

**COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE FIRST PART (FIRST FOUR SEMESTERS) OF THE
DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMME
(CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025)**

I. Compulsory courses

- After having taken comprehensive examination doctoral students can no longer acquire course credits, so they can only register for and fulfil the compulsory and elective courses before completing the comprehensive exam, ie. in the first four semesters.
- All compulsory subjects must be fulfilled as a precondition for the comprehensive exam.

Semester	Title of course		Credits	Prerequisites	Lecturers
I. and II.	Writing a conference presentation	Fall	5	-----	Prof. Dr. Hajdú József
	Social and Legal Research	Spring	5	-----	Prof. Dr. Karsai Krisztina Dr. Kovács Péter Dr. Merkovity Norbert
	Writing a paper	Spring	5	-----	Dr. Csatlós Erzsébet Dr. Tóth Judit
III. and IV.	Comparative law	Fall	5	Social and Legal Research	Prof. Dr. Badó Attila Prof. Dr. Mezei Péter
	Quality of Rulemaking and Regulation	Spring	5	Social and Legal Research	Dr. Tóth Judit Dr. Rúzs-Molnár Krisztina

II. Elective courses - Fall

Title of elective course	Lecturer(s)
Legal informatics	Dr. Kovács Péter
Theory of Judicial Independence	Prof. Dr. Badó Attila
Introduction to Comparative Politics	Dr. Fejes Zsuzsanna
Models of Democracy	Dr. Soós Edit
Commercial Communication in the Media Law	Prof. Dr. Gellén Klára
Fundamental principles of credit protection in Corporate Law	Dr. Farkas Csaba
Legal Profession in different legal systems	Dr. Nagy Zsolt
Citizenship and immigration law: a comparative historical analysis	Prof. Dr. Varga Norbert
Comparative competition law and policy	Prof. Dr. Nagy Csongor István
Some current problems of the Hungarian Criminal Procedure	Prof. Dr. Fantoly Zsanett
Copyright Law of the European Union	Prof. Dr. Mezei Péter
Challenges of the State in the 21st Century	Dr. Merkovity Norbert
International elements in public administration	Dr. Csatlós Erzsébet
Digital platforms – digital markets	Dr. Harkai István

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Environmental protection and sustainability approach in different branches of law	Dr. Zsigmond-Sziebig Orsolya Johanna
Right to health. the intersection between gender equality – climate change – climate justice	Samantha Joy Cheeseman
Free Speech in the Era of Digital Law	Dr. Pongó Tamás

III. Elective courses - Spring

Title of elective course	Lecturer(s)
European Administration: Public Administrative Law of the EU	Dr. Csatlós Erzsébet
Non-profit sector in law and in practice in Hungary	Dr. Tóth Judit
Legal History Research Seminar	Prof. Dr. Varga Norbert
New challenges for labour law and social security in digital age	Prof. Dr. Hajdú József
The effects of European and International Law to other branches of law	Dr. Kertész Dr. Váradi Szilvia; Dr. Szalai Anikó
Free trade and local public interest in international trade	Prof. Dr. Nagy Csongor István
Lay participation in judicial decision making	Prof. Dr. Badó Attila
Legal, politological, sociological, historical and psychological issues of secret services	Dr. Révész Béla
Better law-making in the European Union	Dr. Soós Edit
Multi-level governance and European Territorial Cooperation	Dr. Fejes Zsuzsanna
Local Governance in Hungary Old and New	Prof. Dr. Antal Tamás
Argumentation in Legal Policy Debates	Prof. Dr. Karsai Krisztina
Legal Developments in the Interwar Period	Prof. Dr. Varga Norbert
Territorial and local administrative system of Hungary in an international comparative and interdisciplinary perspective	Dr. Siket Judit

IV. Some general rules for doctoral training

- By fulfilling the courses five credits per course can be obtained.
- One course comprises the average of 2 hours per week for full-time doctoral students, while 7 hours/semester for part-time students. The lessons can be held in blocks.
- Up to one third of the lessons can be held in the form of consultations.
- The Doctoral School does not offer lectures separately for full-time and part-time students. Part-time students may not be required to attend lectures exceeding 7 hours per semester in one course.
- Evaluation of the students' achievements in a course is five-graded (from 1 to 5); 5 being the best mark, while 1 meaning that the student failed.
- In one academic year an elective course is offered only in one semester as indicated above.

V. The subjects of comprehensive exam - theoretical part

- 1) Theoretical part - first subject: Research methods
- 2) Theoretical part - second subject: from the range of the subjects indicated below

Training and research programs	Comprehensive exam - 2nd subjects (for each student, the Doctoral Council selects it from the range of subjects listed here)
Historical and Theoretical Legal Sciences, Comparative Law	European Constitutional and Legal History Hungarian Constitutional History Hungarian Legal History Comparative Law Demography Legal Statistics Legal Informatics Theory of Law Sociology of Law Theory of State Political Science Roman Law
Civilistics	Civil Law Family Law Civil Procedural Law Company Law Agricultural Law Competition Law and Public Procurement Law Labour Law Roman Law
Public Law Research	Constitutional Law Administrative Law Financial Law Environmental Law Competition Law and Public Procurement Law Social Law
Criminal Law Sciences	Criminal Law - General Part Criminal Law - Special Part Criminal Procedural Law Law of Execution of Criminal Punishments International and European Criminal Law
International and Business Law, European Law	European Law International Law International Private Law and Law of the International Economic Relations
Public Policy, Public Administration and International Relations	Theory of State Political Science Labour Law Social Law Demography Legal Statistics Legal Informatics