



PhD courses (41st Cycle)

Useful information for PhD students enrolled in the 41st cycle at the University of Siena.



PhD Courses

The University of Siena is the administrative headquarters for 18 PhD courses, one of which is of national interest. Each PhD course has its department of reference, to which the PhD students are affiliated.

Humanities and Arts – 4 courses



- **Apprendimento e Innovazione nei Contesti Sociali e di Lavoro**, Claudio Melacarne, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, politiche e cognitive (DISPOC)
- **Filologia e Critica**, Maria Rita Digilio, Dipartimento di Filologia e critica delle letteratura antiche e moderne (DFCLAM)
- **Social Sciences and Humanities**, Vincenzo Moscati, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, politiche e cognitive (DISPOC)
- **Storia dell'Arte**, Alessandro Angelini, Dipartimento di Scienze storiche e dei beni culturali (DSSBC)

Economics and Law – 3 courses



- **Diritto e Management della Sostenibilità**, Ciro Gennaro Corvese, Dipartimento di Studi aziendali e giuridici (DISAG)
- **Economics**, Simone D'Alessandro, Dipartimento di Economica politica e statistica (DEPS)
- **Scienze Giuridiche**, Alessandro Palmieri, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza (DGIUR)

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Experimental Sciences – 5 courses



- **Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences**, Maurizio Taddei, Dipartimento di Biotecnologie, chimica e farmacia (DBCF)
- **Fisica Sperimentale**, Alessandro Cerri, Dipartimento di Scienze fisiche, della Terra e dell'ambiente (DSFTA)
- **Ingegneria e Scienza dell'Informazione**, Mauro Barni, Dipartimento di Ingegneria dell'informazione e scienze matematiche (DIISM)
- **Scienze della Vita – Life Sciences**, Simona Maccherini, Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita (DSV)
- **Scienze e Tecnologie Ambientali, Geologiche e Polari**, Letizia, Marsili, Dip. di Scienze fisiche, della Terra e dell'ambiente (DSFTA)

Biomedical Sciences – 6 courses



- **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology BiBiM 2.0**, Lorenza Trabalzini, Dipartimento di Biotecnologie, chimica e farmacia (DBCF)
- **Bioteecnologie Mediche**, Francesco Iannelli, Dipartimento di Biotecnologie mediche (DBM)
- **Genetica, Oncologia e Medicina Clinica (GenOMeC)**, Ilaria Meloni, Dipartimento di Biotecnologie mediche (DBM)
- **Innovazione nella Diagnosi, Prevenzione e Terapia delle Infezioni a Rischio Epidemico-Pandemico**-dottorato di interesse nazionale, Donata Medaglini, Dipartimento di Biotecnologie mediche (DBM)
- **Medicina Molecolare**, Vincenzo Sorrentino, Dipartimento di Medicina molecolare e dello sviluppo (DMMS)
- **Medicina Traslazionale e di Precisione**, Francesco Dotta, Dipartimento di Scienze mediche, chirurgiche e neuroscienze (DSMCN)

Useful References and Contacts

PhD Office

Piazzetta Enzo Tiezzi, 1 (1st floor) - 53100 Siena

Tel: +39 0577 - 233784 / 233776 / 232947 / 233718

Email: ufficiodottorato@unisi.it

Opening hours (by appointment using UFirst)

- Monday and Wednesday: 10:00 - 13:00
- Tuesday and Thursday: 12:30 - 15:30



Appointments: Please use the UFirst app to book appointments with the PhD Office.

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Informazioni per dottorandi e dottori di ricerca

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Le istruzioni per iscriversi al primo anno dei corsi di dottorato dopo il superamento del concorso di ammissione. / *Instructions for enrolling in the first year of PhD courses after passing the admission competition.*

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PhD course duration and important steps

All PhD courses of the University of Siena have a duration of 3 years.

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1 November 2025

Official beginning of PhD courses (exceptions apply).

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By 31 October 2026

Review of first-year activities by the Academic Board; if positive, admission to the second year; if negative exclusion

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By 31 October 2027

Review of second-year activities by the Academic Board; if positive, admission to the second year; if negative exclusion

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30 September 2028

Deadline for applying for admission to the final examination
(thesis submission by 31 October 2028)



Types of PhD Positions and Research Budget

PhD positions are divided into different categories:

- with scholarship (financed by the University of Siena, partner universities, public and private bodies)
- without scholarship
- apprenticeship contract
- reserved for scholarship holders of foreign countries
- reserved for scholarship holders of specific international mobility programmes

PhD students with and without scholarships have access to an annual budget for research activities in Italy and abroad.

Positions with and without scholarship

This includes ordinary and special (Pegaso) scholarships. Payments are made monthly in arrears on the 25th (the November payment will be made in December).

Annual Budget

The annual budget of €1,624.30 (€3,248.60 in the case of the national PhD course) is managed by the PhD course's reference department.

Reference Bodies for the PhD student

Three figures and bodies are fundamental for the guidance and management of every doctoral candidate's training and research pathway.

Academic Board

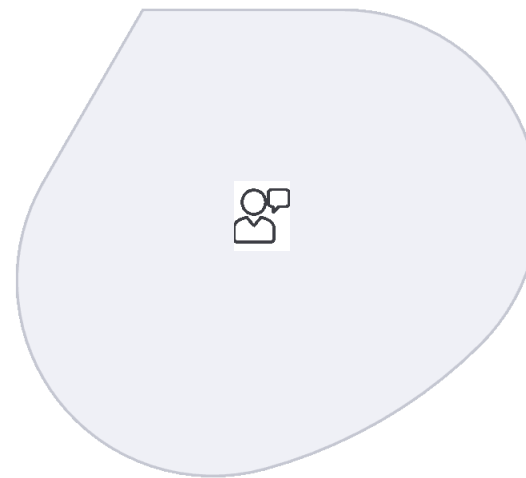
Decision-making body for all aspects of the programme (Art. 5.1 of PhD rules).

Coordinator

Chairs the Academic Board (Art. 5.2 of PhD rules).

Supervisor(s)

Assigned within the first semester, guides the research (Art. 12 of PhD rules).



The Academic Board is complemented by a representation of two PhD students for resolutions on the organisation of didactic activities.



Commitment and Activities

The PhD course requires an **exclusive commitment** (art. 14, paragraph 1 of PhD rules), but exceptions are made for compatible activities and tutoring.

Exclusive Commitment

The doctoral programme requires an **exclusive and full-time** commitment to research and training activities (art. 14, paragraph 1 of PhD rules).

Paid Activities

It is possible to undertake paid activities, provided they are compatible and the remuneration does not exceed that of the scholarship.
Authorisation from the Academic Board is **necessary** (Art. 14, paragr. 2 or PhD rules)

Tutoring

It is possible to carry out tutoring activities up to a limit of 40 hours, subject to prior approval from the Academic Board.

Activities in external structures: Procedures and Coverage

Stays in external structures (in Italy and abroad) are typically provided for and **require prior authorisation to ensure insurance coverage** and the scholarship increment, when the host structure is abroad.

Authorisation and timelines

Authorisation must be requested from the Academic Board at least **20 days prior** to departure (Art. 11, paragr. 6 - form on web portal).

Upon completion, it is mandatory to submit to the coordinator a formal communication with the exact dates of beginning and ending (form on web portal).

Coverage and increment

Timely authorisation ensures insurance coverage (accidents and civil liability).

The 50% scholarship increment for stays abroad is paid monthly (in arrears) after the formal communication of the date of beginning (form on web portal).

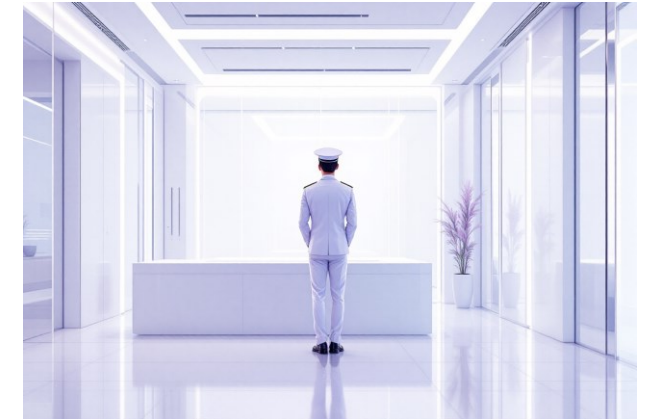
Also positions without scholarship give the right to the 50% increment.



Suspensions

Suspension from attending the PhD course is granted in the event of

- ☐ Sickness
- ☐ Serious personal and family reasons
– maximum 6 months
- ☐ Parental leave
in particular, the provisions for the protection of maternity referred to in the decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007
- ☐ Civilian service



Relevant forms for requesting a suspension are available in the “Forms and certificates” section on the web portal.

Final Compliance and PhD Title

Essential information for the completion of the course.

Extension for thesis submission

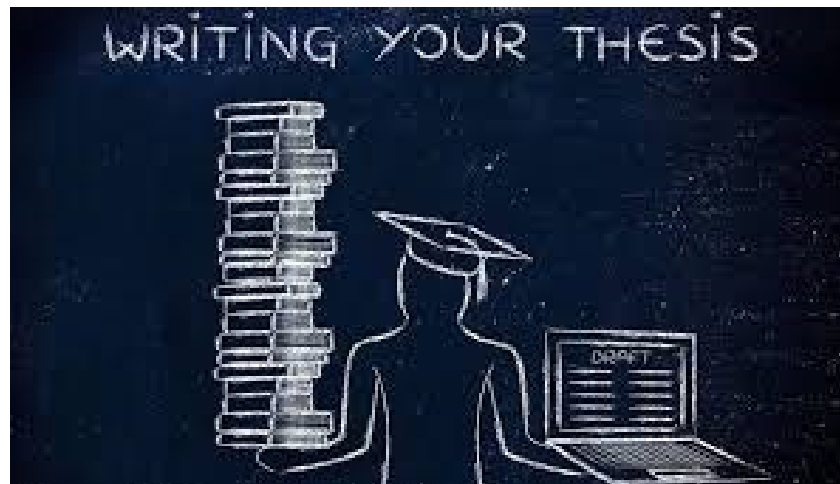
For proven reasons, the College may grant a maximum extension of 12 months for thesis submission, without scholarship payment.

Final examination

Instructions for the final examination and electronic deposit of the PhD thesis are available on the web portal.

PhD graduation day

Every year the University of Siena organizes a PhD graduation day (usually towards the end of September – European researchers' night celebration).



Esame finale / Final Examination

AMMISSIONE ALL'ESAME FINALE / ADMISSION TO FINAL EXAM

Qui di seguito sono disponibili alcune indicazioni sulle procedure da seguire per l'ammissione all'esame finale ed alcune informazioni generali sul deposito della tesi. La procedura del deposito è illustrata nell'apposito tutorial nel paragrafo successivo.
Some guidance on the procedures to be followed for admission to the final examination and on the electronic deposit of the thesis is available below. The procedure of filing is explained in the appropriate tutorial of the next paragraph.

- Indicazioni per esame finale e deposito elettronico della tesi di dottorato
- Instructions for final exam and electronic deposit of PhD thesis
- Schema di frontespizio per tesi di dottorato
- Modulo richiesta proroga (con nulla osta supervisore)
- Istruzione per compilazione questionario AlmaLaurea / instructions for completing AlmaLaurea questionnaire

DEPOSITO ELETTRONICO TESI DI DOTTORATO / ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF THE DOCTORAL THESIS

Il dottorando almeno 10 giorni prima della data della discussione della tesi dovrà procedere a depositare nell'Anagrafe della ricerca d'Ateneo Usiena air (<https://usiena-air.unisi.it/?locale=it>) una copia elettronica della tesi di dottorato da lui firmata digitalmente su documento in formato PDF/A. Pertanto, ove sprovvisto di firma digitale, il dottorando dovrà procedere preventivamente ad acquisirne una. Per accedere e autoarchiviare la tesi, seguire le istruzioni nel tutorial disponibile in calce. La copia della tesi depositata viene acquisito in automatico dalle Biblioteche Nazionali di Roma e Firenze per il deposito legale – obbligatorio per norma di legge. Non potrà pertanto essere apportata alcuna modifica dopo il deposito elettronico.

At least 10 days prior to the discussion of the dissertation, PhD students must file a digitally signed copy of the doctoral dissertation in PDF/A format in the University's Institutional Research Archive Usiena air (<https://usiena-air.unisi.it>). They must therefore acquire a digital signature in advance. To access and self-archive his/her thesis thesis, the doctoral student must follow the procedure indicated in the below tutorial. The copy of the deposited thesis will automatically be acquired by the National Libraries of Rome and Florence for legal deposit - mandatory by law. Therefore, no changes can be made after the electronic deposit.

- Tutorial deposito della tesi di dottorato su Usiena Air
- Dichiarazione di Liberatoria - da inviare per email a ufficiodottorato@unisi.it
- Lettera richiesta embargo/Embargo request letter
- Disclaimer ("Liberatoria" in English language)
- Tutorial for the electronic deposit of PhD theses on Usiena Air



Tips

Useful tools for formal communication.



PEC



Certified email – see list of providers on website

<https://www.agid.gov.it/it/piattaforme/posta-elettronica-certificata/elenco-gestori-pec>



SPID and digital signature



The use of SPID (digital identity <https://www.spid.gov.it/>) and digital signature (free with CIE) is recommended for official procedures. Digital signature is mandatory for signing the final version of the thesis.