

# PhD Program in “Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits”

## Guidelines for PhD Students

### I. Learning Activities

PhD Learning Activities are: (1) PhD Courses; (2) Winter School and Summer School, (3) PhD Workshop, (4) Seminars.

All Learning Activities are strictly mandatory. Absences are justified only for serious and certified reasons. An excessive number of absences will not be allowed in any case.

During the year, other duties may be assigned to the PhD Students, such as: acting as a discussant, workshops organization, support to classes, presentations, etc.

In case of serious violations of their learning duties, PhD students may not be admitted to the next year of the PhD Program.

The same learning duties apply to all PhD students, regardless of the city they live in. Only for PhD students relating to particular agreements with foreign Universities, the PhD Board can assign different learning duties.

#### *1. PhD Courses*

Three PhD Courses will be held:

- a. Introductory Course. Hours: 24. Period: November-December. Mandatory only for first year PhD students. Credits n. 6.
- b. Theory and Practice of Human Rights I. Hours: 24. Period: January-March. Mandatory for all PhD students. Credits n. 6.
- c. Theory and Practice of Human Rights II. Hours: 24. Period: January-March. Mandatory for all PhD students. Credits n. 6.

#### *2. Winter School and Summer School*

A Winter School and a Summer School will be held:

- a. Winter School. Duration: 1 week. Period: February. Mandatory for all PhD students. Credits n. 6.
- b. Summer School. Duration: 1 week. Period: June-July. Mandatory for all PhD students. Credits n. 6.

#### *3. PhD Workshop*

A PhD Workshop will be held, hosting presentations by PhD students from the PhD Program in Human Rights and from other PhD Programs of other universities. The organization of the PhD Workshop is assigned to second year PhD students, among which two responsible persons will be selected. Duration: 2-3 days. Period: November-December. Mandatory for all PhD students. Credits n. 6.

#### *4. Seminars*

Further facultative seminars will be held throughout the year. They would serve for completing the

number of teaching credits necessary for each year (30).

## **II. Research**

It is the duty of PhD students to inform their tutors about the development of their research.

The PhD Board, heard the tutor's opinion, approves the report presented by the PhD student and admits him to the following year of the PhD Program. The credits for research are 30 per year. They are assigned in the passage to the second and third year and at the moment of delivering the final dissertation.

The report should provide a list of the undertaken learning and research activities, and should contain at least:

- for first year PhD students, an extended table of contents of the whole work and/or a chapter.
- for second year PhD students, two chapters and an updated table of contents.

Second and third year PhD students should make a public presentation (max. 20 minutes) of their work.

Presentations will be held following a program defined at the beginning of the academic year (November).

For the admission to the third year of the PhD Program, the publication of at least one article is warmly recommended.

## **III. Research Abroad**

PhD students, together with their tutors, will determine a foreign institution where they will spend a specific period conducting research. It will last one year.

During their research abroad, PhD students should make at least one public presentation of their work at the hosting University.

The research abroad cannot take place during the Courses in Theory and Practice of Human Rights I and II and the Winter School.

Participation to the Summer School is mandatory even during the research abroad, unless it takes place outside Europe.

## **IV. Support to Learning Activities**

PhD students may be requested to support learning activities outside the PhD Program (by holding seminars during University classes, etc.), for a maximum of 40 hours a year.

A list of the undertaken support activities should be attached to the final report for the admission to the following year of the PhD Program.