



PhD in Legal, Social and Economic Sciences

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PRESENTATION

The Doctoral Programme in Legal, Economic and Social Sciences at the Universidad de Burgos is an interdisciplinary initiative designed to integrate the institution's research efforts into a robust training environment. Focused on global governance and sustainable development, the programme is structured around **16 research lines** and supported by **10 research groups**. This academic framework is backed by significant resources, including 26 competitive projects with total funding of €5.66 million, ensuring a high-level scientific environment for doctoral candidates.

The programme stands out for its international orientation and a strong collaborative network, featuring **40 internal academic staff** and **29 external researchers** from prestigious global institutions. Officially verified by ACSUCyL and compliant with Spanish Royal Decree 99/2011, the doctorate is primarily **taught in Spanish**, though it **incorporates English** for specialized seminars and activities. This structure guarantees a comprehensive, multi-language, and internationally recognized path toward obtaining a Doctoral degree from the Universidad de Burgos.

OBJECTIVES

The Doctoral Programme is designed to provide rigorous research training in legal, economic, and social fields through methodological plurality and the advancement of specialized knowledge. Its **primary objective** is to create an interdisciplinary environment with a strong international dimension, enabling candidates to harness the potential for social innovation derived from research and development. By fostering an open and global outlook, the programme ensures that research exceeds local geographic limits and remains relevant in a broader academic context.

To achieve these goals, the programme is characterized by a **supportive research environment** where senior researchers and doctoral candidates engage in constant debate and exchange of ideas. This commitment to building an academic community is reinforced by collaboration with extensive research networks and external partners from other universities. Through this integrated approach, the Universidad de Burgos offers a robust framework that combines academic excellence with a pluralistic and collaborative methodology.

RESEARCH LINES and RESEARCH GROUPS

RESEARCH LINES

1. Governance and new experiences of/in transnational migration
2. Legal analysis of immigrants' rights
3. The European judicial area: judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters
4. Procedural responses to new socio-economic realities
5. Foreign investment and mechanisms for dispute resolution
6. Criminal law and the challenges posed by socio-economic and organised crime
7. Historical analysis, general principles and the protection of human rights
8. Citizenship and human rights
9. Agricultural and environmental law
10. Law on genetically modified organisms
11. Economic law, tax law and sustainable development
12. Law, land use and urban planning
13. Corporate social responsibility, governance, reputation and transparency: legal and economic perspectives
14. Relationship marketing, electronic and mobile commerce, international trade, consumer behaviour
15. Legal analysis of private economic contributions towards objectives of general interest: sponsorship, donations to non-profit organisations, foundations and associations
16. Quantitative, statistical and decision-making methods applied to the social sciences

RESEARCH GROUPS

- [CAJI – Civil and Criminal Judicial Cooperation within the European Union](#)
- [CORFIN – Corporate Finance](#)
- [ERGO – Accounting, Change and Society](#)
- [GEJICYL – Legal Studies Group on Immigration](#)
- [R+M+i – Research in Marketing and Innovation](#)
- [POLCOM – Comparative Politics](#)
- [CIUMEDIA – Transnational Immigration](#)
- [ERESCHA Jean Monnet – Research Team in Legal, Economic and Political Sciences. Jean Monnet Chair of the European Union](#)
- [GEJICYL – Legal Studies Group on Immigration](#)
- [ORDITER – Spatial and Urban Planning, Environment and Sustainable Development](#)
- [SPONSOR – Corporate Participation in Activities of General Interest](#)



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SPECIFIC TRAINING ACTIVITIES

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The [Doctoral Programme in Legal, Economic and Social Sciences](#) establishes a set of training activities which, **in addition to transversal ones**, must be undertaken in order to acquire research competences and thus complete doctoral training. The Programme's specific activities include:

- Attendance at **Interdisciplinary Research Seminars**
- Attendance at relevant conferences and scientific meetings related to the subject of the doctoral project
- Presentation of partial results of the doctoral project at scientific meetings
- Presentation of progress made within a [Doctoral Programme Workshop](#)
- Research stays in other research centres, preferably of international relevance
- Publication of the research results of the doctoral project

Except for research stays in other institutions, all other activities are compulsory and must be carefully reviewed.

The Academic Committee of the Programme has approved a [document summarising the Doctoral Programme Activities \(PDF 94 KB\)](#), which outlines the training activities of the Programme and explains the evaluation criteria. This document also briefly describes how doctoral training is to be documented.

PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

Publication is a **mandatory** training activity within the Doctoral Programme and a prerequisite for the submission of the doctoral thesis.

The Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme has established minimum quality standards that must be met by at least one of the publications produced by the doctoral candidate during the doctoral training period.

In **Economic and Social Sciences**, eligible publications include articles accepted in internationally recognised scientific journals (categories A+, A, B, and C according to the CIRC classification), as well as papers that have successfully undergone a peer-review process in journals ranked in categories A+ or A of said classification.

In **Legal Sciences**, acceptable works include papers accepted in specialised and recognised academic journals, Spanish or foreign (with good indexing in legal databases such as IN-RECJS, CIRC, or CARHUS+), as well as monographs and contributions to collective works with relevant quality indicators (for instance, favourable positioning in the *Scholarly Publishers Indicators* ranking).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The primary aim of the **Doctoral Programme in Legal, Economic and Social Sciences** is to train researchers capable of autonomously designing, executing, and publishing significant research. This work is intended to advance knowledge toward the attainment of a more just and sustainable society.

Graduates of the programme will have acquired a robust methodological, disciplinary, and interdisciplinary foundation within an international environment. This preparation will enable them to access teaching and research positions in higher education institutions, as well as in other organisations dedicated to the generation and dissemination of knowledge.