



L-Università ta' Malta
Institute for European Studies



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Doctorate (Ph.D.) by Research

DOCTORATE (Ph.D.) BY RESEARCH

The doctoral programme of the Institute for European Studies was launched in 2009 with our first graduate in 2017. The Institute welcomes applications from candidates who are interested in its areas of research and expertise. The following steps guide potential candidates when submitting an application.

Qualifications

Applicants for the Ph.D. Degree must possess one of these qualifications:

- ⊗ A Pass with Merit (or equivalent) in a Master's in European Studies or a Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law or in an area of studies deemed relevant by the Board, together with a pass at second upper or equivalent in the first cycle degree;
- ⊗ A First Class Honours first cycle degree in the same area of study or in an area deemed relevant by the Board;

The Board may also consider applications from applicants in possession of a Master's degree or higher in any other discipline and who also possess experience or knowledge which, in the opinion of the Board, enables them to successfully pursue doctoral studies in European Studies. In such cases, a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance must be submitted for eventual consideration.

Application, Commencement Dates and Duration

Applications may be submitted at any time of the year, but students can be registered with effect from: 1 October, 1 December, 1 February, 1 April, and 1 June.

- ⊗ Studies leading to the Ph.D. Degree extend over three years of full-time study or six years of part-time study.
- ⊗ The Ph.D. Degree is awarded upon the successful defence of a thesis written in English, containing original and significant contributions to knowledge following an appropriate period of supervised research.
- ⊗ Students may be required to undertake and complete preparatory courses intended to enhance their research and writing capabilities during the M.Phil stage of their studies. They are also required to make an annual presentation at the Institute on their research progress.
- ⊗ All doctoral students are expected to take responsibility for their personal and professional development in consultation with their Principal Supervisor. Students are required to provide evidence that they have pursued professional development activities (which may involve taught study-units, attendance at Faculty seminars, workshops, conferences, training sessions and study visits, and the writing and publishing of academic papers both at the time of applying for transfer from the M.Phil. to the Ph.D. Degree and prior to their applying to submit their work for examination). Students are required to undertake a total of around 100 hours of such activities.



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Institute for European Studies Library (EDC)



International Ocean Institute (IOI)



Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC)



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Applying

Refer to the information provided on the website of the university's Doctoral School: um.edu.mt/doctoralschool and that provided on the Institute for European Studies' website: um.edu.mt/europeanstudies

You should then contact the Institute's Ph.D. Programme Co-ordinator, Professor Roderick Pace at: roderick.pace@um.edu.mt, indicating your interest and research topic. When an inquiry lies within the research interests and supervisory capabilities of the Institute, a mentor is assigned to help the applicant develop the thesis proposal.

When you finalise your proposal, a formal application should be submitted on the University's Admission portal at: um.edu.mt/1/eEdJI

Following a formal application, applicants will be asked to present their application to the Institute's Ph.D. Committee. The Committee then decides whether to invite the applicant to join the Doctoral programme.

Research Interests

These are some of the topics which the Institute can mentor:

- ⊙ Malta as an EU member state
- ⊙ Aspects of Maltese politics and Malta in the EU
- ⊙ Budget institutions in the EU
- ⊙ Development and history of the European Union
- ⊙ EU economic and monetary union
- ⊙ EU and social policy
- ⊙ EU cohesion policy
- ⊙ EU development and cooperation policy
- ⊙ EU economic governance
- ⊙ EU funding
- ⊙ EU investment policy
- ⊙ EU policy design and evaluation
- ⊙ EU politics, inter-institutional dynamics and policy formation
- ⊙ EU trade policy
- ⊙ Euro-Mediterranean relations and EU external relations
- ⊙ European culture and identity
- ⊙ European economic integration
- ⊙ Europeanisation
- ⊙ External aspects of EU migration policy (Mediterranean focus)
- ⊙ Institutional economics - corruption, institutional quality
- ⊙ International and regional economics
- ⊙ Lobbying, interest groups and the small state perspective
- ⊙ National and European elections
- ⊙ Parliamentary diplomacy (Mediterranean focus)
- ⊙ Sustainable Development in the EU
- ⊙ The EU climate change policy
- ⊙ The politics and economics of small EU and European states
- ⊙ The politics and economics of Southern Europe



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The Institute for European Studies at the University of Malta has provided me with an immensely rewarding experience. My academic journey has been significantly enhanced by the continuous support I have received from the Institute's tutors, lecturers, and administrative personnel since the commencement of my Ph.D. research. I am able to actively engage in the vibrant community of the Institute, which fosters a dynamic environment that promotes academic development and engagement. I am incredibly appreciative of the support and engagement that have been provided to me, as they have been contributing to a genuinely positive and fulfilling Ph.D. experience.



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The Ph.D. programme with the Institute for European Studies is challenging but also very rewarding. The Institute provides very personal assistance to Ph.D. candidates both as regards the supervisor and also as regards the administrative staff. The Institute's Ph.D. candidates are exposed to a variety of topics including politics, economics and law. One is also challenged to think creatively on topics and issues.

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

The University of Malta traces its origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense which was set up in 1592. Today, it hosts over 11,000 students following full-time and part-time degree and diploma courses. The University of Malta is the highest teaching institution in Malta. It is publicly funded and its structures are in line with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area. It strives to provide courses that are relevant to contemporary needs of the industry and employers.

INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Founded in 1991 as the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC), the Institute for European Studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research Institute at the University of Malta. It acquired a status of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in 2004 and offers courses in European Studies which fully conform with the Bologna guidelines, including Bachelor degrees, Masters (both taught and by research) and Ph.D. courses. The Institute has also developed links with various research networks such as the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), two Euro- Mediterranean networks EUROMESCO and FEMISE as well as the European Association of Development Institutes (EADI). Over 1,000 students have graduated from the Institute and have gone on to become key public officials both in Malta and abroad as well as working with the EU institutions, for NGOs, in the media and with private industry. Some have also entered politics, with some having occupied (and continue to occupy) positions in the Maltese Parliament as well as in the European Parliament.



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