



The Doctoral School of Law of the University of Pécs

Training programme

Minimum 240 credits must be completed in the doctoral training, and the period of training is eight semesters. Doctoral training comprises two stages: the first four semesters constitute the “training and research” stage and the second four semesters constitute the “research and dissertation” stage. At the end of the fourth semester, as a conclusion of the training and research stage and as a precondition for starting the research and dissertation stage, the PhD student shall take a complex exam, which measures and evaluates academic and research progress. Within three years of the complex exam the PhD student shall submit a doctoral dissertation.

During his or her studies a PhD student may obtain training, research and teaching credits.

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Training module

During the training period a doctoral student shall collect minimum 60, but maximum 100 credits by attending courses and consultations. (Training credit)

At the “training and research” stage the module comprises compulsory and elective course-units, while at the “research and dissertation” stage it comprises optional course-units.

Research module

During the period of organized training a doctoral student shall collect minimum 140 credits by his or her research activity (Research credit).

The module comprises compulsory and elective course-units at both the “training and research” and the “research and dissertation” stage.

Teaching module

During the entire period of organized training a student shall be granted maximum 40 credits for the teaching activity carried out by him or her (Teaching credit).

In this module credit may be awarded only for optional course-units during the whole period of training.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH STAGE

All academic obligations must be performed during the training and research stage, in other words, the minimum 60 training credits required for the absolutorium must be completed at this stage.

Compulsory distribution of credits

The minimum 60 credits to be completed obligatorily in the training module shall be distributed proportionally as follows:

- Academic foundation courses: minimum 15 credits
- Specialized lectures: minimum 25 credits
- Research seminars: minimum 20 credits

Course descriptions

I. Academic foundation courses

- Scientific theory and research methodology
- Scientific ethics
- Introduction to data bases and libraries

These courses are aimed at conveying basic knowledge of general social science and methodology, with special regard to means and methods applied in juridical research. Furthermore, they are intended to supplement knowledge – taught in undergraduate legal training – relating to scholarly writing, publication and scientific data bases (science metrics, data base management, etc.). During the lectures students will learn about theories about the nature of science and the definition of scientific methods, the sociological concept of science and human knowledge.

Character: contact classes

Course type: compulsory

Model curriculum: semesters 1-4

Credits: 5

Assessment: oral or written end-of-term examination

Completion: signature

II. Specialized lectures

These lectures are aimed at conveying to PhD students the most up-to-date academic and practical results of political and legal science in Hungary and abroad. These lectures, constituting an outstanding part of doctoral training, are given predominantly by staff members of Hungarian research institutes, law enforcement organs and partner universities and renowned professors of foreign universities. The programme of specialized lectures is determined by the Doctoral Council every semester.

Character: contact classes

Course type: compulsory

Model curriculum: semesters 1-4

Credits: 5

Assessment: -

Completion: signature

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III. Research seminar

Elective courses offered by lecturers announcing doctoral topics. Their syllabus provides deeper insight into the given discipline or disciplinary area. Objective: to enable the student to get acquainted with basic Hungarian and foreign academic literature of the given branch of law (area of law) relating to the student's research topic, but with a wide foundation character.

Character: non-contact classes

Course type: elective

Model curriculum: semesters 1-4

Credits: 2

Assessment: written essay

Completion: mark on a five-grade scale

COMPLEX EXAM

During the doctoral training, at the end of the fourth semester, as a conclusion of the “training and research” stage and as a precondition for starting the “research and dissertation” stage, the PhD student shall take a complex exam, which measures and evaluates academic and research progress.

The supervisor of the doctoral student shall submit the student’s questions (at least 5 elements) and bibliography (at least 15 elements) of the complex exam to the Council of the Doctoral School, by the beginning of the student’s 2nd year. The questions must relate to the specific research topic of the student. The bibliography shall include monographies and articles in English.

Character: The complex exam must be taken publicly before a committee

Course type: compulsory

Model curriculum: end of the 4th semester

I. Eligibility requirements for the complex exam

- the student must have completed minimum 100 credits by the end of the term time of the fourth semester, of which minimum 60 credits must have been completed from the training module and minimum 40 credits from the research module;

the PhD student must submit a summary of the first two years’ activity, verified by the supervisor. The summary must be at least 5, but no longer, than 10 page long.

II. Requirements

- **Theoretical part:** an account of scientific theoretical and methodological knowledge pertaining to the discipline and the PhD student’s subprogram and of knowledge of the relevant academic literature pertaining to the PhD student’s doctoral topic. (15-20 minutes)
- **Account of academic progress:** presentation of the results of research carried out so far by the PhD student into his or her doctoral topic, including, in particular, the research methodology, the topicality of the research topic and the problems raised by it, and the theoretical and positive law background of the research topic; and the PhD student’s presentation of his or her research plan for the research and dissertation stage of the training programme (20-30 minutes)

The course of the exam:

Theoretical part

I.

The student shall pick a question randomly, from the questions authorized by the Doctoral Council. The student shall answer the question to the Committee.

II.

The Committee shall ask questions from the bibliography authorized by the Council. The student shall answer the questions of the Committee.

Dissertation part

In the second part of the complex exam, the student shall summarize the scientific progress of the first two years, plan the second two years of the training and demonstrate his/her knowledge of the topic to the Committee.

The second part of the complex exam has to include in particular:

- a) the scientific progress of the research topic of the student, the methodology of the research, the actuality of the topic, and the questions and problems the dissertation plans to answer or solve, and at last but not least the theoretical and effective legal background of the topic.
- b) the research plan for the second two years.

The supervisor shall be given opportunity to evaluate the progress of the student in writing or in an oral form on the exam.

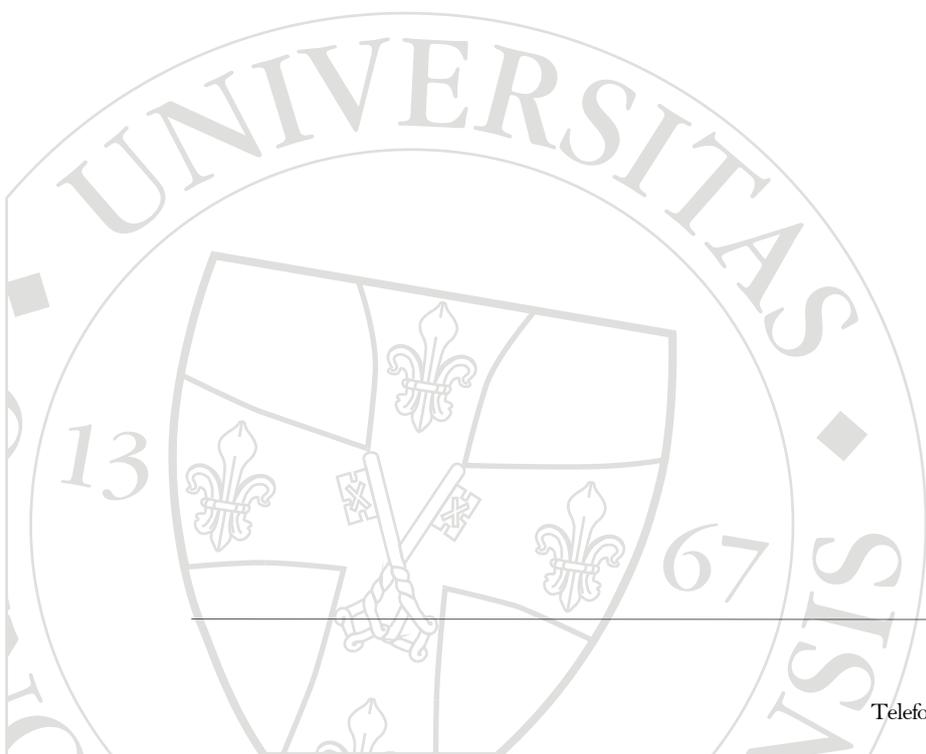
The student can use presentation for the second part of the exam.

The evaluation of the exam

After closing the exam, the Committee will evaluate the progress and performance of the student on a closed hearing. The performance is evaluated by points given by each member of the Committee (1-5 points/member). The student shall get at least 60% percent of the points in order to pass the exam. The supervisor cannot attend to the closed hearing. The results of



the exam have to be published on the day of the exam. **The evaluation of the exam can be either pass or fail.**



RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION STAGE

During the doctoral training following the complex exam the student takes part in the doctoral procedure by completing the “research and dissertation” stage, the purpose of which is to obtain the doctoral (PhD) degree. The “research and dissertation” stage – just like the doctoral training – is concluded by the granting of the absolutorium. The higher education institution shall grant an absolutorium to the PhD student who has completed all the credits required in the doctoral training.

Course descriptions

I. Publication activity

- Professional essay published in the candidate’s mother tongue in a professional journal of category A) or B) in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay published in the candidate’s mother tongue in a professional journal of category C) or peer-reviewed volume of essays in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay published in the candidate’s mother tongue in a professional journal of category D) or non-peer-reviewed volume of essays in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a professional journal of category A) or B) in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a professional journal of category C) or peer-reviewed volume of essays in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a professional journal of category D) or non-peer-reviewed volume of essays in the candidate’s home country
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a foreign professional journal of category A) or B)
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a foreign professional journal of category C) or in a peer-reviewed volume of essays
- Professional essay in a foreign language published in a foreign professional journal of category D) or non-peer-reviewed volume of essays
- Professional article (published in a non-legal academic journal)
- Course book (or a part thereof)

- University lecture notes (or a part thereof)
- Publication of sources, study aids
- Professional translation from a foreign language to the candidate's mother tongue
- Professional translation from the candidate's mother tongue to a foreign language
- Professional translation from one foreign language into another foreign language
- Editing of a scientific work
- Writing a review

The PhD student shall account of the result of his or her research carried out into his or her doctoral topic in the form of publications.

Course type: compulsory

Model curriculum: semesters 1-8

Credits: 5-50

Assessment: -

Completion: publication (according to the certification order)

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II. Other scholarly activities

- Conference presentation in the candidate's mother tongue in the candidate's home country
- Conference presentation in a foreign language in the candidate's home country
- Conference presentation in a foreign language abroad
- Professional language interpretation from a foreign language to the candidate's mother tongue
- Professional language interpretation from the candidate's mother tongue to a foreign language
- Professional language interpretation from one foreign language to another
- Preparing a (research) grant application
- Organizing a regional conference
- Organizing a national conference
- Organizing an international conference
- Consultation with the supervisor

During the doctoral training, besides his or her publication activity, the PhD student may also pursue other scholarly activities based on individual research.

Course type: optional

Model curriculum: semesters 1-8

Credits: 5-15

Assessment: -

Completion: realization (according to the certification order)

III. Teaching module

- Teaching a class in the candidate's mother tongue (two hours per week)
- Teaching a class in a foreign language (two hours per week)
- Providing degree thesis consultation in the candidate's mother tongue
- Providing degree thesis consultation in a foreign language

Apart from the doctoral training, the PhD student may also perform teaching tasks in other higher education institutions.

Course type: optional

Model curriculum: semesters 1-8

Credits: 2-8

Assessment: -

Completion: realization (according to the certification order)

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Requirements for the granting of the absolutorium

The granting of the absolutorium constitutes a precondition for the submission of the doctoral dissertation:

- completing the appropriate proportions of credits prescribed for doctoral training;
- the value index of the doctoral student's academic publications shall equal or exceed 20 points on application of the method of calculation laid down in Annex 3 to the Doctoral Regulations; and
- a successful preliminary debate.

MODEL CURRICULUM

Training and research stage						
Module	Type	Semester/credits				Total credits
		1	2	3	4	
Training module						
Academic foundation courses	C	5	5	5	0	15
Specialized lectures	E	10	5	5	5	25
Research seminar	E	4	6	6	4	20
Research module						
Publication	C	0	5	5	10	20
Other academic research	O	0	5	5	10	20
Teaching module						
Teaching activity	O	0	5	5	10	20
Total						120

Research and dissertation stage						
Module	Type	Semester/credits				Total credits
		5	6	7	6	
Training module						
Academic foundation courses	O	-	-	-	-	0
Specialized lecture	O	-	-	-	-	0
Research seminar	O	-	-	-	-	0
Research module						
Publication	C	15	15	15	15	60
Other academic research activity	O	10	10	10	10	40
Teaching module						
Teaching activity	O	5	5	5	5	20
Total						120

C: compulsory
E: elective
O: optional

Procedural fees

The students shall pay procedural fees during the course of their training.

The state-funded students shall pay the following procedural fees:

- a) Application fee
- b) Fee of the public defence

The fee-paying students shall pay the following procedural fees:

- a) Application fee
- b) Training fee/semester
- c) Fee of Complex exam
- d) Fee of the public defence

The individually preparing students shall pay the following procedural fees:

- a) Once off, admission fee
- b) Fee of the Complex Exam
- c) Training fee/semester
- d) Fee of the public defence

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The amount of the procedural fees is determined in the Resolution of the Doctoral Council.
The Resolution is published on the official website of the Doctoral School.