



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



	RECTOR
Prof. Daniel COCHIOR, Ph.D.	
Code	UTM_IOSUD_REG_021
Edition	1
Revision	0

REGULATIONS

regarding the organization and conduct of doctoral studies within the Doctoral School of Law

No.	OPERATION	First and Last Name	Position held	Signature
1.	Prepared by	Smaranda ANGHENI	Director of the Doctoral School of Law	
2.	Content Review	Nicolae VOICULESCU	Member of the CSUD	
3.	Legality Review	Maria MERIȘAN	Legal Counsel	
4.	Compliance review	Alexandra BADEA	Quality Specialist	

Change Control Log

Edition number / Revision number	Reason for changes
1/0	Initial Draft

This procedure was:

Approved by Decision of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS	No. 393	Date: 10.12.2024
Approved by SENATE Resolution	No. 31	Date: 06.02.2025



CHAPTER I. General Provisions

Art. 1. (1) The Titu Maiorescu Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities (IOSUD) hosts the Doctoral School of Law, established by MECI Order No. 5199/21.09.2009.

(2) The doctoral program is organized in accordance with the provisions of the following normative acts: Law No. 199/20223 on higher education, as subsequently amended and supplemented; the Charter of Titu Maiorescu University of Bucharest; Order of the Minister of National Education No. 3020/2024 approving the Framework Regulations on doctoral studies; Institutional Regulations on the organization and conduct of doctoral study programs at Titu Maiorescu University, approved by Senate Decision No. 29/July 16, 2024; Order of the Minister of Education No. 3998/2024 approving the methodology for granting the habilitation certificate; The methodology for granting the habilitation certificate within the Titu Maiorescu IOSUD, approved by CSUD Decision No. 29454/04.07.2024.

Art. 2. The doctoral program in the field of Law has two components: a training program based on advanced university studies and a scientific research program, culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

Art. 3. (1) The Doctoral School is organized for the scientific doctoral degree in the field of Law.

(2) Titu Maiorescu University promotes interdisciplinarity in doctoral studies, placing it at the center of the strategy for their organization and conduct, thereby ensuring the highest level of quality.

CHAPTER II. Organization of doctoral studies within the Doctoral School of Law

Art. 4. (1) The Doctoral School of Law is an organizational and administrative structure established within IOSUD Titu Maiorescu that provides the necessary support for the conduct of doctoral studies in the field of Law, in a specific discipline or disciplinary or interdisciplinary topic. It may be established only if it includes at least three doctoral advisors.

(2) The Doctoral School of Law is led by a director of the doctoral school and the doctoral school council. The director of the doctoral school is equivalent to a department chair. The doctoral school council is equivalent to a department council.

(3) The Doctoral School of Law Council consists of 7 members, one of whom is the director of the doctoral school, and the remaining members include 2 doctoral advisors from the University, 2 from outside the University, and 2 doctoral students.



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



(4) Members of the Doctoral School of Law Council are university faculty members or scientific researchers and must be authorized to supervise doctoral students, either in the country or abroad, and must meet the minimum and mandatory standards for the granting of the habilitation certificate in effect at the time of their appointment as members of the Doctoral School Council.

(5) In addition to doctoral supervisors, other researchers or faculty members involved in research and/or teaching activities within the doctoral school, from institutions comprising the IOSUD, or from other institutions or research and development units, in Romania or abroad, may also be affiliated with the doctoral school.

(6) The doctoral school may establish minimum standards of scientific performance that doctoral advisors must meet in order to become members of that doctoral school.

(7) Members of the Law Doctoral School Council are elected by universal, direct, secret, and equal vote of the doctoral supervisors in the respective doctoral school.

(8) The term of office of the Law Doctoral School Council is 5 years.

(9) Doctoral students who are members of the Law Doctoral School Council and who complete their doctoral studies during the Council's term lose their membership in the Council on the date of completion of their doctoral studies, namely the date of the public defense of their doctoral dissertation.

(10) To fill vacancies on the Doctoral School of Law Council, by-elections are held in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (7), and the term of the new member ends upon the expiration of the Doctoral School Council's term.

(11) The Doctoral School Council is chaired by the director of the doctoral school, who is elected by universal, direct, and secret ballot of the doctoral advisors and doctoral students within the doctoral school. The chair of the Doctoral School Council is an ex officio member of the Doctoral School Council.

(12) The doctoral school council meets at least three times a year, at the request of the director of the doctoral school or of at least one-third of its members.

Art. 5. The main responsibilities of the Doctoral School Council are:

a) drafting the doctoral school's regulations;
b) making decisions regarding the granting or revocation of doctoral school membership to doctoral advisors, as well as establishing minimum standards of scientific performance for the objective application of these procedures;

c) enrolling and dismissing doctoral students, upon the recommendation of doctoral advisors who are members of the doctoral school;

d) making decisions regarding the approval of the staffing structure for teaching and research personnel affiliated with the doctoral school, as appropriate;



- e) assisting the external evaluator in the evaluation process for the accreditation/reaccreditation or provisional authorization of the doctoral school;
- f) other specific duties.

Art. 6. (1) The regulations of the Doctoral School of Law establish how doctoral programs are organized and conducted within the doctoral school.

(2) The regulations of the Doctoral School of Law are drafted by the doctoral school council, in consultation with all doctoral advisors who are members of the respective school, in compliance with the institutional regulations governing the organization and conduct of doctoral programs at the IOSUD level.

(3) The doctoral school regulations are approved by a universal, direct, secret, and equal vote of an absolute majority of the doctoral advisors who are members of the respective school.

(4) The doctoral school regulations shall be approved by the CSUD.

(5) The doctoral school regulations establish mandatory criteria, procedures, and standards covering at least the following aspects:

- a) the admission of new doctoral supervisors, as well as regulations regarding the procedure by which a doctoral supervisor may be removed from membership in the doctoral school;
- b) the mechanisms by which decisions are made regarding the appropriateness, structure, and content of the training program based on advanced university studies;
- c) the procedures for changing a doctoral student's supervisor and the procedures for mediating conflicts between them;
- d) the conditions under which the doctoral program may be interrupted;
- e) measures to prevent fraud in scientific research, including plagiarism;
- f) ensuring access to research resources;
- g) attendance requirements for doctoral students, in accordance with a methodology developed by the Ministry of Education.

(6) These regulations may also apply to doctoral programs conducted under joint supervision, if so decided by the partnership agreement.

Art. 7. The doctoral school is required to provide accurate and complete information regarding doctoral programs to applicants, the academic community, and other interested individuals or entities.

CHAPTER III. The Doctoral Advisor



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



Art. 8. (1) Persons who obtained the right to supervise doctoral students prior to the entry into force of Law No. 1/2011, as well as persons who have obtained the habilitation certificate, may serve as doctoral supervisors within the Law Doctoral School.

(2) Membership in the doctoral school may be revoked if a doctoral advisor no longer meets the legal requirements or for reasons of violation of research ethics principles. The decision to revoke membership is issued by the Council for Doctoral Studies of IOSUD, upon the proposal of the Doctoral School of Law Council.

Art. 9. (1) To supervise doctoral students, faculty and research staff who have obtained this right must have an employment contract with UTM and be a member of the Doctoral School of Law.

(2) A doctoral advisor may supervise doctoral students only in the field for which they have obtained this right.

(3) As an exception, upon its establishment, a new field of doctoral studies may operate with doctoral advisors from the same branch of science.

(4) A faculty and research member who is authorized to supervise doctoral students and who holds a tenured position at a higher education or research institution that is not an IOSUD may be a member of a doctoral school at an IOSUD.

Art. 10. (1) A doctoral advisor within the Law doctoral school may simultaneously supervise doctoral students only within the Titu Maiorescu IOSUD, with the exception of doctoral programs supervised under joint supervision.

(2) Doctoral studies may also be organized under joint supervision, in which case the doctoral student carries out their work under the simultaneous supervision of a doctoral supervisor from Romania and a doctoral supervisor from another country, or under the simultaneous supervision of two doctoral supervisors from different institutions in Romania, based on a written agreement between the organizing institutions involved. A joint doctoral program may also be organized if the doctoral advisors are from the same IOSUD but have different specializations or fields of study.

(3) A doctoral advisor may simultaneously supervise a maximum of 8 doctoral students, as determined by the UTM Senate, who are at various stages of their doctoral studies, and, exceptionally, a total of 12 doctoral students, but only with the approval of the University Senate, and not exceeding 20% of the total number of doctoral advisors in the doctoral school.



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



(4) In the case of a joint doctoral program, a primary doctoral advisor is designated. The doctoral student is fully assigned to the primary doctoral advisor, including in the advisor's teaching and research workload.

Art. 11. (1) Upon a reasoned request by the doctoral student, the Council of the Doctoral School of Law may decide to change the doctoral advisor if it is found that the advisor has failed to fulfill their legal or contractual obligations, or for other reasons related to the supervisory relationship between the doctoral advisor and the doctoral student, as well as in the event that the doctoral advisor is found to be unavailable.

(2) Conflicts between the doctoral student and the doctoral advisor shall be mediated by the Doctoral School Council, and if the conflict is not resolved at this level, it shall be mediated by the CSUD.

(3) If the conflict cannot be resolved amicably, the director of the Doctoral School of Law shall notify the Director of the CSUD Titu Maiorescu, who shall order the formation of a three-member committee composed of doctoral advisors, doctoral students, and technical staff; this committee shall prepare a report on the basis of which the Director shall make a decision.

(4) In such cases, within 30 days at the latest, the doctoral school council shall appoint another doctoral advisor from the same field.

(5) When appointing a new doctoral advisor, the doctoral school council shall give priority to the need for the doctoral student to be able to complete the doctoral program.

Art. 12. (1) In pursuing the doctoral program, the doctoral student is supported by an academic guidance and integrity committee, consisting of three other members who may be part of the doctoral advisor's research team, other individuals affiliated with the doctoral school, or faculty and research staff not affiliated with it who hold a doctoral degree and hold a teaching position of at least associate professor.

(2) The composition of the advisory committee is determined by the doctoral advisor following consultation with the doctoral student and is approved by the director of the doctoral school (CSD). At least one member of this committee is from outside Titu Maiorescu University. The director of the doctoral school (CSD) approves the proposal for the supervisory and academic integrity committee submitted by the doctoral advisor. Members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee may not be nominated as members of the committee for the public defense of the doctoral dissertation.

CHAPTER IV. The training program based on advanced university studies and the scientific research program



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



Art. 13. (1) Doctoral studies are organized as full-time study programs.

(2) The duration of the doctoral program is, as a rule, 4 years. Certain teaching and/or research activities may be conducted using specific electronic, IT, and synchronous communication resources as provided for in the quality standards developed and approved by ARACIS.

(3) For valid reasons, the duration of the doctoral program may be extended by 1–2 years, with the approval of the university senate, upon the proposal of the doctoral advisor, or reduced by one year at the request of the doctoral student, with the consent of the doctoral advisor and the approval of the university senate.

(4) Doctoral studies may be interrupted for valid reasons. These may consist of medical or personal reasons that make it impossible for the doctoral student to continue their doctoral studies. The validity of the reasons cited is assessed by the doctoral advisor.

(5) The interruption may only occur during the regulated duration of the doctoral program, with the exception of the first year of study. Requests must be submitted before the start of the new academic year or before the start of the second semester. The doctoral school council will assess the validity of the reasons and approve the interruption of the doctoral program, after consulting with the doctoral advisor. The duration of these studies is extended accordingly by the cumulative periods of the approved interruptions.

Art. 14. (1) The doctoral training program is established by the doctoral advisor, in consultation with the doctoral student, and approved by the doctoral school council.

a) The doctoral advisor is responsible for the structure, content, conduct, and organization of the doctoral student's doctoral training program.

b) The doctoral advisor is directly responsible for the doctoral student's academic progress and is obligated to do everything possible to provide the student with the conditions, knowledge, and information necessary to maximize the chances of successfully completing the doctoral program.

c) Providing the resources necessary for doctoral training is an obligation of UTM, the doctoral school, and the doctoral advisor.

d) UTM, through its doctoral schools, guarantees doctoral students access to logistical and research resources, as well as to research projects of national and international relevance.

(2) Activities that may be recommended by the doctoral advisor for inclusion in the doctoral program may include:



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



- a) completion of a research-oriented master's program organized within the doctoral school at UTM;
- b) attending courses and seminars in 3–5 disciplines from the curricula of the research master's programs offered by UTM;
- c) participation in professional and scientific activities organized by the doctoral school;
- d) joining research teams coordinated by or involving the doctoral advisor and members of the advisory committee;
- e) participation in relevant scientific events organized in the country or abroad;
- f) publishing articles in nationally and internationally recognized journals and participating in the editorial boards of specialized publications recognized by CNCSIS;
- g) other activities agreed upon with the doctoral student.

Art. 15. (1) The Doctoral School of Law provides doctoral students with a training program based on advanced university studies, consisting of activities conducted within institutionalized study groups, through courses, seminars, laboratories, and similar activities.

(2) Decisions regarding the appropriateness, structure, and content of the training program based on doctoral studies are made by the Council of the Doctoral School of Law. These aspects are to be reviewed periodically.

(3) The training program based on advanced university studies includes a course on academic ethics and integrity, including research ethics, which must be taken by all enrolled doctoral students, and research methodology, which is also a required course.

Art. 16. (1) The training program based on advanced university studies must not negatively affect the doctoral student's available time for their individual scientific research program and must be relevant to the research topic of the doctoral dissertation.

(2) Credits earned in a research-oriented master's program or the completion of prior doctoral internships and/or scientific research internships, conducted domestically or abroad, at prestigious universities or research and development institutions, may be recognized as equivalent to those in a training program based on advanced university studies. Equivalence is proposed by the doctoral advisor and approved by the doctoral school council.

(3) A doctoral student's participation in the training program based on advanced university studies and the selection of course elements within this program that the doctoral student must take are



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



determined exclusively and independently by the student's doctoral advisor. Restricting this discretion of the doctoral advisor is prohibited.

(4) The doctoral student may independently choose to take courses within the advanced university studies offered by their own doctoral school or by other doctoral schools. Restricting this independent choice is prohibited.

(5) The total duration of the training program based on advanced university studies may not exceed 3 months and is awarded a maximum of 30 transferable credits.

Art. 17. (1) The training program based on advanced university studies is a tool for enriching the doctoral student's knowledge and serves to enable the student to carry out the scientific research program under favorable conditions and to acquire advanced competencies specific to the doctoral degree program.

(2) Any assessments related to courses, seminars, or laboratories within the training program based on advanced university studies—which may take the form of exams, colloquia, or knowledge tests graded on a scale of 1 to 10 or with a pass/fail designation—serve an exclusively informative purpose, are not mandatory for doctoral students, and may not condition their progress within the program. Evaluation for the award of the doctoral degree is based on the doctoral dissertation and its public defense.

(3) IOSUD, through the doctoral schools, facilitates and guarantees curricular flexibility in doctoral programs.

Art. 18. (1) To ensure the necessary knowledge base for conducting doctoral studies, the Law doctoral school may organize, within its framework, research-oriented master's degree programs, exclusively in the full-time format and primarily focused on developing scientific research skills.

(2) The learning achieved within the research-oriented master's program may be considered equivalent to the training program based on advanced university studies.

(3) The training program based on advanced university studies may also be completed through the participation of doctoral students in the courses of the research master's program organized by the doctoral school if they have not previously taken these courses, without the doctoral students being required to take the promotion exams within this cycle.

Art. 19. (1) The scientific research program requires the doctoral student's participation in one or more scientific projects established by the doctoral advisor.



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



(2) The doctoral advisor is responsible for the structure, content, conduct, and organization of the doctoral student's scientific research program.

(3) The doctoral advisor is directly responsible for the doctoral student's academic progress and is obligated to take all necessary measures to provide the student with the conditions, knowledge, and information that will maximize the chances of completing the doctoral program.

(4) Ensuring the resources necessary for carrying out the research projects in which the doctoral student is involved is also a specific obligation of the IOSUD, the doctoral school, and the doctoral advisor.

Art. 20. To ensure a coherent academic trajectory, the doctoral student shall, at his or her request and at least once every 12 months, a presentation on the progress of their scientific research program before the advisory committee and the doctoral advisor, whose role is to guide, correct, and support the doctoral student's academic progress.

Art. 21. The minimum requirements included in the doctoral training program are:

- a) the preparation of three scientific research papers during the second and third years of study;
- b) participation in the annual scientific conference sessions within the doctoral school;
- c) participation in collective research projects within the doctoral school and in interdisciplinary research projects organized by doctoral schools;
- d) publication of at least one article in specialized journals indexed in international databases;
- e) participation in national and international conferences, oral/poster presentations at national and international conferences

CHAPTER V. The Doctoral Dissertation and Completion of Doctoral Studies

Art. 22. (1) The doctoral dissertation shall be prepared in accordance with the rules regarding the structure and drafting of the doctoral dissertation set forth in *Annex No. 6* to the Institutional Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of Doctoral Programs at Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest.

(2) The committee for the public defense of the doctoral thesis, referred to as *the doctoral committee*, is proposed by the doctoral advisor and approved by the IOSUD administration.



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



(3) The content of the doctoral thesis is determined by the doctoral student in consultation with the doctoral advisor and shall comply with the framework structure and limitations imposed by the doctoral school's regulations.

(4) The title of the doctoral dissertation may be changed at the doctoral student's discretion until the time of its completion for public defense.

(5) The doctoral dissertation is an original work, and it is mandatory to cite the source for any material used.

(6) Doctoral students are required to attend the activities specified in the doctoral program, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, the institutional regulations, and the methodology developed by the Ministry of Education. They must also maintain systematic and ongoing contact with their doctoral advisor throughout their doctoral studies.

(7) The doctoral student is the author of the doctoral dissertation and assumes responsibility for the accuracy of the data and information presented in the dissertation, as well as for the opinions and arguments expressed therein.

(8) The doctoral advisor is responsible, together with the author of the thesis, for ensuring compliance with research quality and ethical standards, including ensuring the originality of the content.

(9) Fraud in scientific research, including plagiarism, shall be prevented through the concurrent use of various methods: anti-plagiarism software, consultation with subject-matter experts, etc.

(10) If violations of good research and development conduct are identified—including plagiarism of other authors' results or publications, fabrication of results, or substitution of results with fictitious data—during the thesis evaluation by the doctoral advisor or the advisory committee, approval for the public defense will not be granted.

(11) The stages of the public defense of the doctoral thesis are set forth in Articles 73–76 of the institutional regulations governing the organization and conduct of doctoral programs at Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest.

Art. 23. (1) Based on the public defense of the doctoral dissertation and the reports of the official reviewers, the doctoral committee evaluates and deliberates on the grade to be assigned to the doctoral dissertation. The grades that may be awarded are: “Excellent,” “Very Good,” “Good,” “Satisfactory,” and “Unsatisfactory.”



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI

UNIVERSITATEA „TITU MAIORESCU” DIN BUCUREȘTI

Calea Văcărești, nr. 187, sector 4, București, cod 040051

tel.: 021 316 16 46, fax: 021 311 22 97, e-mail: rectorat@univ.utm.ro, www.utm.ro



(2) If a member of the doctoral committee identifies, during the evaluation of the thesis—both prior to and during the public defense— serious deviations from good conduct in scientific research and academic activity, including plagiarism of other authors’ results or publications, fabrication of results, or substitution of results with fictitious data, the member of the doctoral committee is required to take the following measures:

a) to notify the ethics committee of the higher education institution where the doctoral student is enrolled and the ethics committee of the institution where the doctoral advisor is employed for the analysis and resolution of the case, including through the expulsion of the doctoral student.

b) notify all members of the doctoral committee of the misconduct and propose the grade “Unsatisfactory.”

CHAPTER VI. Qualification

Art. 24. The procedure for obtaining accreditation is established by Order No. 3998/2024 of the Minister of Education and by CSUD Decision No. 29454 of July 4, 2024, which approved the methodology for granting the accreditation certificate within the Titu Maiorescu Institute of Higher Education.

Art. 25. These Regulations are supplemented by the provisions of the Institutional Regulations on the organization and conduct of doctoral programs at Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest, as well as by other relevant legal regulations.

These Regulations were approved at the CSD meeting on 04.11.2024, endorsed by the CSUD on 04.11.2024, endorsed by the Board of Directors by Resolution No. 393 dated 10.12.2024, and approved by the Senate by Resolution No. 31 on 06.02.2025.