

SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY "NEOFIT RILSKI"

Faculty of Law and History Department of Civil Law Sciences

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INFORMATION PACKAGE

OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

FIELD OF SIENCE: 3. SOCIAL, ECOMONIC AND LEGAL SIENCES

PROFESSIONAL FIELD: 3.6. LAW

DOCTORAL PROGRAM: CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW

EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREE: **DOCTOR (PhD)**LEVEL ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL **LEVEL 8**

QUALIFICATIOSNS FRAMEWORK (NQF):

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION: RESEARCHER

DURATION OF STUDY: 3 /three/ or 4 /four/ years

FORM OF STUDY: FULL-TIME / INDEPENDENT/

PART-TIME

SUMMARY

The training of doctoral students is implemented through the courses stipulated in the curriculum of the Doctoral Program in *Civil and Family Law* and the compulsory and elective disciplines approved in the individual study plans. Each doctoral student, in coordination with their academic supervisor, prepares an individual study plan for training, which is discussed within the Department of Civil Law Sciences. The individual study plan is developed on the basis of the curriculum of the Doctoral Program in *Civil and Family Law*, accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA), and is subsequently submitted for approval by the Faculty Council.

The study plans of the doctoral students are brought into conformity with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and its Implementing Regulations, the Higher Education Act, the Internal Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff at South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad, the Regulations on the Structure and Activity of South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad, and the Regulations on Educational Activities of South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad.

The duration of study for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" depends on the form of doctoral training – full-time, part-time, or independent. The minimum period of training for the full-time form is two years; for the part-time form – a minimum of three years; and for independent study – a minimum of two years. The period of doctoral training may be extended, for objective reasons, by up to one year by order of the Rector, following consultation with the academic supervisor and upon proposal of the Faculty Council, in accordance with the **Internal Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff** at South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad.

The training of doctoral students includes the following activities:

- 1. Research activity, including participation in scientific projects;
- 2. Attendance and participation in academic courses (lectures, seminars, and others);
- 3. Teaching and expert activities, as well as participation in scientific forums (national and/or international);
- 4. Participation in the administrative work and academic life of the hosting academic unit;
- 5. Examinations provided for in the individual study plan;
- 6. Preparation, submission, and public defense of a doctoral dissertation.

In the course of their studies, doctoral students in *Civil and Family Law*, in accordance with the **National Qualifications Framework of the Republic of Bulgaria**, shall:

- The methodology of scientific research is mastered, along with its application through the prism of specific scientific and practical problems;
- Competence is developed for a detailed understanding of the techniques applied in scientific research and complex academic studies;
- Skills are formed for the correct use of the academic and scientific apparatus;
- Skills are developed for identifying, extracting, and analyzing scientific and practical problems;

- The ability is developed to make informed judgments on complex issues in the field of notarial law, as well as to present one's ideas and conclusions clearly and effectively to both specialists and non-specialists;
- Skills are formed for applying a scientific approach and utilizing research tools and methodology in scholarly work;
- Knowledge is acquired in the methodology of teaching legal disciplines;
- Specialized knowledge and skills are formed for working with various sources of information, and a high level of computer and language proficiency is acquired, aimed at ensuring personal information awareness and facilitating professional communication with scholars from other countries;
- Specialized and systematized knowledge is acquired for conducting critical analysis and synthesizing new ideas;
- The capacity is developed to expand and modify existing knowledge in the field of notarial law, as well as to understand its interactions with other branches of legal science.

SECTION I

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

(THEORETICAL TRAINING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW)

I. Compulsory Academic Disciplines

Doctoral students are required to undertake in-depth study of one compulsory discipline, depending on the selected topic within their scientific specialization, chosen from among the following: *Civil Law – General Part*, *Property Law*, *Law of Obligations*, *Commercial Law – Part II*, and *Family and Inheritance Law*.

The following disciplines are also compulsory: *Methodology and Methods of Legal Research*, *Project Preparation and Management*, and *English Language*.

The training of doctoral students includes independent study, attendance of lectures and seminars, and other academic activities. Completion of the course of study concludes with an examination before a commission that includes the academic supervisor, in accordance with the individual work plan. The examination result is reported to the Department of Civil Law Sciences and is included in the official progress documentation on the implementation of the doctoral student's individual work plan.

II. Elective Academic Disciplines

During the course of study, doctoral students may select one of the following elective disciplines: Comparative Civil and Commercial Law, Private International Law, Roman Private Law, Mediation, Consumer Law, Bulgarian Notarial Law, Bulgarian Civil Procedural Law, and Ethics of Scientific Research.

The preparation of doctoral students includes independent study, participation in lectures and seminars, and other academic activities. The completion of training concludes with an examination before a commission including the academic supervisor, in accordance with the

individual work plan. The examination result is reported to the Department of Civil Law Sciences and is included in the official documentation concerning the implementation of the doctoral student's individual work plan.

Methods of Instruction and Assessment, and Language of Instruction

The training is fully in compliance with the applicable legislation and the Internal Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff at South-West University "Neofit Rilski."

The instruction is carried out through lectures and independent study by the doctoral students. The lecturer provides explanations to the doctoral students concerning the subject matter of the respective discipline, the relevant legal framework, the literature required for preparation, and any issues arising during the course of independent work related to the studied material.

The language of instruction is **Bulgarian**.

SECTION II

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

(CORE ACTIVITIES OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS RELATED TO THE PREPARATION OF THE DISSERTATION AND TO THE SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES)

In the course of their scientific training and while preparing their dissertation, doctoral students in *Civil and Family Law* shall:

- 1. Participate in seminar sessions and discussions addressing didactic issues;
- 2. Prepare reports (both on topics related to their dissertation and on other topics within the doctoral programme) for presentation at scientific events, discussions, conferences, and round tables;
- 3. Participate in the development and implementation of research projects;
- 4. Take part in the meetings of the Department of Civil Law Sciences when theoretical and practically oriented issues are discussed;
- 5. Conduct research work in preparation for their dissertation;
- 6. Familiarize themselves with new trends and developments in European Union law and with the dynamics of changes in national legislation, as well as with the case law of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Supreme Court of Cassation of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- 7. Analyse the necessity and possibilities for amendments to domestic legislation.

1. Core Research Activities Related to the Preparation of the Dissertation Include:

- Formulating the research problem and developing and presenting a scientific thesis;
- Conducting bibliographical research and systematizing sources;
- Describing and systematizing prior studies in the field of the dissertation topic;

- Defining the objectives and tasks of the research; selecting the appropriate research approach and methodology to be employed;
- Developing the rationale for the selected methods and methodologies;
- Preparing a conceptual project for the dissertation;
- Discussing the dissertation project conducted in two stages;
- Presenting the research concept and methodological tools;
- Engaging in research activity, including the preparation and publication of a study, article, or scientific paper;
- Participating in scientific research projects.
- 2. Doctoral students in Civil and Family Law may also engage in academic, methodological, and pedagogical activities.
- 3. The final stage of the doctoral students' scientific preparation consists of familiarization with the procedures for the public defence of the dissertation before a scientific jury and preparation for the defence itself.

Civil Law - General Part

ECTS Credits: 10 **Academic Hours:** 45 lectures / 255 self-study

Course Status: Compulsory **Form of Assessment:** Exam

Type of Exam: Written **Methodological Supervision:**

Department: Department of Civil Law Sciences

Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Assen Vodenicharov

Annotation

The academic discipline "Civil Law – General Part" covers the general principles applicable to various types of civil legal relations in the broad sense of the term. The training aims to provide doctoral students with general knowledge of civil law norms and the practice of their application. Simultaneously, the doctoral student becomes acquainted with the conceptual framework developed by civil law science, the theoretical justification of the legal norms enshrined in legislation, and the rules governing their interpretation and application.

By its nature, the knowledge acquired in this discipline is of methodological significance for all other branches of private law. The course examines the general legal categories and civil law norms that are applied not only across all its branches but also in other areas of private law which have evolved from it — such as property law, commercial law, family and inheritance law, labour law, social security law, patent law, and others.

The structure of the course "Civil Law – General Part" consists of the following sections: the concept and characteristics of civil law; sources and interpretation; the general theory of civil legal relations; subjects of civil law; objects of civil legal relations; juridical facts; legal transactions and the invalidity of transactions; representation; and prescription.

The discipline has a distinctly methodological character for the entire field of civil law. The knowledge acquired through it provides an essential foundation for mastering the other branches of private law.

Property Law

CTS Credits: 10 Academic Hours: 45 lectures / 255 self-study

Form of Assessment: Exam

Type of Examination: Written

Course Status: Compulsory

Methodological Supervision:

Department of Civil Law Studies Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Associate Professor Dr. Asen Vodenicharov

Annotation:

The academic discipline *Property Law* is included as a compulsory subject within the doctoral programme *Civil and Family Law*. It provides a historical overview of the development of legal science, tracing the genesis and evolution of property rights, which encompass the static aspects of proprietary relations. The course examines the right of ownership and the limited real rights, the means of their acquisition and transfer, as well as the specific mechanisms for protection and remedies available in property law.

Particular attention is devoted to the concept of possession, which, as a form of de facto control, historically preceded the recognition of subjective property rights. Possession remains a fundamental legal institution essential for both the theoretical study and the practical application of property law, being closely related to notarial procedures.

A major focus of the course *Property Law*, as part of the doctoral programme in *Civil and Family Law*, is placed on the issues concerning the registration of acts by which real rights over immovable property are transferred or established. This process ensures legal certainty in the circulation of real estate and constitutes a key element of property law regulation.

Law of Obligations

ECTS Credits: 10 **Academic Hours:** 45 lectures / 255 self- study

Form of Assessment: Exam Course Status: Compulsory

Type of Exam: Written

Methodological Supervision:

Department of Civil Law Studies Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Associate Professor Dr. Aleksandar Ivanov

Annotation:

The academic discipline *Law of Obligations* is included as a compulsory course within the doctoral programme *Civil and Family Law*, depending on the doctoral candidate's research topic.

The content of the course *Law of Obligations* covers two main areas of study: the general doctrine of obligations and special obligations. The first part examines the general principles and issues of the law of obligations — the objective and subjective aspects of obligation law, the nature of obligational relations, their sources, and in particular, the general theory of contracts, performance, non-performance, liability for breach, and securities.

The second (special) part of the course addresses two major topics: the various types of contractual obligations and the specific obligational relations arising from tort, unjust enrichment, and negotiorum gestio.

The overall aim of the course is to reveal the mechanisms of the market economy through the prism of civil law and to explore current issues related to contracting and liability, economic impracticability of performance, liability for non-performance, as well as to study not only the statutory obligational relations but also those established under Article 9 of the Bulgarian Obligations and Contracts Act (33Д), which may arise even when not expressly provided for by legislation.

Commercial Law - Part I

ECTS Credits: 10 Academic Hours: 45 lecture / 255 self- study

Form of Assessment: Exam Course Status: Compulsory

Type of Exam: Written

Methodological Supervision:Department of Civil Law Studies

Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Associate Professor Dr. Raya Ilieva

Annotation:

The academic discipline $Commercial\ Law-Part\ I$ is included as an elective course within the doctoral programme $Civil\ and\ Family\ Law$. $Commercial\ Law-Part\ I$ constitutes an independent and particularly significant branch of the current objective law.

The subject of regulation encompasses the legal relations concerning the status of traders — their legal nature, specific legal capacity, the manner of establishment and operation, their representation under commercial law, and their governance. The course examines the relations between partners or shareholders within commercial companies, the relations between partners/shareholders and the companies themselves, as well as the processes of transformation, dissolution, and liquidation of traders.

Special attention is also given to the various forms of association between traders and the legal mechanisms governing such associations.

Commercial Law - Part II

ECTS Credits: 10 Academic Hours: 45 lectures / 255 self-study

Form of Assessment: Exam Course Status: Compulsory

Type of Exam: Written

Methodological Supervision:Department of Civil Law Studies
Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Associate Professor Dr. Aleksandar Ivanov

Annotation:

The course $Commercial\ Law-Part\ II$ is included as an elective discipline in the doctoral programme $Civil\ and\ Family\ Law$. The course examines the general legal framework governing the conclusion, performance, and non-performance of commercial transactions, as well as commercial securities and the transfer of rights.

It explores the specific features of various types of commercial contracts, including: commercial sale, leasing agreements, commission and forwarding contracts, transport contracts, insurance, current account agreements, banking and stock exchange transactions, securities, safe deposit rental, bills of exchange and promissory notes, warehouse receipts, franchising, factoring, and forfaiting.

The course also covers **bankruptcy proceedings**, including the prerequisites for the initiation of such proceedings, the legal consequences of the decision to open the proceedings, the management of the bankruptcy estate, the possibilities for the rehabilitation of the enterprise, the court decision declaring the trader insolvent and its legal effects, among other related issues. This area is closely connected to **Notarial Law**.

Family and Inheritance Law

ECTS credits: 10 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 255 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Compulsory

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Ivanov

Annotation:

The course *Family and Inheritance Law* is a compulsory component of the doctoral program in *Civil and Family Law*, depending on the doctoral student's chosen dissertation topic. The content of the course covers the legal norms and institutions regulating social relations arising from marriage, kinship, and adoption (family law), as well as those related to the transfer of property from a deceased person to their heirs (inheritance law).

Through in-depth study, doctoral students acquire the ability to thoroughly analyze both personal and property relations between spouses, the dissolution of marriage, issues of parentage, the relations between parents and children, and adoption. The course also provides

an opportunity for detailed examination of both forms of inheritance—statutory and testamentary—as well as matters concerning acceptance and renunciation of inheritance, guardianship and curatorship, and partition of inherited property.

Methodology and Methods of Legal Research

ECTS credits: 5 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 105 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Compulsory

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History
Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Manol Stanin

Annotation:

The course *Methodology and Methods of Legal Research* introduces the fundamental principles of research methodology and the information support required for conducting scholarly legal studies. The discipline aims to provide doctoral students with opportunities to develop more profound, targeted, and well-structured research skills. It presents the stages of scientific research activity and supports the effective organization and management of the research process.

Project Preparation and Management

ECTS credits: 5 **Academic hours:** 15 (lectures) / 135 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Compulsory

Type of exam: Written

Methodological supervision:

Department: Civil Law Sciences **Faculty:** Faculty of Law and History **Lecturer:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Todorov **Department:** Finance and Accounting

Faculty: Faculty of Economics

Annotation:

The course *Project Preparation and Management* introduces doctoral students to the key aspects of project development, serving as a foundation for the organization and management of projects, particularly in the context of applying for programs funded by the European Union.

English Language

ECTS credits: 5 **Academic hours:** 60 (lectures) / 90 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Compulsory

Methodological supervision:

Type of exam: Written

Department: Civil Law Sciences **Faculty:** Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: — Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Dafina Kostadinova, Assoc. Prof. Ivanka Sakareva,

Assoc. Prof. Yana Chankova,

Faculty of Philology, **Department** of German and Romance Studies

Annotation:

The *English Language* course provides doctoral students with practical training in English, focusing on vocabulary and grammar acquisition at lower levels and on the improvement and expansion of linguistic competence at advanced levels. The instruction follows an integrative approach that develops all four language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Special emphasis is placed on developing speaking and listening skills, as well as mastering the principles of academic writing in English, including the preparation of presentations, résumés, abstracts, and scholarly articles. The course includes modules in practical grammar, vocabulary, written exercises, reading and listening comprehension, and conversation practice. Depending on the doctoral students' field of study, specialized vocabulary and translation exercises (both general and field-specific) are also included.

Comparative Civil and Commercial Law

ECTS credits: 4 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written

Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: —

Annotation:

The course *Comparative Civil and Commercial Law* focuses on the Roman, German, Anglo-American, and Scandinavian legal systems and the principal civil law institutions they regulate. The course aims to introduce doctoral students to the comparative legal method used to analyze different legal systems, as well as to the fundamental principles of European civil and commercial law. At the same time, the students become familiar with foreign legal terminology, the theoretical foundations of statutory legal norms, and the rules governing their interpretation and application.

The discipline is designed for doctoral students with a particular interest in comparative legal analysis.

Private International Law

ECTS credits: 4 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written

Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Dzhumalieva

Annotation:

The course *Private International Law* occupies an established place in the doctoral curriculum in Law at South-West University "Neofit Rilski." The discipline studies Private International Law (PIL) as an autonomous legal branch forming part of the international sector of the Bulgarian national legal system. In accordance with the tripartite structure adopted by the Bulgarian legislator in the Code of Private International Law, the subject matter of this branch covers three main groups of issues: international jurisdiction and procedure in civil matters with an international element, the applicable law to private legal relationships involving a foreign element, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and other acts.

The practical significance of this field continues to grow in step with the increasing importance of international business relations under conditions of regional integration (the Internal Market) and globalization, thereby enhancing the practical value of the knowledge and skills acquired by doctoral students.

Roman Private Law

ECTS credits: 4 Academic hours: 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Konstantin Tanev

Annotation:

The course *Roman Law* covers the principal branches of Roman private law, namely: Roman property law, Roman obligations (general and specific parts), Roman family law, and Roman inheritance law. Given the specific nature of the discipline, these branches are examined through the prism of their historical development. For this purpose, numerous legal-historical topics are included, shedding light on the origins of the issues studied. These include the organization of Roman statehood, the interplay between morality, spirituality, and law, and the socio-economic conditions that shaped the emergence and evolution of the institutions as we know them today.

The Roman judicial process and its development over the centuries are presented in detail. Since Roman law constitutes the foundation of the modern continental legal system, the course also addresses its significance for contemporary legal culture, its reception worldwide, and its enduring influence and continuity over time.

The curriculum is designed to provide doctoral students with the depth of understanding required for excellent academic preparation and successful professional realization.

Mediation

ECTS credits: 4 Academic hours: 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written **Methodological supervision:**

Departments: Civil Law Sciences; International Law and International Relations

Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Sc. Gabriela Belova, Dr. Suzana Rangelova

Annotation:

The course *Mediation* is included as an elective discipline in the doctoral program *Civil* and *Family Law*. It examines mediation as one of the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms applicable to civil, commercial, labor, family, and administrative disputes, including those involving consumer rights or cross-border elements.

The growing importance of the subject matter corresponds to the expansion of business relations in the context of regional integration (the Internal Market) and globalization, which in turn highlights the practical relevance of the knowledge and skills acquired by doctoral students.

Consumer Law

ECTS credits: 4 Academic hours: 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturer: —

Annotation:

The course *Consumer Law* aims to develop a solid understanding and interest in the legal framework and issues of consumer protection, preparing doctoral students to solve legal cases independently and provide competent opinions on matters concerning consumer rights. Through this discipline, doctoral students deepen their knowledge and practical skills in resolving consumer disputes, forming a comprehensive understanding of the field. The study of *Consumer Law* responds to the growing practical importance of this area in contemporary legal and economic life.

Bulgarian Notarial Law

ECTS credits: 4 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Valentina Popova

Annotation:

The course Bulgarian Notarial Law provides doctoral students with theoretical

knowledge of the concepts and legal institutions forming the objective notarial law. Particular emphasis is placed on the nature and types of notarial certifications and the procedures under performed, which they given their significant practical The course covers the legal status of persons with general and special notarial competence, the prerequisites and procedure for acquiring and losing notarial capacity, as well as the rights, duties. and organizational framework of notarial

A key component of the discipline is the study of procedural notarial law, including various notarial proceedings for issuing notarial acts and performing certifications. Detailed attention is given to notarial proceedings regulated by the Civil Procedure Code, as well as those found in other laws — such as the Commerce Act, the Inheritance Act, and the Code of Merchant Shipping.

These comparative and procedural aspects enable doctoral students to develop a broad and in-depth understanding of the field and its significance for civil and commercial legal relations.

Bulgarian Civil Procedural Law

ECTS credits: 4 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Elective

Type of exam: Written
Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Valentina Popova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petar Bonchovski

Annotation:

The course *Bulgarian Civil Procedural Law* is included as an elective discipline in the doctoral program *Civil and Family Law*. It is a fundamental subject that addresses the protection of violated or threatened civil material rights and the enforcement of such rights through procedural mechanisms.

Alongside the issues of general and special civil proceedings, the course covers procedures for securing claims and for enforcement, as well as the so-called *non-contentious* (protective) proceedings.

Civil procedural law ensures the protection of infringed private rights through an effective judicial process, encompassing rules of action, enforcement, and security not only within the national legal framework but also across the European Union. Furthermore, civil procedure facilitates the exercise and safeguarding of personal and property rights through both judicial and extrajudicial proceedings, guaranteeing legality across the broad spectrum of private law relationships — including the establishment of legal entities, the creation of binding evidence, and related procedural acts.

Ethics of Scientific Research

ECTS credits: 4 **Academic hours:** 45 (lectures) / 75 (self-study)

Form of assessment: Exam Course status: Compulsory

Type of exam: Written

Methodological supervision:
Department: Civil Law Sciences
Faculty: Faculty of Law and History
Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Manol Stanin

Annotation:

The discipline *Ethics of Scientific Research* examines ethical issues in the context of the development of scientific inquiry in modern society. It emphasizes the importance of ethical principles in research and the role of science in advancing social development.

The course aims to help doctoral students recognize the significance of ethical norms in conducting scientific research, analyze and resolve practical issues through both scientific and ethical approaches, and understand the ethical components of national and supranational legal frameworks.

By completing this course, doctoral students develop an awareness of integrity, responsibility, and social impact in their research activities.