



ENGLISH VERSION

Regulation of the didactic and research activity for the RESEARCH DOCTORATE IN MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND FOREST SYSTEMS (SAAFM), XXXVI cycle

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Pursuant to paragraph 3, art.13 of the Regulations of the PhD Courses of the University of Palermo, issued with D.R. n.1733/2017, "The didactic activity must be expressed in credits (60 for each year) and may also be structured according to specialized courses, high level didactics through research activities, internships and drafting of the doctoral thesis, participation in conferences and Schools, according to the needs of the Doctoral Course".

In compliance with the aforementioned instructions, the board of professors of the PhD in Mediterranean Agricultural, Food and Forest Systems, XXXVI cycle, adopts the following regulation of the didactic activity.

1. The overall educational activity of the research doctorate is divided into Research Training (TR) and Training through Research Activities (TRA).
2. The doctoral student has to acquire a total of 180 CFU credits in the three-year period, 60 CFU per year. In particular, 40 CFUs are allocated to the activities of the TR and 140 CFU are destined for the activities of TRA.
3. The activities of TR include: i) compulsory attendance of courses of general interest, ii) attendance of courses relevant to the themes of the doctorate, provided in master's or higher degree courses at national and foreign universities, iii) attendance of stages or specialization courses, iv) participation in seminars and conferences. The chosen courses must be additional to those already attended by the doctoral students in their studies.
4. In the first year of the PhD program, 20 CFU will be awarded for TR activities and 40 CFU for TRA activities. In the second year and the third year, 10 CFU will be awarded for TR activities and 50 CFU for TRA activities.
5. The structure of the CFU referred to in Article 4 of this regulation is not binding every year, as the necessity and/or opportunity to change the ratio between the two types of training activity may occur in a year. In any case, however, the student will not be admitted to the final exam if he/she does not have achieved, at the end of the three years, 40 credits for TR activities and 140 credits for TRA activities.
6. With the exception of language certifications, the course attendance does not imply the obligation to take the final exam.
7. In the attached schedule, specific activities are listed for each area of the training activity as well as the number of CFU that can be attributed to each specific training activity.
8. At the beginning of each academic year, the tutor and the doctoral candidate prepare the training program which is then submitted to the approval of the PhD College board.
9. The student is required to self-certify the educational activity carried out, including the attendance of courses, on a special register. In addition, he/she could show certificates issued by the institutions where specific training activities have been carried out.
10. At the end of the academic year, the doctoral student transmits to the college the analytical report of the overall educational activity carried out. The aforementioned analytical report is an integral part of the written report on the activity carried out, which the doctoral student is required to



present annually to the PhD course board pursuant to paragraph 10, article 13 of the current Regulation of the PhD Courses of the University of Palermo. The tutor, countersigning the written report sent to the board by the doctoral student, certifies the correspondence between the training activity actually carried out and the training plan approved by the teaching staff.

11. The doctoral student is solely responsible for the veracity of the statements made. In the case in which the board of the PhD course finds statements that do not correspond to the truth, the student may not be admitted to the following course year or to the final exam.
12. The decision of the PhD college board concerning the admission of the doctoral candidate to the following year or the final exam involves the acquisition of the 60 CFUs provided by this regulation.

**Assignments of credits to Research Training (TR) and
Training through Research Activities (TRA) of PhD students**

	CFU to acquire	
	I year	20
Research Training (TR)	II year	10
	III year	10
	Total	40
	CFU Evaluation	Verification
Specialized courses activated in master degree or PhD programs of the University of Palermo or belonging to other national and international universities (one mandatory)	CFU of the Teaching course	Certificate/Self-certification of attendance (CA)
Statistical course borrowed from among those active at the University (mandatory)	CFU of the Teaching course	CA
English language course of the University of Palermo (mandatory for Italian students)	5	Obtainment of level B2
Italian language course (mandatory for foreign students)	5	CA
Participation in national or international training courses	1 for each day	CA
Participation in seminar days of research training organized at the University of Palermo	1 for each day	Participation certificate (PC)
Scientific seminars held by internal speakers or external to the doctorate	1 for each day	PC



Training through Research Activities (TRA)	CFU to acquire	
	I year	40
	II year	50
	III year	50
	Total	140
	CFU Evaluation	Verification
Research periods at national and international scientific institutions	1 for each week	CA
Participation to congresses, conferences, workshops	1 for each day	PC
Presentation of posters at scientific congresses	2	PC
Oral presentation at scientific congresses	5	PC
Conducting a seminar on research topics	3	
Publications with impact factors present in international databases (<i>accepted o published</i>)	10	
Publications in technical magazines (<i>accepted or published</i>)	6	
Research activity for the thesis: bibliographic research, data collection and processing (field, laboratory, web), tutor discussions	1 for each week	Signature on the register
Collaboration in research activities other than those covered by the thesis	1 for each week	Signature on the register
Annual report on the performed activities (mandatory)	5	Report delivery
Oral presentation dealing with the research progresses of the thesis at the end of the academic year	5	Acts of the doctoral college
Additional teaching activity according to the doctorate regulations	1 for each 5 hours	Signature on the register Acts of the doctoral college
Drafting of the final manuscript (mandatory)	15	Report delivery