

DOCTORATE IN *LAW*



University with
Institutional Accreditation for
High Educational Quality

Curricular Structure / Program of Study :

SEMESTER 1

- Advising Phase I
 - Scientific Research Methodology
 - Constitutional Theory and Review Systems
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SEMESTER 2

- Advising Phase II
 - Introduction to Research Methods
 - Theory and System of Human Rights
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SEMESTER 3

- Public International Law Systems
 - Civil Law
 - Criminal Procedure System
 - Elective I
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SEMESTER 4

- Research Phase I
 - Findings and Actions of the Research
 - Elective II
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SEMESTER 5

- Research Phase II
 - Doctoral Dissertation Initiation Phase
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SEMESTER 6

- Doctoral Dissertation Development
- Doctoral Dissertation Project

DISSERTATION PRESENTATION AND DEFENSE

Elective Courses (two to be selected):

1. *Seminar on the Evolution of Legal Thought*
2. *Seminar on Theories of Crime and Punishment*
3. *Legal Argumentation*
4. *Information Law Systems*

Lines of Research

- **Line 1:** Human Rights.
- **Line 2:** Constitutional Law.
- **Line 3:** Public International Law.
- **Line 4:** Criminal Law System.
- **Line 5:** Civil Law.
- **Line 6:** Legal Argumentation and Interpretation.
- **Line 7:** Information Law.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to proceed to the dissertation defense before an academic committee, the doctoral candidate must:

- **Complete all required coursework and academic credits.**
- **Have at least one scholarly article published or formally accepted for publication in an academic journal** during the research and dissertation phase as a doctoral candidate at the Universidad Americana de Europa (UNADE). The Dissertation Advisor will support and guide the candidate in fulfilling this requirement and must therefore be included as a co-author of the article. It is recommended that the journal be indexed in recognized academic databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, or Google Scholar. While indexing is not a mandatory requirement, publication in indexed journals is considered to carry greater academic value for the candidate's research career.
- **Participate in at least one national or international academic conference.** The candidate must present as a conference speaker in their capacity as a doctoral student of UNADE.
- **Demonstrate English language proficiency.** Candidates must provide proof of English proficiency equivalent to a minimum TOEFL iBT score of 460–542 (or an equivalent qualification at the CEFR B1 level). If the candidate does not hold an official certification, the institution will administer a placement examination.

In addition to the above, in order to graduate and be awarded the degree of Doctor, the doctoral student must successfully complete the dissertation process and the public defense of the work before a committee appointed by the Academic Commission.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Participation in academic discussion forums and structured topical debates.
- Attendance at research training seminars on specialized subjects, offered either in person or via videoconference.
- Attendance at training seminars related to the selected dissertation topic, including research ethics, academic writing and editing tools, advanced research methodology, and research projects design.