

EDLE **European Doctorate in Law and Economics**

Duration: 3 – 4 years

Programme description:

The European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE) is an excellence Ph.D. programme open to economists and lawyers of high promise preparing themselves for a career in academia or for responsible positions in government, research organizations, and international consulting groups.

The EDLE educational project is carried out in a strong relationship with the research activities of the partners involved: the Department of Economics of the University of Bologna, the Institute of Law and Economics of the University of Hamburg, and the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics. The Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) of Mumbai (India) cooperates with the programme by providing research opportunities to interested candidates.

The educational programme requires students to visit all three partner universities.

In the first year, from October to May, students stay in Bologna where they attend courses in analytical and quantitative methods. From June to July, they stay in Hamburg, where they attend a 3-week intense Summer school held by international visiting scholars.

In the second year, from October to March, students stay in Rotterdam, where they participate in dedicated workshops. Candidates who specialize in development law and economics may spend one or two semesters at the IGIDR in Mumbai.

Research topics include all major fields of law and economics, with special emphasis on issues related to contracts, torts, intellectual property, competition, corporate governance, capital markets law, and behavioural law and economics.

The programme is held in English. As a complement to the basic curriculum, students are offered introductory courses in national languages and in the national legal systems (Italian, German and Dutch). Interested students may carry out short internships at the numerous business associates of the network.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the programme is devised to provide advanced and challenging education both to lawyers and economists. Students will be able to choose between basic and advanced courses depending on their educational background. In the first year, students with a legal background will attend courses at an introductory level in: Mathematics, Game theory, and Statistics, while students with an economics background will attend advanced courses in: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Financial Economics.

All students will also take a brief introductory course on the Italian legal system, and the following dedicated courses, covering the core topics of the programme: Economic analysis of European competition law and IPRs, Game theory and the law, Modelling European private law, Experimental and behavioural law and economics, European securities and company law.

In Hamburg, students will take a brief introductory course on the German legal system and will attend a Summer School held by international scholars, on topics of special interest.

In the first half of the second year, students will take a brief course on the Dutch legal system and will participate in dedicated workshops where they present their work. From the second semester of the second year, students will reside at one of the partner universities, where they receive specialized supervision.

Each student is assigned two supervisors, generally an economist and a lawyer.

Degree

After *three* years doctoral candidates may defend their thesis and obtain the joint doctoral degree “European Doctorate in Law and Economics” issued by the Universities of Hamburg and Bologna, with the cooperation of the University of Rotterdam.

Alternatively, after *four* years, candidates may defend their thesis and obtain the joint degree of Bologna and Hamburg, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

Eligibility

Admission to the programme is open to applicants who received a diploma or a bachelor and master degree in law or economics, or a comparable university degree (second cycle qualification) required by the partner universities for admission to doctoral studies.

Application

Applications for “Category A” Mundus scholarships should be received by the end of December; all other applications should be received by the end of April.

Applications shall include:

- 1) CV with information on academic, professional and other education;

- 2) two reference letters;
- 3) a letter of motivation with a prospective research proposal and,
- 4) a certificate of English proficiency.

Successful applicants are expected to have a good training in the economic analysis of law. Basic knowledge of calculus and microeconomics is assumed.

Information for applicants

For information about faculty, curriculum, entry requisites, facilities, etc., please check the website : www.edle-phd.eu

If you need additional information, please contact the EDLE secretarial staff : dse.edle@unibo.it

Website: www.edle-phd.eu

Partners:

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, Italy (Co-ordinating institution)
ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM, Netherlands
UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG, Germany

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