

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS FOR THE DOCTORAL COURSES

PART I

General Provisions on the Doctoral Courses

Objective

The University of Pisa offers Doctoral courses with the aim of promoting, organizing and managing activities related to high-level doctoral projects, including interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas.

The University of Pisa promotes gender equality and equal opportunities between men and women, and therefore, within this regulation the masculine gender language shall be used only for the sake of simplicity and conciseness, but it is to be always understood as referring to both sexes.

Accreditation of the Doctoral Courses

The PhD Courses are activated under accreditation granted by the Ministry for Education, University and Research.

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The activities of the Doctoral Courses shall start on 1st November of the first year and end on 31st October of the last year.

Internal Regulations of the Course

The PhD courses are provided with a regulation that establishes, also on the basis of the provisions of current legislation:

- the modalities and the minimum scores for passing the admission tests, in compliance with the timetable established by the University;
- the discipline regarding the rights and duties of those enrolled in doctoral courses, for any reason not provided for in this regulation, ensuring equal treatment of the doctoral students of the university;
- the procedures for admission to the final exam and for its implementation in compliance with the provisions of the article "Final Exam" of the present regulation

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The internal regulations of the course may provide for implementing provisions regarding scientific teaching activities provided that the rules of this regulation are complied with.

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The Bodies of the Doctoral Courses

The coordinator and the teaching staff are the bodies of the course. The regulation of the course may provide for the establishment of a committee.

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Among its task, the Board has in particular, the following ones:

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- To define the procedure for admission to the course, designate the members of the examining committees as well as decide on the rankings not included in the competition announcement and the admissions in supernumerary;
- To assess annually the fulfillment of the doctoral candidates's training obligations;
- To exclude the doctoral candidates from the course, due to a negative assessment in the annual inspection, prior the acquisition of the reasoned opinion of the supervisor, mandatory and non-binding

- To authorize the carrying out of activities compatible with the attendance of the doctorate pursuant to the article "Compatible and incompatible activities" of the present regulation;
- To propose the annual activation of the doctorate and the prediction of the number of posts to the department or competing departments, as well as the stipulation of agreements with other universities or public and private bodies, companies and foreign institutions.

The Board shall be chaired by the coordinator.

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It is the responsibility of the coordinator, amongst other:

- to represent the doctoral course on the outside, with regard to the other University Bodies and in the relations with the Department of Administrative Affiliation:

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- to assign to each student, after consulting with the Board, a supervisor who supports him in his research activities.

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With the functions provided for by the current legislation, two members elected by the candidates, enrolled in the course and chosen among the PhD candidates of the course shall be part of the board. As for the voting methods, please refer to the rules laid down in the by-laws and in the University General Regulations regarding the election of doctoral representatives in the departmental councils. The aforementioned representatives do not participate in the defense and deliberation concerning the candidates' annual evaluation and the organization of the final exam. They remain in charge for two years.

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PART II

Admission

Access Criteria

The admission to the doctoral program, with and without bursary, takes place on the basis of the requisites and procedure established by current legislation.

The application form can be submitted by those who obtain the qualification required for accessing the course, under penalty of revocation of admission, by 31st October of the same year.

The Board of the Doctoral Course may provide for further specific admission requirements, and indicate them in the competition notice.

Competition Notice

The admission to each PhD course takes place through the formation of a merit ranking (indicating both the winners and any suitable candidates) according to the procedures decided by the Teaching Board. Nevertheless, upon the resolution of the board, it is possible to proclaim specific selections for the formation of the relative rankings in the following cases:

- a) for each course curriculum;
- b) by topic / project;
- c) by contract/s in the event of a high-level apprenticeship with an organization with a duration equal to that of the course itself.

In cases b) and c), further qualification and study requirements based on the particular research topic and on the approval of the course board may be provided for in the notice. The

announcement for admission, issued by Rector's decree, in addition to the provisions of current legislation, must indicate:

- a) the overall number of students eligible for the research doctorate;
- b) the number and amount of doctoral scholarships;
- c) the number of possible posts without bursary defined by each faculty board, in compliance with the maximum percentage of posts without bursary decided annually by the Administrative Board taking into account the ministerial indications;
- d) the description of the research project for the bursaries proclaimed for specific themes.

The call may reserve posts with bursaries or other forms of funding for those students whose preliminary qualification for admission has been obtained in foreign universities.

Admission Exams

In order to guarantee a comparative assessment of the candidates, the competition, which may be preceded by a pre-selection, must be carried out through the evaluation of the curriculum, complemented possibly by a written and/or an oral test. The curriculum shall include the educational qualifications, the professional and research experiences; its evaluation shall allow to assign an overall score based on the parameters identified by the selection committee during the preliminary meeting.

The oral test, where foreseen, can also be held in videoconference, upon request of the candidate and approval of the college, and shall concern the verification of the knowledge, of the attitude towards research, with availability to conduct training courses in Italy and abroad, and interest in scientific deepening. The notice may ask the doctoral candidate to prepare a research project proposal to be presented during the competition registration. This project can be evaluated together with the curriculum and/or presented during the oral interview. The oral interviews may provide for the assessment of the English language knowledge or of another foreign language that is coherent with the PhD program as expressly indicated by the teaching board and in the competition notice.

The written test, where foreseen, will be aimed at ascertaining the educational prerequisites and may be carried out, upon the candidate's choice, either in Italian or in English.

In the case of selection with one or more posts reserved to graduate students in foreign universities, the same can be done on the curriculum and/or through an oral interview which may be held also in videoconference. The notice may provide for the candidate to prepare a research project proposal to be presented during the competition registration. The reserved posts not assigned, on the favorable opinion of the board, may be made available for the ordinary procedures; in the case of bursaries funded by the University, this possibility is decided annually by the academic bodies.

In the case of those courses for which an international inter-university joint agreement is in force, the admission procedures and the board are defined according to the provisions of the agreements.

In case of renunciation or failure of registration of a winner or of a suitable candidate, the following one will be replaced according to the ranking order and in compliance with the sliding dates indicated in the notice. Beyond these dates, and in any case no later than December 31st, the sliding of the ranking is possible only upon a detailed motivated request by the faculty members without the doctoral candidate's recovery of the already completed training activities.

The teaching board deliberates, according to the ranking order, the assignment of the bursaries to the eligible winners who will then be conferred by the director in charge at the end of the sliding ranking procedures.

The Examining Board

The examining boards for admission to the doctoral courses are appointed by rectoral decree, within thirty days from the closing date of the call for applications, on designation approved by the board.

For each selection, the examining board shall be composed of at least three and no more than nine members chosen from full or associate professors or researchers from Italian and foreign universities, or research bodies qualified in the disciplines relevant to the scientific areas of the doctoral course. In the case of an examining board consisting of three members, at least one must be external to the faculty board. In the case of an examining board consisting of a number of members greater than three, the members external to the board shall be at least two. The deliberation of the examining board to extend its members to a number over three shall be motivated by appropriate scientific reasons. A list of substitute members shall also be provided in order to guarantee possible replacements in full compliance with the prescribed composition. The board can be supplemented by the addition of no more than two experts chosen within the field of public and private research institutions and structures, including foreign ones, provided they have particular expertise documented in the disciplinary areas of the educational course. In the event that the selection is proclaimed for topics/research projects funded by external bodies, a representative of the funding body and himself identified in agreement with the board may be part of the committee.

Supernumerary Admissions

The herewith following may be admitted as supernumerary candidates at any time:

a) the holders of bursaries or similar funding forms who have been selected by bodies outside the university or consortia of partners, both within the framework of Ministerial, European or International research projects. The board shall however express their consent to the admission, verifying, among other things, the congruity of the research topic with the scientific-disciplinary themes of the course and assessing the suitability of the candidate eligible purposes through the curriculum;

b) non-EU citizens not legally residing in Italy, showing interest in enrolling in a doctorate of the University of Pisa, subject to the favorable opinion of the board who will have to verify the appropriate level of scientific preparation, the study experience and professional background, the level of interest in the disciplinary field of reference of the course and the congruity of the proposed research topic with the scientific-disciplinary themes of the course. This verification may be accomplished through the curriculum and/or through an oral interview also in videoconference. The candidate admitted to the course shall demonstrate, at the time of the start of the doctoral course, a form of financial support provided by a public or private body of the country of origin, aimed at supporting the research activity referred to within this regulation.

The abovementioned admissions, if completed with registration by December 31st, refer to the current academic year; in the case of enrollment after that date, the candidate shall finish the course after three years from the date on which he was admitted.

Those who, resulted eligible in the selection referred to in the article "*Admission tests*", and under a favorable opinion of the board, are on 1st November of the enrollment year, may be admitted in supernumerary, as the following:

a) holders of research grants, upon the verification of the adequacy of the research topic with the doctoral program of the course;

b) public employees or under public law regime;

c) holders of a formalized relationship, with a duration equal at least to that of the course, with public and private subjects in agreement with the University of Pisa. These public and private bodies shall be annually identified in the related admission notices.

PART III

Attendance of the Doctoral Courses

Bursaries and other funding forms

The bursaries provide for an economic commitment that shall cover the duration of the course, and they are annually renewed, in accordance with the current legislation, provided that the candidate has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year as verified by the board according to the provisions of the article "*Verification of the formative activities*" of the herein regulation.

The amount of the bursary, to be paid in monthly installments, is determined by the administrative board. In the case of research activities abroad, this amount is increased in the percentage deliberated annually by the administrative board, to a maximum of 50%, in any case for an overall period never exceeding 18 months. To benefit of the aforementioned increase, the Doctoral candidate shall be authorized by the board in order to carry out research abroad, without prejudice to the doctorates established as a result of international inter-university joint agreements whose rules are defined in the agreement itself.

A period of stay abroad, even if non-continuous, should be considered as such, provided that these periods are not less than 15 days. In any case, the doctoral candidate's stay abroad will be paid at the end of the period or with a recurrence not shorter than a month upon request of the doctoral candidate. The payment is made upon a presentation attestation by the member in charge of the office where the doctoral student has carried out the research activity, or in case of objective impossibility to produce such documentation, of the declaration of the doctoral supervisor, in which the period of stay within the institution is indicated.

On the basis of current legislation, starting from the second year and up to the end of the last year of the doctorate course, each candidate is guaranteed a budget for research activities both in Italy and abroad. Mobility activities both in Italy and abroad (participation in conferences, missions, etc.), and research consumables (e.g. laboratory material) provided they cannot be inventoried may be financed with this budget. The amount of the aforementioned funding, not less than 10% of the annual amount of the grant, is approved each year by the administrative board of the doctoral cycle. If the PhD candidate with bursary is not evaluated positively at the end of the year or does not fully use the budget, the amount of the same unused budget remains available to the university for the same purposes, except for the bursaries financed by external bodies to which the budget must be returned unless otherwise indicated. This budget shall be attributable to all PhD candidates except for those in supernumerary.

Starting from the beginning of the course and until the achievement of the doctoral degree, the departments may guarantee the PhD students the reimbursement of the expenses for those activities recognized useful by the board for the doctoral studies.

The increase of the grant for the stay abroad, the budget provided for in the previous paragraph and the eventual reimbursement of mission expenses, as regulated by the specific regulation on the subject, are forms of economic support compatible with one other.

The board may decide the reassignment of the bursaries partially benefited by the doctoral candidates with bursary enrolled in the first year, following the consent of the department or external financier or in the case of bursaries funded by the University, following the resolution of the administrative board. The remaining share of the bursary will be awarded to the doctoral

candidate enrolled without bursary according to the order of the merit ranking in which the holder of the bursary was located, in compliance with the research topic eventually envisaged in the notice. The latter doctoral candidate shall retain the right to complete the stay abroad provided for in paragraph 2.

The bursaries are incompatible with other scholarships awarded for whichever reason, except for those explicitly granted to be integrated by the Italian or foreign institutions for training and research periods in a different location than the University of Pisa. The grants shall not be cumulated with apprenticeships and highly-specialized training contracts. If the aforementioned incompatibility is perfected, the doctoral candidate declines from the benefit of the grant starting from the occurrence of double entitlement.

Social Security Issues are governed by current legislation.

Bursaries may be bound to the performance of specific research topics; in this case the assignees are bound to carry out this activity and to comply with the provisions of the possible agreement.

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The University shall not in any case advance any payment related to doctoral bursaries in the case of funding or co-financing not assured by bank guaranty, by external public and private bodies. Consequently, the University shall not pay the beneficiary the amount for the portion owing to the external financier and not paid.

The Supervisor

In the first year, the faculty board identifies, for each doctoral candidate, at least one supervisor, preferably chosen from among the members of the board, the academics of the University or of the universities, including the foreign ones, who contribute to the issuing of the final qualification or among the scientifically qualified personnel belonging to universities or to public and private research bodies.

The supervisor assists and supervises the research activity of the PhD candidate. He may propose the doctoral candidate's missions in other Italian or foreign institutions and informs the board of any critical issues or needs related to the research.

The exclusion from the doctoral course, as well as the non-admission to the final exam, shall be decided by the board after the mandatory but non-binding opinion of the supervisor.

The board, in the presence of objective evidence, may revoke the position from the supervisor who does not comply with his duties.

In the case of supervisors external to the board, they shall guarantee a number of years of service at least equal to the duration of the doctoral cycle and may participate without the right to vote in the meetings of the board. The latter certifies the proven scientific qualification of the external supervisor and verifies the proper conduct of the functions.

Compatible and incompatible activities

The attendance of the doctorate involves an exclusive and full-time commitment, as required by current legislation.

It is possible to carry out only working activities that have been previously authorized by the board, under a motivated provision, which verifies their compatibility. The latter is to be understood in the sense that the working activity is similar to the topics of the doctorate and can be reconciled with the training activities of the course itself. The PhD candidate shall submit an application, under explicit and formal request to the competent office, who will forward it to the coordinator for the relative authorization. The coordinator shall forward the decision, within 20 days of receipt, to the abovementioned office for the relative notification to the PhD candidate. In case of the authorization issuing, the doctoral candidate may carry concurrently

the working activity and the doctoral training. In the case of refusal of the authorization, the candidate shall choose whether to continue to attend the doctorate or renounce in favor of the working activity. The bursary eventually paid will cease to run from the date of renunciation. The start of work before notification of the assessment of the aforementioned compatibility will lead to the initiation of a disciplinary procedure for the application of the penalties established by the University regulations on the subject, in addition to all the consequences provided for by law. If the working activity is under way on the date of enrollment in the doctoral program, the interested party may continue in the previously mentioned activity until the authorization or the refusal to continue in the same is communicated, in the light of the foregoing.

For the PhD candidates without scholarships, in any case, the coordinator shall, in accordance with the procedure indicated in paragraph 1 of the present article, evaluate any incompatibility deriving from the working activity without this leading to behavior that damages the protected rights, such as in particular the right to study.

A member of the PhD program cannot be enrolled in another Italian or foreign university course, except as provided for in paragraph 5 of the article "Compatible and incompatible activities" and in the articles "Attendance between PhD courses and the Medical Residency Schools" and "Ph.D. in joint supervision" of this regulation.

The doctoral candidate may attend only one post-graduate degree course during the doctorate, after the motivated favorable opinion of the academic board on the scientific compatibility between the post-graduate course and the doctorate. If incompatibilities are to be found, the candidate shall have to opt either for one or the other course.

PhD candidates can carry out tutoring, supplementary and/or supportive teaching activities within the limits established by current legislation. These activities must be entrusted through a formal act and can be certified at the request of the interested party.

In accordance with current legislation, candidates enrolled in doctoral courses cannot be awarded university teaching assignments.

Verification of training activities

At the end of each academic year, the board verifies the completion of the training and research activities envisaged for each PhD student, according to the procedures established by the internal regulations of the course.

In the event of a negative assessment in the annual verification, the exclusion from the course is arranged with the provision of the competent director taken on the adequately motivated resolution of the faculty board which must be adopted and communicated promptly. The exclusion from the course, with the consequent interruption of the payment of the eventual bursary, ceases from the beginning of the year of the course following the one object of negative evaluation

Interruption of the course

Candidates enrolled in the doctorate courses may obtain, by showing appropriate documentation, the interruption of the course for the following:

- a) disease;
- b) civil service;
- c) attendance of active training internship related to teacher training;
- d) maternity, paternity and parental leave;
- e) in all the other cases provided for by current legislation.

Candidates enrolled in the PhD program may obtain, by means of a deliberation by the board, by performing appropriate documentation, the interruption of the course for serious personal

and family reasons for an overall period not exceeding one academic year with reference to the entire duration of the course.

Doctoral candidates who benefit from a period of interruption of more than two months are obliged to recover the entire period with consequent postponement of the verification for the transition of the year and for the achievement of the degree.

In any case, the bursary shall not be paid during the period of interruption.

Doctoral Candidates of the Medical and Veterinary area

Doctoral candidates in the Medical and Veterinary areas may, upon request, participate in the clinical activities in the public health facilities, only as strictly functional to the research project and prior authorization of the board. This participation is regulated by a specific agreement between the University of Pisa and the public health facilities.

Specific guidelines are defined for doctoral candidates enrolled in the doctoral courses established in agreement with other universities.

Joint Attendance of the Doctoral courses and of the Medical Residency schools

1. The joint attendance of a medical residency course and a doctoral course, and the resulting reduction of the duration of the latter, is regulated by current legislation.

2. In the application for admission to the doctoral course, the candidate shall declare the research activities already carried out during the residency and certified by the medical school board.

3. If the PhD board does not accept the request of reduction, the PhD candidate is granted the interruption of the PhD course in order to attend the last year of the graduate school with the obligation to recover the entire period, as provided for in the "*Interruption of the course*" of the present University regulations.

PART IV

Title Achievement

Final Examination

The title of Doctor of Philosophy is issued by the rector with the wording "Ph.D." according to the procedures established by current legislation.

By the end of the final year, the candidate shall submit an application to the offices in order to take the final exam and shall also present the dissertation to the academic board of the course.

Within 15 days after the end of the academic year and upon the acquisition of the supervisor's opinion, mandatory and non-binding, the board deliberates, with motivated assessment, the possible forwarding of the dissertation to the two appointed assessors, and supplies them with the dissertation. If the submitted dissertation is not eligible for being forwarded to the assessors, the board may postpone the assessment by granting additional time, maximum two months from the same resolution. Pursuant to current legislation, the assessors shall be at least two and shall be external to the University of Pisa and to eventual other bodies that contribute to the issue of the final title.

The assessors shall express a judgment on the dissertation no later than three months following its receipt; after this period, in the absence of specific notifications, the assessor declines and the board must identify another one. The assessors propose the admission to the public discussion or the postponement for a maximum period, no later than six months, for the necessary additions and corrections. In the event that the board considers the opinions of the assessors discordant, it appoints a further assessor, in possession of the requisites indicated in

the previous paragraph, with the aim of reaching a summary of the discordant assessments no later than three months following the receipt of the dissertation.

The board shall establish the session for the defense of the doctoral dissertation within 3 months from the admission of the same to the defense on the part of the assessors or the third assessor, namely after the deferral period requested by the two assessors for the necessary integrations and corrections. Only in the last case shall the dissertation be accompanied by a new written evaluation as required by current legislation.

Upon the request of the doctoral candidate, prior authorization of the faculty board, the defense may also take place in videoconference.

At the end of the defense held in front of a panel established pursuant to the following article, the dissertation, with motivated written joint judgment, is approved or rejected; the admission to a second defense is excluded. The dissertation may be judged: sufficient, good, excellent; in the presence of results of particular scientific importance, the awarding of the honors with unanimous vote of the board is considered.

Until the dissertation defense, the candidate is authorized to attend the university facilities for the completion of all activities aimed at completing the dissertation.

The final version of the dissertation shall be submitted by the PhD candidate in electronic format, at least 3 days before the defense, taking care to provide it in time to the members of the panel; by this date, the doctoral candidate shall also submit to the offices the duly signed frontispiece issued by the database of the dissertations and of the electronic dissertations. The competent offices shall ensure that the necessary steps for the conservation of the dissertation in the ministerial database and the central national libraries of Rome and Florence are carried out, within the time provided for by the regulations in force. Subject to the approval of the faculty board, parts of the dissertation may be made unavailable in relation to the use of data protected by industrial secrecy pursuant to current legislation on the subject, as well as in other cases provided for by the regulation for electronic theses

After obtaining the doctoral degree, a research document is issued to the PhD in addition to the diploma, signed by the course coordinator, certifying the activities carried out during the doctorate.

The doctoral candidate is declared declined, upon disposition of the director in charge, when, without showing any justification, he does not present the dissertation in the times abovementioned. He is also declined when he does not sit, without showing any justification, the final examination on the scheduled date for the defense.

To avoid the occurrence of the first hypothesis of decline as of the previous paragraph, the doctoral candidate shall present serious and documented personal reasons, assessed by the faculty board that may grant a maximum of six months for the presentation of the dissertation. International joint university agreements may provide for specific procedures for obtaining the title, also by way of derogation from the provisions of this regulation.

The Examining Board

The panel is made of at least three and no more than five members, chosen among professors and researchers from Italian and foreign universities or from qualified research institutions in the disciplines relevant to the scientific areas of the PhD program specifically qualified in the issues addressed in the dissertation. The panel may be integrated by no more than two experts belonging to public and private research institutions, even foreign or of particular expertise documented on the subject of the dissertation. The panel is appointed with a provision of the director of the administrative headquarters department, on the proposal of the faculty board.

PART V

Agreements and internationalization

Applicable discipline

The affiliated or consortium parties undertake to comply with this regulation, with the exceptions provided for in the agreement or in the agreements, in the case of international joint university partnerships, which may also concern the composition of the board.

Conventions and consortia

In order to coordinate effectively the research activities of high national and international level, the University of Pisa may as follows:

- a) stipulate agreements with universities and/or public or private research institutions that carry out research and development activities, Italian or foreign, possessing high-level, cultural and scientific qualifications and personnel, as well as suitable structures and equipment;
- b) establish consortia with the subjects referred to in paragraph a) also for the purpose of issuing a multiple or joint title.

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Doctoral Courses in Partnership with firms, industrial doctorates and apprenticeships for doctorates.

The University, upon approval of the academic bodies and following the conclusion of agreements, may activate doctoral courses in partnership with firms which carry out research and development activities, according to the procedures and in compliance with the current regulations.

Universities can also activate industrial doctoral courses with the possibility of allocating a portion of the available posts, based on specific agreements, to the employees of firms engaged in highly qualified activities and admitted to the doctorate after passing the relative selection.

International Doctoral Courses

The University promotes the development of international partnerships and, upon approval of the academic bodies and following the stipulation of special agreements, may activate international doctoral courses, and in particular:

- a) accredited doctoral courses, under the current legislation, in agreement with universities and foreign institutions;
- b) PhD courses co-financed within European research projects;
- c) curricula within nationally accredited doctoral courses which include exchange and collaboration projects with universities and foreign institutions.

Doctorates in joint supervision

PhD students of the University of Pisa and of foreign universities may attend the doctorate in joint supervision for the realization of the dissertation, under the collaborative monitoring of a minimum of two academics, at least one for each university. The doctoral candidate shall already be regularly enrolled in a research doctorate in one of the two universities in agreement with the relevant legislation in force. The PhD candidate from a foreign university must still be in possession of the qualifications necessary for accessing the doctorate verified by the teaching board of the course.

The candidate cannot access a joint supervision in the last year of the course.

To carry out a joint-supervised doctorate, an agreement which refers to a single doctoral candidate and specifies the conditions arranged between the two universities for carrying out

dissertation activities and the issuing of the degree is required. The agreement must be drawn up following the standard form approved by the academic bodies. Non-substantial amendments with respect to the standard scheme are allowed. The agreement with contents that are substantially different from the standard form must be approved by the academic bodies after obtaining the favorable opinion of the teaching board. The agreement comes into force from the date of the last subscription.

The PhD Course Committee shall approve the activation of the joint supervision, specifying the name of the candidate, the partner institution involved, and the two supervisors. In the case of an incoming PhD candidate with a foreign qualification, the faculty board must decide, for the purposes of admission, the equivalence of the degree to an Italian Master's degree.

The doctoral candidate must enroll every year in both institutions, but is required to pay the university fees to only one of the two institutions, normally to the administrative office where he is registered.

The doctoral student must carry out the research activity in the two institutions.

The teaching board of the University of Pisa shall evaluate annually, with regard to the admission to the following year, the activity carried out by both incoming and outgoing PhD candidates.

The admission to the final examination of the PhD candidates, both incoming and outgoing, shall take place according to the rules indicated in the article "*Final Examination*" of the present regulation. The final examination shall be held in a single place in the presence of a panel formed on the basis of the provisions of the convention and approved by both universities following a proposal of the relevant teaching board in accordance with the respective regulations. The final examination date will be agreed upon by the two universities and possibly in accordance with this regulation. If in the partner university, the doctorate has a duration of more than three years or after the three years it is granted to that provided in this regulation, the period exceeding the duration of the doctorate of the University of Pisa will not result in the renewal of enrollment in the course but it will be considered as a period dedicated to the dissertation.

In the presence of motivated requirements represented by the supervisor, the panel may decide the anticipation of the defense for a maximum period of 4 months with respect to the conclusion of the course of the University of Pisa, or may grant the candidate to present the dissertation after the end of the last year as long as within 4 months of the end of the same.

The PhD candidate in joint supervision shall receive a Ph.D. degree diploma recognized by the countries concerned, indicating the joint supervision.

Doctor Europaeus

Upon request of the PhD candidate, the university may issue the Certification of *Doctor Europaeus* provided that the following conditions are to be met:

- a. the discussion of the final dissertation must be made after the presentation of two positive evaluations (counter-reactions) concerning the same dissertation by two professors coming from two universities of two European Union countries other than the one in which the dissertation is discussed and in which the course is based;
- b. at least one member of the Examining Board must belong to an institution of a European Union country other than the one in which the dissertation is discussed and in which the course is located;
- c. part of the discussion of the dissertation shall take place in one of the official languages of the European Union, also different from that of the country where the dissertation is discussed or in which the course is located;

d. part of the research presented in the dissertation must have been carried out during a stay of at least three months in a Union country different from that of the doctoral candidate.

In the event that the same conditions are verified not in relation to the European Union, but to another non-EU country, the candidate may request the Certification of *International Doctorate*.

The certification is issued, upon request of the doctoral candidate and upon presentation of the necessary documentation certified by the teaching board, also to those who have already obtained the PhD title.

PART VI

Application

Transitional and final rules

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The complete Italian version of the present regulations is published on the university website dedicated to the regulations.

The provisions of this regulation apply to the registered candidates starting from the academic year 2014/2015 (30th cycle).

With regard to the article "*Final exam*", paragraph 3, only for the doctoral candidates enrolled in the third year of the 2016/2017 academic year, the period of deferral of the dissertation evaluation by the faculty board may have a maximum duration of six months.