

1. From Application to Graduation

a. Application

Candidates for Ph.D. studies will submit, together with an application form, original copies of their academic diplomas as well as an original document indicating the final weighted grade for the stated degrees, a personal bio, and three names of recommenders and/or letters of recommendation.

Candidates applying to the Regular Track who have written a Master's thesis will submit it and will produce an original confirmation with respect to the grade awarded to the thesis.

Upon submitting his or her candidacy, the candidate should submit a preliminary research proposal (research plan and chapter outline), which has been approved by a faculty member of the Radzyner Law School, who qualifies to serve as a supervisor of a Ph.D. dissertation.

b. Admission

Admission to the Ph.D. Program in Law will be to one of the following tracks.

1) The Regular Track

Candidates holding a Master's Degree (LL.M.) in law with a thesis, with a grade of at least 85 and a thesis grade of at least 88, are eligible to apply to the Regular Track.

Applicants should submit a preliminary research proposal (namely, a research plan and chapter outline) approved by a faculty member of the Radzyner Law School, who is eligible to serve as a supervisor of a Ph.D. dissertation.

2) LL.M. Graduates without a Thesis

Applicants who completed LL.M. studies without a thesis with an average grade of at least 88 will be eligible to register for complementary studies towards the Ph.D. in Law. These studies will include:

- a) Complementary studies of 12 credits comprising courses from Stage 1 of the Ph.D. program (10 credits, as described in Sections 9(b)-(c) below) and 2 credits in courses from the LL.M. program. To be considered further for Ph.D. studies the student must achieve an average grade of at least 88 in these courses.
- b) Writing a paper equivalent in quality and scope to a thesis with a grade of at least 88. This paper may later be integrated into the student's dissertation.

A student who meets these requirements will be eligible to register for the Ph.D. Program in Law in the Regular Track.

3) Students Holding an Undergraduate Degree in Law and a Graduate Degree in a Field Relevant to the Dissertation

In special cases, the School Committee may consider the candidacy of students holding an undergraduate degree in Law (LL.B.) at a level that allows enrollment for LL.M. studies and a graduate degree in another field relevant to the topic of research of the candidate. These students will be admitted if their average grade in graduate studies is at least 85 and their thesis grade is at least 88. These students will be considered as being enrolled in the Regular Track. Students whose graduate degree does not include a thesis will be considered if their average grade in graduate studies is at least 88. These students will be considered as being enrolled in the track for LL.M. graduates without a thesis. However, in special cases, the School Committee may exempt them from the obligation of writing a paper that is equivalent in quality and scope to that of a thesis.

Note: Language Proficiency

The candidates for studies will have to prove sufficient command of the English language for purposes of writing a scientific paper (a high level of reading capability and a proper written expressive capability). Based upon the supervisor's recommendation, it will be possible to require the study of any additional language necessary for purposes of the research. The candidates will

have to pass an examination in this additional language by the date of completion of Stage 1 of the program.

c. Enrollment

- 1) The School Committee will consider and recommend enrolling a Ph.D. student in light of the information and recommendations submitted to it.
- 2) The School Committee will consider all the candidate's record and achievements, including the quality of the LL.M. thesis and articles and papers of academic value written by the candidate (if applicable). The School Committee may call the candidate for a personal interview before the School Committee or before any of its members.
- 3) The School Committee will appoint an Advisory Committee to each Ph.D. student comprising the Supervisor, who will act as its chair, and at least two other academic experts, one of whom should be from outside the Law School.

d. Progress

- 1) A student that the School Committee recommended his or her enrollment and the Higher Committee approved this, will become a Stage 1 Ph.D. Student.
- 2) Students in the Regular Track should fulfill their Stage 1 requirements within two years from enrollment.
- 3) The duration of studies in the Regular Track - namely, Stage 1 and Stage 2 (PhD dissertation writing) - will not exceed five consecutive years.
- 4) The duration of studies in the other tracks will be identical to that of the Regular Track, plus the time needed for becoming eligible for a Stage 1 Student status in the Regular Track.

e. Dissertation and Review

- 1) The doctoral dissertation should be a work of independent research. It should reveal the student's ability to formulate a problem or research question, analyze and interpret information, demonstrate knowledge of the literature relating to the

subject, describe the methods and procedures used, report the results, and display the researcher's ability to discuss fully and coherently the meaning of the outcome of his or her research.¹

- 2) A Ph.D. Student will submit a dissertation proposal to the School Committee. The proposal will include the subject of the dissertation, a review of existing literature on the research question, a detailed research plan, the research methodology, details of the expected research contribution of the study, and a preliminary bibliography. Attached to the proposal should be a consent letter by a designated supervisor from among the Radzyner Law School faculty.
- 3) A Ph.D. Student who has been enrolled for at least two years and who has fulfilled all the requirements he or she is obligated to fulfill, will be entitled to submit his or her Ph.D. dissertation for review. In the case of extraordinary excellence, the School Committee may approve submission after a shorter period. The dissertation will be submitted to the Higher Committee together with the approval of the Supervisor and the Advisory Committee and the recommendations of the School Committee.
- 4) The Higher Committee will appoint an Examination Committee consisting of the Supervisor, two members of the Advisory Committee, and two additional reviewers who are experts in the field of the study. The external reviewers should be of at least of the rank of the supervisor. At least two members of the Examination Committee will be external. At least one of the external reviewers should be from a research university, possibly from a non-Israeli one. The Examination Committee shall elect one of its members to be chair; this should not be the Supervisor.
- 5) The dissertation will be reviewed and approved in accordance with the Rules and Requirements of the Ph.D. Program in Law. Each reviewer will submit a detailed opinion, in writing, in which he or she will recommend one of the following alternatives:

¹ This standard follows the benchmark set by the European University Institute (EUI).

- Approval of the dissertation for public defense, thus indicating that it meets, in principle, the requirements for the award of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).
 - Approval of the dissertation for public defense subject to revisions and changes.
 - Rejection of the dissertation.
- 6) In the final stage of the doctoral studies the student will defend the dissertation before the Examination Committee and an audience consisting of academics experts and other students.
- 7) Following the defense, the Examination Committee will deliberate in private, and then reach a decision based on the dissertation and on the performance of the student in the defense. The Committee will make one of the following decisions:
- Approval of the dissertation as meeting the requirements for the award of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).
 - In exceptional cases, approval of the dissertation subject to revisions and changes.
 - Rejection of the dissertation.
- 8) The dissertation will not be given a grade. In cases of extraordinary excellence, provided that all the reviewers so recommend, the School Committee may recommend granting a grade of “Excellent,” which will be subject to approval of the Higher Committee.

f. Graduation

Upon approval of the dissertation and announcement by the Higher Committee of the awarding of the degree, a ceremony will be held in which the President or the Provost will declare the awarding of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

2. Program of Studies

a. Rationale

The Ph.D. Program in Law will enable students to develop research and scholarly capabilities at the highest academic level. The program will also foster skills in other academic disciplines in order to promote interdisciplinary research. In case of such cross-discipline research, professors from other schools at IDC Herzliya may take part in supervising the Ph.D. candidate's academic work.

b. Credits and Hourly Scope

The program of studies will include required courses (Stage 1) and the writing of a doctoral dissertation (Stage 2). The courses will take place at the IDC Herzliya campus and will comprise courses in subjects that are relevant to the doctoral dissertation, both within the legal field and in other relevant academic disciplines. The overall scope of required coursework will amount to 10 credits in the Regular Track, with additional coursework required for the other tracks as described above. In extraordinary cases, in light of previous studies and the candidate's background, the School Committee may exempt the candidate from part of the required coursework.

The course program for doctoral students comprises four clusters:

- (a) a yearlong research workshop for Ph.D. candidates (4 credits)
- (b) legal courses in English taught by international visiting professors (4 credits)
- (c) graduate-level electives offered in other IDC Herzliya schools (2 credits)
- (d) graduate-level legal courses offered in the LL.M. program (if applicable)

In addition, Ph.D. students will participate regularly in the non-credit Doctoral Colloquium throughout their doctoral studies and will present their work in it.

c. The Courses

- 1) Research workshop for Ph.D. candidates (4 credits, instructor: Head of Program)

This workshop is intended to assist doctoral students in acquiring advanced tools for designing and conducting high-level legal research and for analyzing and presenting research findings. Special emphasis will be given to conducting legal

research with interdisciplinary and comparative/global features. Participating in this workshop will present students with ways to define legal research questions, choose appropriate methodologies for investigating such questions, and identify potential pitfalls in executing their research. The workshop will consist of two sections. The first section will focus on guided critical reading of canonical sources in legal scholarship. This section will be conducted with the assistance of faculty members who teach at the Radzyner Law School, according to their disciplinary expertise. This provides a framework for students to engage with sources in law and economics, law and history, law and literature, critical theories, etc. The second section of this workshop will be conducted in a research colloquium format, in which doctoral students present their work-in-progress and react to and critique fellow students' work-in-progress from their own research vantage point.

2) Legal courses in English taught by international visiting professors (4 credits)

Students will select courses from the classes taught in English that are offered in our visiting professors program. Courses are condensed into two or three weeks with multiple meetings per week.

3) Graduate-level electives offered in other IDC Herzliya schools (2 credits)

Ph.D. students in law will select an elective course (for two credits) in another academic discipline that is substantively or methodologically related to the subject of their doctoral dissertation. Specifically, courses from the following Master's degree programs will be open to Ph.D. students in law (provided the student fulfills any prerequisites for the course in question): M.B.A. in business administration, M.A. in government, M.A. in financial economics, M.A. in organizational behavior and development, M.Sc. in computer science, M.A. in social psychology, M.A. in clinical psychology, and M.A. in communications.

4) Graduate legal courses offered in the LL.M. program (if applicable):

Students will select courses from the School's LL.M. program if required to do so according to their track.