

Programme of the 2024-2025 edition Global Society, Cross-border Mobility and Law

Courses with exams will take place at the University of Urbino during the first year. They will be structured into teaching modules organised over two-month periods: six weeks of lectures, one week fully devoted to studying, one week of exams (written tests and/or papers). An additional session of exams will be offered in September 2025. Admission to the second year will depend on the achievement of satisfactory scores at final exams at the end of each teaching module.

Seminars (with no exams) will address specific topics in Sociology, Law, Economics, Business, Political Science. They will cover highly debated and cutting edge themes – such as Transnationalism, Gender Studies, Welfare Governance, Intellectual Property, Rights, Logistics and Transportation, Inequality, Social and Legal Consequences of Covid Diffusion, and Related Policies – as well as Research Funding Strategies.

The **Director** of the Ph.D. Programme is **Prof. Antonello Zanfei**. Information on the Ph.D. Programme and Faculty is available at the website: www.uniurb.it/global-studies. Contact: phd-global-studies@uniurb.it

	First semester	Second semester
First year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First Module: Principles of European Public Law and Legal Research, Principles of Sociology, European Law and Institutions, English for Academic Purposes.▪ Second Module: Historical perspectives on globalization and legal systems, Globalization and legal systems (Judicial cooperation in criminal matters and fundamental rights); Datalab (Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis), Globalisation: concepts, history, perspectives.▪ Weekly Seminars▪ PhD students' project presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Third Module: Institutions of Welfare and Comparative Welfare Studies, Global health, Rights of migrants in a global perspective; Legal Techniques of European Integration, Global trends in migration.▪ Fourth Module: International Crime Law, International trade law (Financial markets; Innovation, IPRs and technology law), Global Social Issues (Disability and society; Gender issues in a global context), Global value chains and labour.▪ Assignment of supervisors, definition and refinement of research proposal, start of PhD thesis.
Second year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Up to one year of research in a major international academic institution in connection with the Urbino Ph.D. Programme▪ Thesis development▪ Participation to selected Doctoral Courses, Summer Schools▪ Compulsory 2-week period in Urbino between the end of May and the beginning of June 2026 to attend scheduled activities including PhD Seminar Sessions▪ One exam chosen among the courses offered for the 2025-2026 Edition of the Programme, focused on "International Economic Policy, Business and Governance". Courses offered will include inter alia: International Business, International Technology and Innovation, International Economic Policy, Politics and Global Governance	
Third year		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thesis development and completion▪ Participation to selected Doctoral courses and Weekly Seminars▪ Presentation of papers at International Workshops and writing of journal articles▪ Compulsory 2-week period in Urbino between the end of May and the beginning of June 2027 to attend scheduled activities including PhD Seminar Sessions



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in the 2024-2025 edition: **Global Society, Cross-border Mobility and Law**, focusing mainly on social and legal aspects of globalization;
in the 2025-2026 edition: **International Economic Policy, Business and Governance**, focusing mainly on economic and political aspects of globalisation.

The Ph.D. Programme is developed over three years:

- a first year of courses and exams in Urbino;
- a second year of international research and training, with research periods abroad at foreign Universities and Institutions;
- a third year of research activity for completing the Ph.D. thesis.

English will be the working language of the Ph.D. Programme.

Ten positions are offered in the 2024-2025 edition of the Ph.D. Programme, including **nine positions with scholarships** covering fees and an annual tax-free stipend at standard Italian rates (EUR 16.243 per year, subject to National Social Insurance not subject to income tax in compliance with current regulations); the amount is increased by 50% for research periods abroad. The Ph.D. Programme relies on scholars from the University of Urbino and from a number of outstanding international institutions.

A partial list of **Guest lecturers** in 2024-25 includes: V. Dubois (Université de Strasbourg), P.J. du Plessis (University of Edinburgh), E. Ortiz Hernandez (Universitat de Lleida), M. Panzavolta (KU Lueven), M. Swiatkiewicz-Mosny (University of Cracovia), Arpad Szakolczai (University College Cork), M. Triestino (Liverpool John Moores University) Y. Kazepov (University of Vienna, Austria). See the PhD website for more information:

www.uniurb.it/global-studies

Themes. At a time when European integration and disintegration, and challenges of globalization and deglobalization dominate current policy concerns, the Urbino Ph.D. Programme offers an opportunity to carry out in-depth studies on the economic, political, social, legal and institutional dynamics behind these challenges.

The thematic area launched in 2024-25 will be: “**Global Society, Cross-border Mobility and Law**”, focusing on transnational movements of capital, knowledge, labour and people, mainly from institutional, legal and sociological perspectives. A specific attention will be given to:

- Legal studies of globalisation and cross-border mobility: rights, institutions, public administrations, and their role in the evolution of national and supra-national legal systems;
- The intensification of migratory flows, pandemics and health emergencies, the increasing professionalization of social work, welfare policy reforms, transformations induced by climate and environmental changes;
- Challenges and perspectives in public administration in a global context.

The other thematic area “**International Economic Policy, Business and Governance**” (first launched in 2017/18, next cohort: 2025/26) focuses on economic and political relations across national borders. A specific attention will be given to:

- Growth, inequalities and transformations of economic systems, national and supra-national responses to great recessions, technological changes and environmental challenges;
- Evolution of multinational enterprises, and of SMEs, industry and public sector, finance and labor in a context of increasing fragmentation of production;
- Political processes and policies carried out by European and international institutions and major countries for the governance of globalisation.



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Entry requirements and selection of candidates.

The Ph.D. Selection Committee will assess applicants on the basis of their previous academic performance, on their knowledge of English, and on the preliminary research project they will present.

Candidates will have to certify a university degree of at least 4 years, preferably in Sociology, Law, Economics, Business, Political Science.

Knowledge of English at least at the B2 level is requested. A preliminary research project of up to 2500 words, written in English, will have to be presented, illustrating the research interests and aims, how the topic relates to the general theme of the Ph.D. programme, and how their study could be carried out.

Candidates are also required to submit an abstract in English of their undergraduate (Master) thesis (up to 1500 words).

Applications will have to be submitted online, following the instructions provided in the Ph.D. Programme website www.uniurb.it/global-studies. The deadline for submitting applications is **June 25th 2024**. Candidates admitted to the selection process will be invited for an interview to be held online on July 12th.

Services. University facilities for students include meal services, computer services, libraries, city-wide wifi connection, cultural opportunities, events for exploring the rich heritage of this beautiful Renaissance city and its surroundings.

A fully equipped open space office will be made available to PhD students during their presence at the Urbino premises.

