to the possibility of being exempt, in whole or in part, from attending the taught component, in the case of accreditation of previous academic training and professional experience, under the terms of NOVA School of Law’s Regulations for the Accreditation of Academic Training and Professional Experience.

4 - The Programme does not allow the possibility of obtaining a PhD degree by means of, as an alternative to writing a thesis, a coherent and relevant set of research papers already published in journals with selection committees of recognised international merit, although the publication in such journals of the results of the research carried out while attending the Programme is strongly encouraged and positively valued at the time of the public defence of the thesis.

ARTICLE 2

Coordination

The Programme is directed and coordinated by a coordinating professor, assisted by one or more professors (“Programme Coordination”), to be appointed by the Director of NOVA School of Law, at the proposal of the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 3

Panel of Scientific Advisors

1 - The Programme Coordination may choose up to ten personalities to be part of the Programme’s Panel of Scientific Advisors, whose function is to advise the Programme Coordination on matters that it wishes to submit for the appreciation of all or some of its members.

2 - The members of the Panel must hold a PhD degree or legal equivalent, or have a particularly relevant scientific or professional CV, and are chosen from the national and international community.

ARTICLE 4

Code of Good Practice

NOVA School of Law follows the guidelines set out in the document “Good Practice in PhD Education at NOVA University Lisbon”, approved by the Doctoral School of NOVA University Lisbon, and the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

CHAPTER II

Rules on admission to the study cycle

ARTICLE 5

Admissions

In each academic year, the maximum number of students admitted to the Programme is set by the Director of NOVA School of Law, after consulting the Scientific Council and respecting the maximum number of admissions set by the Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education.

ARTICLE 6

Admission requirements

1 - The following are eligible to apply to the Programme:

- a) Holders of a master’s degree or legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a particularly relevant academic, scientific or professional curriculum that the Scientific Council recognises as attesting to an ability equivalent to that of holders of a master’s degree;

2 - A specific condition for admission to the Programme is proficiency in English, equivalent to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

ARTICLE 7

Ranking of applications

1 - The ranking of applications is the responsibility of the Scientific Committee,

which will be appointed by the Scientific Council and may include members of the Panel of Counsellors and/or members from outside NOVA School of Law.

2 - Candidates will be ranked exclusively according to merit, taking into account the following parameters and their respective weighting:

- a) Academic curriculum vitae (40%);
- b) Scientific curriculum vitae (publications, other indicators of scientific production and proven research experience) (15%);
- c) Relevant professional curriculum vitae (5%);
- d) Provisional research plan, which should present a research topic or question in its theoretical, methodological and bibliographical contexts (25%);
- e) Academic letters of recommendation (10%);
- f) Fluency in languages relevant to the proposed research areas (5%).

3 - The Scientific Committee's decisions are substantiated and subject to a prior hearing of the interested party.

CHAPTER III

Duration, credits, curricular structure and Study Plan

ARTICLE 8

Duration of the Programme

The Programme lasts eight semesters.

ARTICLE 9

Number of credits and scientific areas

1 - The Programme corresponds to 240 ECTS, distributed among the curricular units which are part of the taught component, the preparatory semester of the thesis project, and the research leading to the preparation of the doctoral thesis.

2 - The taught component is distributed, according to Table 1 of the Annex to this Regulation, in three scientific areas: Legal Sciences; Economic, Social and Human Sciences; and development of complementary skills.

3 - The taught component is organised, in accordance with the Study Plan also included in the Annex to this Regulation, into nine areas of specialisation: International Law; European Law; Public Law; Private Law; Procedural Law; Criminal Law; Legal Analysis; Law, Politics & Security; Law and Society.

ARTICLE 10

Phases

1 - The Programme, with the curricular structure and Study Plan specified in the Annex to the Regulations, comprises two phases.

2 - The first phase, lasting three semesters, consists of a two-semester teaching part and a semester dedicated to preparing, presenting and discussing a thesis plan and attending NOVA Doctoral School courses.

3 - The second phase is dedicated to the preparation of an original thesis specially produced to obtain the PhD degree in Law.

4 - Successful conclusion of the Programme will award the title of European PhD, at the request of the person concerned, if all the requirements set out in the Regulations for Awarding the Title of European PhD of NOVA University Lisbon are met.

CHAPTER IV

First phase of the Programme

ARTICLE 11

First phase

1 - The first phase of the Programme is aimed at advanced training in Legal Sciences and Economic, Social and Human Sciences, as well as the Development of Complementary Skills.

2 - Students must attend at least 75% of the seminars in each of the curricular units in which they enrol, and eighteen of the SPEED seminars that take place during the first phase of the Programme.

3 - The provisions of the preceding paragraphs are without prejudice to the application of the provisions of the applicable legal and regulatory provisions to students enrolled part-time, with student worker status, or with special needs.

ARTICLE 12

Curricular units in the first semester of the taught component

In the first semester of the taught component each student must enrol in curricular units corresponding to at least 30 ECTS.

1 - It is mandatory to attend the following curricular units (10 + 10 ECTS):

- a) Law and Society;
- b) Methodologies of Legal Analysis.

2 - It is also mandatory to attend one of the following optional curricular units (10 ECTS):

- a) International Law;
- b) European Law;
- c) Public Law;
- d) Private Law;
- e) Procedural Law;
- f) Criminal Law;
- g) Law, Politics & Security.

3 - The Director of NOVA School of Law may, after consulting the Scientific Council, subject the opening of optional curricular units to a minimum number of enrolments not exceeding 5, reduce the list of optional curricular units, or add others that meet the general objectives of the Programme.

ARTICLE 13

Curricular units in the second semester of the taught component

1 - In the second semester of the taught component, each student must enrol in curricular units corresponding to at least 30 ECTS.

2 - It is mandatory to attend the following curricular units (10 + 10 + 10 ECTS):

- a) Methodology of Legal Research;
- b) Scientific Publication;
- c) SPEED Communication.

3 - In the Methodology of Legal Research curricular unit, PhD students develop their thesis project, among other activities.

ARTICLE 14

Regime for the first two semesters of the taught component

1 - All curricular units are taught as seminars and are research-orientated.

2 - Co-teaching by more than one Professor is allowed.

3 - Curricular units are offered in Portuguese or English.

4 - In the curricular units of the first semester, it is mandatory to submit a written

assignment, and the Programme Coordination may set different deadlines for each curricular unit.

5 - Throughout the semester, professors must give PhD students regular feedback on their performance and specific feedback on the preparation of the written work to be submitted.

6 - Each curricular unit in the first semester is graded on a scale of zero to twenty.

7 - In the curricular units of the second semester, the grades distinguish only between “pass” and “fail”.

8 - The deadline for submitting grades and handing over student assignments, duly marked and substantiated, to the Academic Division is thirty days from the end of the deadline for student submissions, or, if there is no work to be submitted after the seminars, thirty days from the last teaching day of each course unit.

ARTICLE 15

Second assessment period

1 - There is a second assessment period for the taught component of the Programme.

2 - PhD students may avail themselves of the second assessment period for any of the curricular units for which they have not handed in their written work by the deadline, or have handed it in and received a negative grade.

3 - Those wishing to improve the positive grade obtained in one, and only one, of the curricular units of the taught component of the Programme may also may also avail themselves of the second assessment period.

4 - PhD students must register for the second assessment period corresponding to the semester of the curricular unit in question and within the period set for this purpose by the NOVA School of Law’s board.

5 - Student submissions to the second assessment period consists of submitting a revised version of the work previously completed or, for students who have not previously submitted any work, the work that should have been submitted during the first assessment period.

6 - Without prejudice to the possibility of PhD students opting to re-enrolling in the in the curricular units in question in the following academic year, thereby attending them a second time for the purposes of improving their grade, the second assessment period cannot be used to submit a completely new piece

of written work, unrelated to the work carried out under the guidance of the curricular unit's supervisor during the academic semester in question.

7 - The second assessment period for curricular units in the 1st semester will take place by 15th July, and for curricular units in the 2nd semester by 30th January of the corresponding academic year.

ARTICLE 16

Anti-plagiarism statement

In all written work intended for assessment, including the thesis, students must declare that the work presented is of their exclusive authorship and that all contributions and texts by others are duly referenced.

ARTICLE 17

Individual supervision and programme

1 - At the beginning of the third semester of the academic part, the Scientific Council, at the proposal of the PhD student in a request addressed to the President of the Scientific Council and informed to the Programme Coordination, decides on:

- a) The topic of the doctoral thesis and the respective speciality;
- b) The appointment of a supervisor or co-supervisor to accompany the PhD student in the research and preparation of the PhD thesis; and
- c) The individual research programme, including the selection of the universities or institutes where it is planned to be carried out.

2 - The thesis must not be on a topic related to curricular units in the taught part of the programme in which the PhD student has obtained a grade of less than 16.

3 - The deadline for submitting grades and handing over student assignments, duly marked and substantiated, to the Academic Division is thirty days from the end of the deadline for student submissions, or, if there is no work to be submitted after the seminars, thirty days from the last teaching day of each course unit.

4 - Each PhD student's individual research programme must include contacts with one or more foreign research centres of recognised prestige, appropriate to the area of specialisation and approved by the supervising professor.

5 - One or more professors may be responsible for supervision, up to a maximum of three.

- 6 - Proposals for joint supervision must be justified on one of the following grounds:
- a) The convenience of guaranteeing supervision by a resident teacher when the main supervision falls to an external teacher;
 - b) The complementarity of specialities, in the case of thesis or dissertations that touch on more than one scientific area;
 - c) The complementarity of legal systems, in the case of PhD students trained in systems of different legal families;
 - d) The need to fulfil the requirements for obtaining the title of European PhD.

7 - NOVA School of Law promotes, as one of its priorities, a culture of effective supervision.

8 - Supervision, while enabling and promoting the individual development of the PhD student, is a collective endeavour with clearly defined responsibilities for the PhD student, the main supervisor, the supervision team, and NOVA School of Law.

9 - In order to ensure that supervision is carried out, in all cases, in a responsible manner and in line with NOVA School of Law's pedagogy, the supervisor(s), the PhD student and the institution enter into a written contract, which will include, among other elements, an adaptation of the rights and duties enshrined in NOVA University Lisbon's Code of Good Practices.

ARTICLE 18

Third semester of the first phase

During the third semester of the first phase, the PhD student must:

- a) Present and publicly discuss the thesis project (25 ECTS); and
- b) Demonstrate attendance at NOVA Doctoral School courses (5 ECTS).

ARTICLE 19

Public discussion of the thesis project

1 - The public discussion of the thesis project takes place no later than 90 days after its submission.

2 - The thesis project is discussed by a jury, appointed by the Scientific Council, made up of a minimum of three members, one of whom is the supervisor and the other the examiner.

3 - The public discussion begins with the PhD student being given approximately 7 minutes to present the essence of the thesis project, and continues with the respective examination, which will last a maximum of 30 minutes, after which the PhD student will have an equal amount of time to respond to the comments of

the examiner.

4 - At the end of the discussion, the jury meets and decides, by a majority and by means of reasoned roll-call votes, whether to approve or not approve the project, and the thesis project may be approved with or without reservations or recommendations.

5 - Minutes are taken of the jury meetings, and include the votes of each member and their respective grounds, which may be common.

ARTICLE 20

Thesis Monitoring Committee

1 - Once the thesis project has been approved, each PhD student will also be accompanied by a Thesis Monitoring Committee.

2 - The Thesis Monitoring Committee is made up of the jury that discussed the thesis project, unless otherwise decided by the NOVA School of Law Board.

3 - The PhD student must submit a detailed annual report on their progress, for confirmation, to the Thesis Monitoring Committee, which will send its opinion to the Programme Coordinator.

4 - Regardless of analyses at previous stages, the thesis to be submitted to public examinations must be assessed by the Thesis Monitoring Committee before the respective application is submitted to the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 21

Transition to the second phase

1 - In order to move on to the second phase of the Programme, the PhD student must have successfully completed all the curricular units of the taught component of the Programme, with the attribution of a total of 90 ECTS.

2 - Progression to the second phase of the Programme requires passing all the curricular units of the first semester of the taught component with a minimum average of 16 points.

3 - PhD students may repeat one, and only one, curricular unit in the academic year following their first enrolment, with a view to improving their classification, as long as they have not exercised the option provided for in article 15, No. 3 of these Regulations.

4 - PhD students who do not progress to the second phase of the PhD but who have passed all the curricular units in the 1st and 2nd semesters of the first phase will be awarded an advanced studies diploma attesting to this approval.

CHAPTER V

Second phase of the Programme

ARTICLE 22

Second phase

1 - The second phase of the Programme, the duration of which must not exceed five semesters, is specifically aimed at continuing the research inherent in the preparation and writing of the PhD thesis.

2 - The thesis must be presented in a font and spacing that make it easy to read; the body of the thesis must not exceed 800,000 characters, including notes and spaces, and the total number of characters must be expressly indicated.

3 - NOVA School of Law issues Rules of Style that must be followed when preparing the thesis and other written work to be presented in the Programme.

4 - The thesis must be written in Portuguese or English, and writing in another language requires the prior authorisation of the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 23

Process for registering the PhD topic

1 - The subject of the PhD thesis must be registered under the legal terms.

2 - Registration is unofficial and is the responsibility of the Academic Department.

ARTICLE 24

Second phase regime

1 - NOVA School of Law will provide PhD students, insofar as its human and financial resources allow, with the necessary means to complete the Programme with high quality and within the timeframe set for this purpose.

2 - The supervisor must be committed to monitoring the PhD student's work, submitting an annual report to the Thesis Evaluation Committee on the PhD student's activity and the development of supervision.

3 - During the Programme, and especially in the second phase, PhD students may be invited by NOVA School of Law to collaborate in its scientific and pedagogical activities.

4 - If the main supervisor considers, with a high degree of probability, that the work developed by the PhD student indicates the Programme will not be completed on time or is of a significant delay, they must propose to the Scientific Council:

- a) Transition of the PhD student to the part-time student regime; or
- b) The exclusion of the PhD student from the Programme.

5 - In the event of a decision of exclusion from the Programme, the Scientific Council may offer the PhD student the possibility of pursuing their research on a free basis, benefiting from the supervision of the supervisor or supervision team and other Faculty resources under terms to be established by the Programme Coordination.

ARTICLE 25

Deadlines for submitting the thesis and holding the public defence

1 - PhD students have five semesters from their transition to the second phase of the Programme to submit their thesis.

2 - The maximum deadline for the public defence coincides with the maximum legally admissible deadline.

3 - The deadline for submitting the thesis may be extended by deliberation of the Scientific Council, at the request of the PhD student, accompanied by a declaration from the main supervisor, and the deadline stipulated in the NOVA School of Law's Prescribed Regulations must always be observed.

ARTICLE 26

Appointment and constitution of the jury

1 - The thesis will be subject to appraisal and public discussion by a jury appointed by the Rector of NOVA University Lisbon, at the proposal of the Scientific Council.

2 - The doctoral jury is made up of:

- a) The Rector, who presides, who may delegate the presidency to a Vice-Rector or to the President of the Scientific Council; in their absence or impediment, the jury may be chaired by whomever the Rector appoints;
- b) A minimum of four members with a PhD, one of whom must be the supervisor.

3 - At least two of the members of the jury referred to in point b) of No. 2 shall be

appointed from among professors and researchers with PhDs from other national or foreign higher education or research institutions.

4 - Individuals of recognised competence in the scientific area of the thesis may also sit on the jury.

5 - The jury must include at least three professors or researchers in the scientific field of the thesis.

6 - The jury's decisions are taken by a majority of its members, by means of a justified roll-call vote, and abstentions are not permitted.

7 - The order to appoint the jury must be communicated to the candidate in writing within five days and then posted on the websites of the Faculty and NOVA University, Lisbon.

8 - Minutes are taken of the jury meetings, which include the votes of each of its members and their respective reasoning, which may be in common.

ARTICLE 27

Acceptance of the thesis

1 - Within thirty days of being appointed, the jury will issue an order stating that it accepts the thesis, in which case it will proceed to appoint the examiners, at least one of whom must belong to another institution; or, alternatively, it will recommend to the candidate, with reasons, that the thesis be reformulated.

2 - Once the situation referred to in the final part of the previous paragraph has been verified, the candidate has a deadline, set by the jury, to reformulate the thesis or declare that they wish to keep it as they originally presented it.

3 - The expiry of the deadline referred to in the previous paragraph without the candidate having submitted the reformulated thesis or the declaration that they waive this option is considered a withdrawal.

4 - If the candidate has opted for reformulation, the jury will meet a second time to examine the reformulated thesis.

ARTICLE 28

Public defence of the thesis

1 - The public defence of the PhD thesis may not last longer than 150 minutes and includes:

- a) An optional presentation by the PhD student, lasting a maximum of 10 minutes;
- b) Two examinations of a maximum duration of 30 minutes each and two replies of the same maximum duration as those used by the examiners;

c) The possibility of asking any additional questions by the other members of the jury, with the PhD candidate being given equal time to respond, with this final part not exceeding a maximum of 20 minutes.

2 - At the end of the discussion, the jury meets and decides, by a majority and by means of reasoned roll-call votes, whether to approve or not approve the PhD student.

3 - The final classifications awarded by the PhD jury, in the case of approval, are as follows:

- a) Approved;
- b) Passed with Distinction;
- c) Passed with Distinction and Praise.

4 - In the final classification, the jury considers the merit of the thesis and the candidate's performance in the public defence.

5 - The minutes must include information on whether the PhD student was approved or not approved, and whether the decision was passed unanimously or by a majority.

6 - If the PhD student is approved, the minutes must also include the classification obtained and whether the decision was approved unanimously or by a majority; and if by a majority, the classification proposed by the authors of the failing votes must be added.

7 - The president of the jury has a casting vote and only exercises the right to vote:

- a) If they are a professor or researcher in the scientific area or areas of the study cycle; or
- b) In the event of a tie.

ARTICLE 29

Award of the PhD degree

The PhD degree is awarded to those who have passed the public defence of their thesis.

CHAPTER VI

Suspension of time limits

ARTICLE 30

Scope of application

This chapter applies to all assessment procedures of knowledge and skills of the 3rd Study Programme in operation at NOVA School of Law, with the exception of the deadlines referred to in Regulation No. 265/2007 of NOVA University Lisbon, under the terms of the respective article 18.

ARTICLE 31

Deadlines

1 - The following may request suspension, up to a maximum of 30 days, of the deadlines for the submission of work for assessment in the curricular units of the taught component of the Programme:

- a) PhD students whose spouse, common-law partner, relative or relative of the first degree, or relative of any other degree in a straight line or in the second degree in a collateral line has died, provided that the death occurred within 30 days prior to the deadline for the normal period;
- b) PhD students who are hospitalised or suffer from a medically proven illness or injury;
- c) PhD students who see one of the persons indicated in paragraph a) admitted to hospital in the 30 days prior to the deadline for the normal season;
- d) PhD students in effective exercise of one of the functions referred to in article 73 of the University Teaching Career Statute.

2 - Any extraordinary circumstances will be assessed by the NOVA School of Law Board.

3 - The request for suspension, addressed to the NOVA School of Law Board, must be substantiated, submitted within 10 working days of the fact or facts that gave rise to the request, and accompanied by supporting evidence.

4 - The request will be assessed taking into account its grounds, as well as the absence of conflict between the requested suspension and the regular course of each academic semester.

5 - Neither the acceptance nor the rejection of the request for suspension will prevent the PhD student from attending the second assessment period, under the terms of article 15 of these Regulations.

*ARTICLE 32***Pregnant students**

1 - Pregnant, puerperal or breastfeeding PhD students are entitled to suspension from the Programme for one (1) semester without an additional tuition fee.

2 - The suspension provided for in the previous paragraph will affect the payment of tuition fees for the same period.

CHAPTER VII

Final provisions

*ARTICLE 33***NOVA University Lisbon Doctoral Regulations**

The provisions of the NOVA University Lisbon Doctoral Regulations apply to this cycle of studies.

*ARTICLE 34***Submission of work**

All work presented during the Programme must be delivered through the NOVA School of Law's academic information system, through which it will be submitted to plagiarism detection software.

*ARTICLE 35***Tuition fees**

Tuition fees are set annually, within the legal parameters, by the competent bodies of NOVA University Lisbon, and published in a public notice.

*ARTICLE 36***Doubts and omissions**

Any doubts or omissions are resolved by the Director of NOVA School of Law.

*ARTICLE 37***Revocation**

Regulation No. 816/2021, of 31 August, and the study plan contained in its annex are hereby revoked.

*ARTICLE 38***Entry into force**

Regulation No. 816/2021, of 31 August, and the study plan contained in its annex are hereby revoked.

ANNEX

Curricular Structure and Study Plan

1 - Teaching institution: NOVA University Lisbon - School of Law (0911)

2 - Type of programme: PhD - 3rd cycle

3 - Title: Law

4 - Degree or diploma: PhD degree in Law

5 - Number of credits, according to the European Credit Transfer System, required to obtain the degree or diploma: 240 ECTS credits

6 - Options, branches, areas of specialisation, specialties or other forms of organisation of the curricular structure: - Specialties in International Law (240 ECTS); European Law (240 ECTS); Public Law (240 ECTS); Private Law (240 ECTS); Procedural Law (240 ECTS); Criminal Law (240 ECTS); Legal Analysis (240 ECTS); Law, Politics & Security (240 ECTS); Law and Society (240 ECTS)

7 - Curricular Plan

APPENDIX

TABLE 1

Scientific area	Acronym	ECTS	
		Mandatory	Optional
Legal Sciences	LS	195	10
Economic, Social and Human Sciences	ESHC	20	0
Development of complementary skills	DCS	10	5
Subtotal		225	15
Total		240	

GENERAL STUDY PLAN

TABLE 2

Curricular Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
				Total	Contact	
Law and Society	ESHC	1st	1st	280	S:26; OT:4	10
Methodologies of Legal Analysis	ESHC	1st	1st	280	S:26; OT:4	10
Option 1	LS	1st	1st	280	S:26; OT:4	10
Methodology of Legal Research	LS	1st	2nd	280	S:26; OT:4	10
Scientific Publication	DCS	1st	2nd	280	S:26; OT:4	10
SPEED Presentation	LS	1st	2nd	280	OT:8	10
Discussion of the Thesis Project	LS	2nd	1st	700	OT:26	25
Option 2	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5
PhD Thesis*	LS	2nd 3rd 4th	semester	4,200	OT:25	150

*the thesis should be developed in the area corresponding to the selected alternative course of study

INTERNATIONAL LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 3

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	International Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

EUROPEAN LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 4

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	European Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

PUBLIC LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 5

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	Public Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

PRIVATE LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 6

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	Private Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

PROCEDURAL LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 7

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	Procedural Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

CRIMINAL LAW

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 8

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	Criminal Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

LEGAL ANALYSIS

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 9

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	International Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	European Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Public Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Private Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Procedural Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Criminal Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Law, Politics & Security	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

LAW, POLITICS & SECURITY

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR UNITS

TABLE 10

Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
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Option 2	Attendance of any NOVA Doctoral School courses	DCS	2nd	1st	140	S:48	5

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Option	Course Unit	Scientific area	Year	Semester	Workload (hours)		Credits
					Total	Contact	
Option 1	International Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	European Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Public Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Private Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Procedural Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Criminal Law	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
Option 1	Law, Politics & Security	LS	1st	1st	280	S: 26; OT:4	10
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