**Guide to doctoral credits**

* Starting with the 40th cycle (A.Y. 2024/25), Doctoral Credits (CDs) will be applied on an experimental basis to measure the workload required of each doctoral student in research, training and teaching activities for obtaining the degree
* Each CD is worth 25 hours of work and doctoral students must achieve 60 CDs per year, for a total of 180 CDs over the three-year period
* Of these 180 CDs, 140 CDs must be acquired through research activities connected with the doctoral thesis, and will be awarded to doctoral students when the thesis is submitted and approved
* The remaining 40 CDs must instead be achieved by the end of the three-year doctoral course through (i) curricular and extra-curricular learning activities, (ii) delivered and integrative teaching (e.g. examinations and teaching assistance) and (iii) participation to conferences and summer/winter schools. Each doctoral student is free to pursue these CDs by formulating, together with his/her supervisor, the training pathway that he/she deems most appropriate to his/her needs for research and academic/professional growth. However, our doctoral course identifies a minimum number of CDs to be achieved in each category in order to ensure a balanced distribution (see the Doctoral Credits Table attached to the course website). The minimum distribution of CDs is as follows:
	+ **Compulsory learning activities:** each doctoral student must achieve, by the end of the doctorate, at least 5 CDs by attending in person the compulsory seminar cycle offered by the doctoral course in legal sciences (5 CDs correspond to 3 years of attendance of the 40-hour seminar cycle). The only admissible exceptions to this requirement are absences motivated by curricular study periods abroad, or compulsory industry or public authority internships/traineeships for PON and PNRR doctoral students. Other exceptional cases will be assessed by the Academic Board. **NB:** PhD students dispensed from attendance of the compulsory seminar cycle will not be awarded the CDs corresponding to the attendance of the seminar cycle; this means that they **must** ensure they obtain a number of CDs equivalent to the number of hours lost (i.e. up to 5 CDs if no seminars are attended)
	+ **Elective training:** a minimum of 3 CDs is expected to be acquired by each doctoral student by taking elective courses or seminars. The selection of courses will depend on the training pathway that the doctoral student identifies together with his/her supervisor. In addition to the optional courses and seminars offered by the doctoral course in legal sciences, it is also possible to choose to take courses offered by other departments or other universities that are relevant to the doctoral project, notifying the Academic Baord. The CD value of the courses taken by the doctoral student, unless pre-determined by the course programme itself, will be assessed on the basis of the correspondence table available on the course website.
	+ **Transversal skills:** Each doctoral student must acquire a minimum of 3 CDs by the end of the course in the acquisition of transversal competences among those offered on <https://eventi.unibo.it/competenze-trasversali-dottorato/phd-information-literacy-workshop>. The allocation of CDs for attending these courses is 1 CD per 15 learning hours.
	+ **Extra-curricular training:** The course requires each PhD student to acquire a minimum of 3 CDs by the end of the course by participating in extra-curricular training activities, which mainly include participation in summer/winter schools. 3 CDs correspond to approximately seven days of participation in such activities
	+ **Participation to conferences:** Each doctoral student must achieve at least 5 CDs by participating to conferences. 5 CDs correspond to approximately 12 days of participation
	+ **Teaching or ancillary/integrative teaching activities:** Each doctoral student must obtain between 3 and a maximum of 9 CDs through teaching or integrative teaching activities, which include teaching assistance and conducting examinations. The CD value of these activities will be assessed according to the correspondence tables provided on the course website
* **NB:** The minimum distribution of credits referred to above amounts to a total of **22 CDs** out of the total of **40 CDs** each candidate needs to achieve. The remaining 18 CDs to be achieved by doctoral candidates by the end of the course may be freely chosen among the activities identified above, after consultation with the supervisor
* Doctoral students are advised to achieve a higher number of CDs in the first two years of the course, so as to ideally obtain at least 30 CDs by the beginning of the third year
* The acquisition of CDs is verified during the end-of-year progress review