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# *Università degli Studi di Messina*

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA RESEARCH DOCTORATE COURSES – 29<sup>th</sup> CYCLE**

### **THE RECTOR**

IN VIEW OF: law of 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1989, no. 168;

IN VIEW OF: law of 13<sup>th</sup> of August, n. 476, as integrated by art. 52, par. 57 of the law 28<sup>th</sup> December 2001, n. 448;

IN VIEW OF: art. 4 of the law of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1998, n. 210, and subsequent amendments and integrations;

IN VIEW OF: law of 7<sup>th</sup> August 1990, no. 241 that establishes: “Rules governing administrative procedures and the right to have access to administrative documents”, and subsequent amendments and integrations

IN VIEW OF: the legislative Decree 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003, no. 196 , “ Code concerning the protection of personal data” and subsequent amendments and integrations;

IN VIEW OF: law of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010, n. 240;

IN VIEW OF: the University Statute, issued with the Rector’s Decree (D.R.) no. 1244 of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (published in the Italian Government Official Gazette – general Series, n. 116 of 19<sup>th</sup> may 2012);

IN VIEW OF: the letter filed with prot. n. 2891 of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012, in which the MIUR communicates, among other things, the finance of n. 7 additional scholarships (Fondo sostegno giovani) in certain fields for the 28<sup>th</sup> Cycle Doctoral courses;

IN VIEW OF: the resolutions adopted by the Governing Bodies in the sessions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 and on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 in which one of the above mentioned scholarships in the field of ICT and electronic components ( Doctoral Course in “Tecnologie avanzate per l’optoelettronica e la fotonica e modellizzazione elettromagnetica”) was not assigned and put in standby for the same Course of the 29<sup>th</sup> Cycle;

IN VIEW OF: the Rector’s Decree n. 1308 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 in which a scholarship not assigned, according to the 28<sup>th</sup> Cycle Announcement for admission to Doctoral Courses, can be re-assigned to the Research Doctorate Course in “Chimica e Sicurezza degli Alimenti”;

IN VIEW OF: the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) n. 45/2013 “Regulation concerning the method of accreditation of centers and of the Doctoral Courses and the outline of criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses on behalf of the entrusted bodies;

IN VIEW OF: the "Guidelines for the start off of Research Doctorate Courses for the a.y. 2013-2014" as of the Ministerial note of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013;

IN VIEW OF: of the University Regulation concerning Research Doctorate Courses, issued with the Rector's Decree n. 1605 of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013;

IN VIEW OF the opinion expressed by the of the Evaluation Board of the University of Messina of July 2013 concerning the proposals for the start off of Research Doctorate Courses for the 29<sup>th</sup> Cycle;

IN VIEW OF the resolutions of the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, of the 8<sup>th</sup> august 2013 and of the 28<sup>th</sup> august 2013 of the Academic Senate and the Administration Board of this University, in which the 29<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Research Doctorate Courses have been approved together with the relevant scholarships and Agreements with other Universities;

IT IS RESERVED the faculty to modify and integrate this Announcement by publicizing the changes on the university of Messina's website at the address: <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidiricerca>.

## DECREES

### Art. 1

#### Establishment of Research Doctorate (PhD) Courses

The 29<sup>th</sup> cycle of Doctoral courses is established with its administrative headquarters at the University of Messina.

The public competition for admission to the Doctoral courses, is announced, as indicated in the **attachment A1**. The attachment A1 is an integral part of this announcement where are indicated:

- The denomination of the Doctoral course
- The type of degree required for admission
- The selection procedures
- The number of positions with and without a scholarship
- Any other document required and/or different procedure, according to art. 6 of the University regulation concerning Research Doctorates.

The Research Doctorate courses have a duration of at least three years, apart from the cases described in art. 10, comma 2 of the Regulation. Courses of the 29<sup>th</sup> Cycle will start on the **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014**.

The scholarships indicated in the **attachment A1** can be increased before the courses begin, in the case financial support from other Universities and/or other private and public bodies will be available, the relevant Agreements stipulate will their juridical effects.

Information regarding these supplementary funds will be publicized on the University website at the address: <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidiricerca>

### Art. 2

#### Admission Requirements

To the Research Doctorate courses, without limits to citizenship and subordinated to the verification of the requirements indicated in this announcement, will be admitted, candidates:

- who hold an old university Degree (Diploma di laurea) or a Specialistic or Master Degree (Laurea Magistrale), obtained in Italy
- who hold a foreign degree, declared equivalent, or those who will obtain the qualification needed for admission by the maximum deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013, penalty the exclusion from selection. The suitability of the foreign degree will be ascertained by the examining Committee only for admission to the Doctoral courses, in compliance to current laws in Italy concerning the recognition of qualification for the continuation of higher education.
- who already have a research Doctorate or have already attended the same or other research Doctorate courses abandoned for valid and documented reasons after having passed the selection examinations and have not benefited of a scholarship. In this case, candidates who already have a research Doctorate obtained in the sphere of Courses activated by this University that are now comprised in the curricula of more wide-range Doctoral Courses, access will be allowed only to Courses whose curricula is different from the one attended and in which the qualification was obtained.
- who are holders of Research Funds (according to the law n. 449/97 and subsequent amendments and integrations) and without a scholarship, after having passed the selective examinations.
- who are public service employees, according to art. 12, point n. 10 of the University Doctoral regulation

### Art. 3

#### Application to selection procedures

The application, one for each chosen Doctoral course, written on ordinary paper (the form can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.unime.it/dottorati/ricerca> ) must be sent to **The Rector of the University of Messina, Piazza Pugliatti, n. 1 – Higher education section - 98122 Messina, Italy**, within 30 days from the day after the publication of this announcement on the Official Italian Government Gazette - 4<sup>th</sup> special series only by postal registered mail (Racc. A.R.). All applications that will arrive after this deadline (certified by the date on the Post Office stamp) or by other means of sending will be excluded apart from what is specified for NON European Union citizens.

The candidate, who applies for admission to the Research Doctorate Course must declare in the application, clearly and precisely, under his own responsibility and according to the President of the Republic Decree n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and integrations:

- a) name and surname, date and place of birth, residential address or address elected for the purpose of this selection (stating also the postcode), telephone number and email address; foreign citizens, both UE and not, must communicate their address in Italy or the address of their Embassy; it is also necessary a declaration of commitment to communicate any change of residence or address
- b) a signed photocopy of a valid document of identity
- c) the exact denomination of the Doctoral course for which one wants to participate
- d) one's citizenship, but in case of double citizenship the Italian is taken into consideration
- e) Italian degree possessed together with the date, the grade and the University that issued it
- f) or the foreign degree possessed together with the date and the University that issued it, and the relevant suitability for admission as stated in art. 2 of the present announcement. **NON European Union citizens not resident in Italy** must also attach a copy of an identity document together with a legal translation of academic qualifications either in Italian or in English, the *Dichiarazione di valore in loco* issued by the competent diplomatic organs or the Italian consulates that certifies the duration of the degree course together with a list of the examinations taken and the relevant grade. They must also forward in advance the application and all relevant documentation in a PDF format

at the email address: [doctoraleducation@unime.it](mailto:doctoraleducation@unime.it) and send the original copies by ordinary mail within the deadline of the present announcement.

- g) the knowledge of foreign languages
- h) any other document considered useful for his/her application

Candidates with a disability must also specify in their application, according to the laws in force, the necessary aids or any additional time to complete the examinations.

The University administration has no responsibility in not being able to communicate with candidates because of erroneous and incomplete indications of residence or contact numbers by the applicant or because of late or no communication of changes, nor for any postal or telematic dysfunctions not directly caused by the University administration.

The insertion of untruthful information in the application form will mean the exclusion from the final list in order of merit and the automatic loss of the right to enrolment, apart from the sanctions that are applied by the penal code and the related specific laws.

#### **Art. 4**

#### **The Examining Committees**

The Examining Committees for admission to the Research Doctorate Courses will be appointed by Decree of the Rector, by proposal of the teaching staff of each Course according to art. 7 of the University of Messina regulation (D.R. n. 1605/2013).

The results will be published on the University's website at the link <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidicerca>; the coordinator will be informed of the publication and subsequently will take care of all consequential obligation and communications.

#### **Art. 5**

#### **Examinations**

The examinations, designed to verify the abilities and the aptitudes of the candidate for scientific research, are indicated in the attachment n. 1 of this announcement.

The examinations will be held at the University of Messina which is the administrative center of the Doctoral courses.

The examination timetable, with the indication of the place, the day, the month and the hour of the exams will be published after the announcement's deadline on the website of the University of Messina, at the link: <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidicerca> and will have the value of official notification for candidates.

In order to do examinations candidates must exhibit a valid document of identity.

According to the University General Regulation at point 5, art. 7, the evaluation of qualifications is carried out by the Examining Committee before written examinations.

Each Committee in charge of the comparative evaluation of the candidates' qualifications must follow the following criteria in awarding on the overall 100/100 points:

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

##### **Up to a maximum of 30/100 points**

- final graduation mark, a maximum of **5 (five) points**, thus distributed: (110 and cum laude – 5 points, 110 – 4 points; from 109 to 105 – 3 points; from 104 to 100 – 2 points; from 99 and below – 1 point)
- examinations taken during the Degree course that are related to the Doctoral Course, up to a maximum of **5 (five) points**

- Thesis in subjects belonging to the scientific-disciplinary sector (SSD) specific to the type of Doctoral course chosen (the quality and the originality of the thesis will be taken into consideration), up to a maximum of **10 (ten) points**
- Other qualifications ( e.g. publications, Congress abstracts etc.. or a project/report, if expressly requested by the Doctoral course), up to a maximum of **10 (ten) points**.

## EXAMINATIONS

**Language examination.** The knowledge of the English language and/or of other official European Union languages indicated by the candidate will be assessed, during the oral or written examination and will be evaluated **up to a maximum of 10 (ten) points**.

### **Written or oral examinations up to a maximum of 60 (sixty) points**

If the candidate requests it, examinations can be carried out in the English language

The final mark of examinations, expressed in one hundredths, is the result of the sum of the points given to each exam and to each qualification submitted for evaluation.

The results of every single evaluation of each candidate will be publicized at the Department, administrative center of the Course, care of the President and the Secretary of the Examining Committee.

At the end of the assessments, the Examining Committee draws up the general ranking list in order of merit (Graduatoria di merito) on the basis of the points obtained by candidates in order to award the scholarships.

The final list in order of merit will be published on the University's website and it has at all effects a notifying value. Subsequently it will be approved by Decree of the Rector.

### **Art.6**

#### **Admission to Courses**

The final list in order of merit for each Course is one and only

The candidates are admitted, on approval, to Courses according to their position in the final ranking list until all positions for each Doctoral Course are covered.

The candidate, on the basis of the final list in order of merit, is admitted to the Course must express the acceptance of the position within 15 days from the publication of the final evaluations sending an enrolment application according what is specified in the following art. 7.

Not applying for enrolment will mean the loss of any right to admission to the Course. The unoccupied positions will be assigned on the basis of the order of candidates in the final ranking list. The same procedure will be applied if anyone admitted to Courses declines within two months from the start of lessons.

In case of equal points between two or more candidates for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships, preference will be given on the basis of the economic situation of the candidates according to the general University regulations regarding the payment of students fees and contributions.

For positions without scholarship, preference will be given to candidates with the lowest age.

Candidates who have already been admitted , on approval, to examinations according to art. 2, par. 1 of this announcement if selected, can have access to the course respectively after the:

- a) favourable approval of the foreign degree;
- b) having obtained the qualification needed for selection before the announcement deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

The holders of research funds will be admitted to Courses without a scholarship and all public service employees, with or without scholarship, can have access to Courses according to the laws in force.

Those candidates who have been ranked as successful in the lists of different Doctoral Courses must make an option for only one of the Courses in which he /she has been admitted by applying for enrolment as specified in the following Art. 7.

## Art. 7

### Enrolment to Courses

Candidates admitted to courses, with or without scholarship, must enroll **within 15 days** from the date of publication on the University's website of the relevant final lists in order of merit for each Doctoral course.

The candidate who has participated at more than one selection and is placed as successful in more than one final list in order of merit can enroll by abiding to the following procedures: he/she must declare to want the option right for one of the Courses within seven days from the publication of the final lists of merit of the Doctoral courses. In this case, the payment of the first instalment of the enrolment fee does not have to be repeated for enrolment (see art. 8 of this Announcement).

In case of not having made an option in due time, in chronological order, the last enrolment application submitted will be considered.

The enrolment application, written on stamped paper, according to the facsimile to be found on the University's website at the link: <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidiricerca> must be sent by the stated deadline, penalty the exclusion from selection procedures, to the Rector of the University of Messina – Piazza Pugliatti, n. 1 – 98122 Messina, only by registered mail.

Foreign citizens can send the application by mail after having sent it first by email to the address: [doctoraleducation@unime.it](mailto:doctoraleducation@unime.it).

Enrolment applications will be effective once all bureaucratic obligations necessary for the start of the doctoral activities are satisfied.

The candidate, apart from his personal data, an eventual curriculum, and the exact denomination of the Course in which he/she wants to enroll, must also declare, according to the President of the Republic Decree n. 445/2000 the following:

- a) to have not enrolled at any other Degree course or Doctoral Course in Italy or abroad ( apart from the option right in the case of admittance to more than one of the university's Doctoral Courses); to have not enrolled at any Specialization school or Master of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level apart from what is specified in art. 8 of this announcement.

If enrolled, the candidate must indicate the Course and the premises of it and must be committed to suspend it before the start, and for the whole duration of the Doctoral Course, penalty the exclusion.

Those candidates who are enrolled at Medical Schools of Specialization must indicate the year in which they are attending

- b) to be /not to be a public service or private enterprise employee, in the first case indicate the exact denomination of employer and the commitment to produce the necessary documents within two months from the start of the Doctoral course, penalty the exclusion
- c) to have already obtained a research Doctorate qualification, (specify the denomination, the University and the date obtained), or to have not obtained any Research Doctorate.
- d) To have not attended the same or other Doctoral Course; or to have attended the same or any other Doctoral course (specify the Course and the University) given up for valid and documented reasons (attach the relevant documents)

Candidates admitted on approval according to art. 2, par. 1, must declare;

- To have obtained the validation of the foreign qualifications

- To be committed to give proof, before the start of the Course, that qualification were obtained before the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2013
- In the case that the candidate is also the beneficiary of a scholarship he must specify:
- To not be the holder of any another scholarship apart from those granted for educational and research activity abroad
- To commit himself to enroll at the *Gestione separata INPS* within three days from the start of the Doctoral Course
- To have knowledge that only candidates that comply to the conditions stated in the following art. 9, par. 3 can benefit of scholarships
- To renounce the benefits of any scholarship for the whole duration of the Course if holder of Research funds.

Together with the enrolment form the following documents must be attached:

- 1) A signed photocopy of a valid document of identity
- 2) Photocopy of the Tax Code or for foreign citizens, the equivalent foreign document
- 3) The original of the receipt of payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> enrolment fee instalment for the 1<sup>st</sup> year course ( to be picked up at the Doctoral Committees and fees Office) or a photocopy of the receipt in the case the candidate has submitted more than one enrolment application according to what has been specified in the previous paragraphs.
- 4) For the holders of a scholarship, an application to have accredited the amounts together with a declaration to be committed to enroll at the *Gestione separata INPS*

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Course, the enrolment application on stamped paper must be re-submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January of each year on the forms prepared by the University administration and available on the University website: <http://www.unime.it/dottoraidiricerca>.

The University administration has no responsibility in not being able to communicate with candidates because of erroneous and incomplete indications of residence or contact numbers by the applicant or because of late or no communication of changes, nor for any postal or telematic malfunctions not directly caused by the University administration. The false declarations in the enrolment application will mean the exclusion from the final list in order of merit, as well as, the sanctions that apply according to the penal code and the relevant special laws (President of the Republic Decree n. 445/2000, articles 75 and 76) and the immediate loss of any rights.

In the above case, the University administration will retrieve any benefits conceded to the candidate and all fees already paid will not be reimbursed. False declarations will bring to a legal action by the interested counterparts for compensation.

## Art. 8

### Incompatibility

Enrolment at Research Doctorate Courses is incompatible with the contemporary enrolment at any degree, specialization, *master* or any other Doctoral course in Italy or abroad.

Candidates who are enrolled at 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree courses are obliged to temporarily suspended their studies. Candidates who are enrolled at a School of specialization must also suspend their studies apart from the cases described in the following paragraph.

It is possible to combine the attendance of a Doctoral Course with that of a medical Specialization Course, and therefore have a reduction to a minimum of two years for the Doctoral Course according to the following general criteria:

- a) The candidate must be admitted to a Doctoral Course at the same University where he attends the medical School of Specialization

- b) A combined attendance of both Courses can be allowed during the last year of the School of Specialization but the Doctoral course must be compatible with the activities and the commitments of the School and after an official authorization by the Teaching Board of the School
- c) The Teaching Board of the Doctoral Course will decide on granting the request for a reduction after having examined the research activity already carried out during the Medical School Course and certified by the Teaching Board of the same School
- d) During the year of combined attendance of Courses the candidate can receive the scholarship for the Doctoral course.

The Teaching Board of the Doctoral course and the Board of the School of Specialization will arrange the manner of the combined attendance of both Courses.

## Art.9

### Fees and Scholarships

The Research Doctorate scholarships have the duration of one year and are renewed after a specific verification by the Teaching Board of the completion of the previous year's Course programme together with an evaluation of the research activities developed.

The above mentioned rules apply to the academic years after the first one, for the renewal of apprenticeship contracts and of any other form of financial support.

The rules in this article do not apply to holders of foreign scholarships or the recipients of financial support obtained within specific mobility programmes regulated by specific norms.

The whole annual amount of the scholarship, granted in monthly instalments, is equal to **€ 13.638, 47 gross, before social security contributions** that the Doctoral student must pay.

In order to benefit of the scholarship the Doctoral student must not have a personal annual income above € 15.000, 00 gross, according to the Academic Senate deliberation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2002

The value of the scholarship can be increased up to **50 %** of the amount for an overall period not longer than 18 months and not less than 15 days if the Doctoral student is authorized by the Teaching Board to carry out research activity abroad.

The requests for study activity abroad, duly authorized by the Teaching Board together with information regarding the place, the period of stay and the motivation, must be sent by the Doctoral Course Coordinator to the Research Doctorate Management's Office at least thirty days before leaving in order to draw up the relevant Rector's decree.

From the second year, each Doctoral student, in addition to his scholarship and subordinated to the financial resources of the University, is assured a budget for research activity in Italy and abroad, according to the type of Course, and in any case for an amount **not less than 10%** of the whole scholarship. If the Doctoral student has not a positive evaluation for the renewal of his scholarship or doesn't accept it, the amount not used will remain on the University budget for the same aims.

The Research Doctorate scholarship is subject to social security contributions that are paid for 2/3 of the amount by the University and 1/3 by the Doctoral student to the *Gestione Separata INPS*, according to the laws in force.

The University regulation, at the art. 12, par. 11, and abiding to the legislative Decree n. 68/2012, extends study rights also to Doctoral students that are assimilated as University students.

Candidates admitted to Research Doctorate Courses are obliged when they enroll each year to pay University fees and contributions for attendance to Courses, as deliberated by the Academic Organs.

The candidates admitted without a scholarship must pay the first instalment (deposit) of the enrolment fee of **€ 377,05**, which comprises the regional tax for study rights, and the second instalment (balance) by the date of 31<sup>st</sup> of July of each year.



Candidates admitted with a scholarship must pay for each year, university fees and the regional tax for study rights of the total amount of € 181,59.

#### Art.10

#### Attendance, withdrawal and renunciation

The attendance of doctoral students is compulsory and requires an exclusive full-time commitment.

It is the task of the Coordinator of the course to report the candidates that do not abide to attendance obligations to the administrative Offices of the Teaching Board, which can withdraw candidates from the Doctoral Course in case of:

- a) Negative evaluation of the annual activity
- b) Unjustified and prolonged absences
- c) Behavior in contrast with the rules on incompatibility as outlined in art.8 of this Announcement

In the case of withdrawal or loss of rights of a Doctoral student who has a scholarship, the student is not entitled to the sum that remains of his scholarship.

The Doctoral student, when admitted to the Course, can decline the scholarship grant by sending an official communication to the Rector of the University. In this case, though maintaining his status, he/she loses all rights to the scholarship and the whole or partial amount can be attributed under the same conditions and terms to the first entitled Doctoral student without a scholarship.

#### Art. 11

#### Rights and obligations of Doctoral students

Admission to the Doctoral course involves an exclusive full time commitment, as outline in art. 8 of this Announcement, apart from, the specific rules that concern the Doctoral courses in collaboration with firms, industrial Doctorates and apprenticeship Doctoral courses.

At the end of each year of the Course, the Doctoral student must submit to the Teaching Board a report on the research activity and the results that have been achieved, which, to the discretion of the Board can be supplemented with an oral presentation.

The Teaching Board decides the admission to the following years or to the final examination. A negative evaluation means an exclusion from the Course and loss of the scholarship if granted.

The Doctoral students, as part of their educational project, can, after being authorized by the Teaching Board and without an increase in the scholarship, do tutorship activity to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle Degree courses, as well as, any integrated didactic activity within the limit of 40 hours in one academic year. The Doctoral students of the medical Area can carry out clinical activity.

After the third year the limit is not applied. The doctoral students, authorized by the Teaching Board, can carry out activities at Universities and research Institute in Italy and abroad

Public service employees that are admitted to Doctoral courses can benefit, for the normal duration of the Course, of leave according to the National Collective Contracts regulations. All employees, under public law, with or without financial support, can benefit of leave for study purposes compatible with the Administration's needs and according to Art. 2 of the law 13<sup>th</sup> august 1984, n. 476 and subsequent integrations, only if they have enrolled for the first time at a Doctoral Course of any scientific area.

To all female Doctoral students the laws that concern maternity leave apply; according to the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (published in the Official Italian Government Gazette n. 247 of 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2007)

The University of Messina ensures all insurance coverage against accidents and civil liabilities for the whole duration of the course.

## **Art.12**

### **Attainment of the Research Doctorate**

The qualification of Research Doctorate, abbreviated with the inscription: “PhD”, is issued after a positive evaluation of a research thesis which is considered a positive contribution to the knowledge and the methodological advancement in the scientific field chosen

The Doctoral thesis, written in Italian or in English or in any other language authorized by the Teaching Board must have attached a summary either in Italian or in the English language. The thesis together with the Doctoral student’s report on the activities developed during the course and any contingent publications are evaluated by two high profile professors, even from foreign or external Institutions who have been involved in the issuing of the Doctoral qualification. They will from now on be denominated: “evaluators” and are designated by the Director of the Department where the Course was based.

The evaluators draw up a written analytical assessment on the thesis and propose a public discussion on it, or, if they retain it needs further integrations and corrections may defer assessment for not more than six months. After this period has lapsed, the thesis, is in any case admitted for a public discussion with the new remarks written by the evaluators, after having examined the corrections and integrations made

The public discussion is conducted in front an Examining committee designated, from proposals of the Teaching Board, by the Director of the Department where the Doctoral Course is based and is regulated by art.13, par. 3 and 4 of the University General Regulation.

At the end of the discussion, the thesis is approved or declined with a motivated written assessment by all members of the Committee. The Examining Committee, with an unanimous vote has the faculty to attribute the “cum laude” for theses of particular scientific achievement. The Committee draws up a report which comprises the detailed assessments on the theses submitted and the oral examination results.

Within thirty days from the discussion and approval of the thesis, the University deposits a copy of the thesis, in a digital version, at the Ministerial (MIUR) Data Bank for open access consultation. If authorized by the Teaching Board, parts of theses relating to industrial secrets can be rendered unavailable for public consultation according to regulation in force concerning patents. The Doctoral student can advance a motivated request of embargo of his/her thesis according to the rules outlined by the CRUI.

The University will care for the deposit of the thesis at the National Libraries of Rome and Florence.

The Research Doctorate title is granted by the Rector who, by request of the person concerned, will certify the qualification.

## **Art. 13**

### **The treatment of personal data**

According to the legislative Decree n. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and integrations, the University is obliged to respect the private nature of the information submitted by the candidate. By abiding to the relevant laws in force, all data submitted will be treated for the purpose of selection procedures and for the management of the Doctoral student’s career.

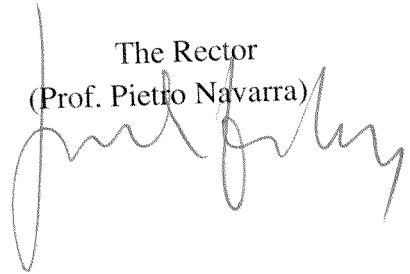
## Art. 14

### Final norms

For anything not stated in this Announcement, the regulations contained in art. 19 of the law n. 240/2010, the Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013, the University of Messina's regulation concerning Research Doctorates and other laws in force apply.

This Decree, written both in Italian and in English, will be published in the Official Italian Government Gazette – 4<sup>th</sup> special series, on the on-line notice board of the University, on the EU websites of Euroaxess, the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and on the University's website at the address: <http://www.unime.it/dottoratidricerca>.

The Rector  
(Prof. Pietro Navarra)

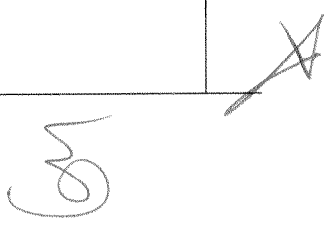


The person in charge of Administrative procedures  
Dott.ssa Grazia De Tuzza



Doctoral Course	Type of degree Required*	Selection Procedures by qualifications and examinations (Regarding the points relevant to qualifications and examination: see art. 5 of the announcement)	Total Available places	Places with scholarship	Places without scholarships	Note
<p><b>Archaeological and Ancient Historical Sciences</b></p>	<p>LM-2 - Archeologia; LM-11 Scienze per la conservazione dei beni culturali; LM-15 Filologia, letterature e storia dell'antichità; LM-84 Scienze storiche; 2/S (specialistiche in Archeologia); 15/S (specialistiche in filologia e letterature dell'antichità); 24/S (specialistiche in informatica per le discipline umanistiche) 93/S (specialistiche in storia antica)</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> <li>- Research project (see note)</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</li> </ul>	9	6 (3 University of Messina and 3 University of Palermo)	3	<p>During the oral examination the research project proposed by the candidate will be discussed in reference to the relevant bibliographic sources</p>

2	<b>Philosophy</b>	All Second Cycle Degree Courses	<b>Evaluation of qualifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul>	9	6 (3 UNIME and 3 UNIPA)	3
3	<b>Chemistry and Engineering of Materials and Constructions</b>	All Second Cycle Degree Courses	<b>Evaluation of qualifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <b>Oral Examination</b>	6	4 UNIME	2
			<b>Oral Examination</b> Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate			<b>For foreign students</b> The oral examination can be taken in the English language



			<p>For foreign students knowledge of the Italian or the English language is required</p>			
4	<p><b>Veterinary Sciences</b>  <b>Curricula:</b>  <b>1) Applied Morphophysiology and Biotechnologies</b>  <b>2) Public Veterinary Health and Food Safety</b>  <b>3) Clinical Veterinary Sciences</b></p>	<p><b>LM-6</b> Biologia;  <b>LM-9</b> Biotecnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche;  <b>LM-42</b> Medicina veterinaria;  <b>LM-69</b> Scienze e tecnologie agrarie;  <b>LM-70</b> Scienze e tecnologie alimentari;  <b>LM-86</b> Scienze zootecniche e tecnologie animali;  <b>6/S</b> (specialistiche in biologia)  <b>7/S</b> (specialistiche in biotecnologie agrarie)  <b>9/S</b> (specialistiche in biotecnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche)  <b>47/S</b> (specialistiche in medicina veterinaria)  <b>77/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agrarie)  <b>78/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agroalimentari)  <b>79/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agrozootecniche)</p> <p><b>For foreign students is required</b>  University degrees relevant to the doctoral course programme and knowledge of the English language</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Written Examination</b>  Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p> <p><b>For the students graduated abroad the examination consists in:</b></p> <p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b>  Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	9	6 UNIME	3

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<p><b>Applied Biology and Experimental Medicine</b>  <b>Curricula:</b>  1) Experimental Medicine  2) Biological and Environmental Sciences  3) Pharmaceutical Sciences</p>	<p>All Second Cycle Degree Courses</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b>  Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>8 UNIME</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p><b>Legal Sciences</b>  <b>Curricula:</b>  1) Roman Law Fundamentals, History and Philosophy of law and of Political Institution  2) Civil law. Individual and the market in the era of complexity  3) European Law regarding Property, Contracts and Responsibilities  4) Contracts, Transportation and International</p>	<p>laurea in giurisprudenza ( <i>V.O.</i> )  LMG/ 01 Classe delle lauree magistrali in Giurisprudenza  22/S (specialistiche in giurisprudenza)</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Written Examination</b>  Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p> <p>For the students graduated abroad the examination consists in:  <b>Evaluation of qualifications</b>  - Degree mark</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>6 UNIME</p>	<p>3</p>	

<p>Commerce</p> <p>5) Enterprise, Society and Regulation of the Market</p> <p>6) Legal Order Relationships and Protection of Fundamental Rights</p> <p>7) Penal law and personal rights in national, comparative, European and International Law: substantial and trial profiles</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p>Oral Examination in the English Language</p>				
<p><b>Cognitive Sciences</b></p> <p><u>Curricula:</u></p> <p>1)Philosophy of Language, Bioethics and Developmental Psychology</p> <p>2) Philosophy of the Mind, Cognitive Psychology and Pedagogy</p> <p>3) Artificial Intelligence, Theories and Technologies of Media and Performing Arts</p>	<p>All Second Cycle Degree Courses</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b></p> <p>Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>6 UNIME</p>	<p>3</p>	

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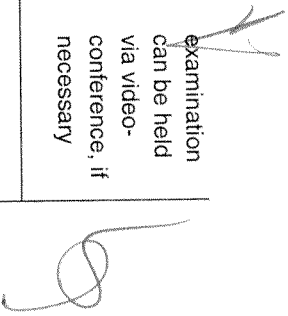
8	<p><b>History and Philology</b> <u>Curricula:</u></p> <p><b>1) Ancient and Modern Philology</b></p> <p><b>2) History and Geography from Middle Ages to the Contemporary Era</b></p>	<p><b>LM-5</b> Archivistica e biblioteconomia; <b>LM-11</b> Scienze per la conservazione dei beni culturali, <b>LM-14</b> Filologia moderna; <b>LM-15</b> Filologia, letterature e storia dell'antichità; <b>LM-39</b> Linguistica <b>LM-62</b> Scienze della politica; <b>LM-64</b> Scienze delle religioni; <b>LM-80</b> Scienze geografiche; <b>LM- 84</b> Scienze storiche; <b>LM-14</b> Filologia moderna (abilitazione A043); <b>LM-37</b> Lingue e letterature moderne europee e americane (abilitazione A045); <b>5/S</b> (specialistiche in Archivistica e biblioteconomia ); <b>15/S</b> (specialistiche in filologia e letterature dell'antichità), <b>16/S</b> (specialistiche in filologia moderna); <b>40/S</b> (specialistiche in lingua e cultura italiana), <b>44/S</b> (specialistiche in linguistica); <b>70/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze della politica); <b>72/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze delle religioni); <b>94/S</b> (specialistiche in storia contemporanea); <b>97/S</b> (specialistiche in storia medievale), <b>98/S</b> (specialistiche in storia moderna); <b>99/S</b> (specialistiche in studi europei).</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publication</li> <li>- Written research project (<b>see note</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b> Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	8	5 UNIME	3	<p><b>Structure of the research project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-General introduction on the state of the arts in a field chosen by the candidate among the Doctoral research areas (max 4.000 words)</li> <li>-Description of objectives</li> <li>-Description of methods ( procedures and data analysis)</li> <li>-Prediction of results with an evaluation of the theoretical and/or the applied implications</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Economics Methods</b> <u>Curricula</u></p> <p><b>1)Management and</b></p>	<p>All Second Cycle Degree Courses <b>(See note 1)</b></p> <p><b>For foreign students:</b> University degree (min. 4 year course) or a specialist/master's degree (3+2)</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul>	23	6 UNIME + 9 convention (UNIPA, UNICT , UNICZ)	8	<p><b>1) The Teaching Board may ask candidates who have</b></p>

<p>Economics Methods of Organizations and of Public Policies</p> <p>2) Markets, Enterprise and competitiveness</p> <p>3) Statistical models for decision making</p>	<p>(year course)</p>	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> <li>- Reference Letters</li> <li>- (See note 2) research project</li> <li>- (See note 3)</li> </ul> <p>Oral Examination in English Language (see note 4)</p>			<p>obtained a degree in areas with a limited amount of subjects in the Economic field to integrate his/her curriculum with specific subjects.</p> <p>2) it is required that the candidate attaches to his application for selection two reference letters of university professors</p> <p>3) it is required that the candidate attaches a research project (max. 1000 words) on the subject he/she wishes to dwell upon during the course. In it, he/she must outline the scientific problem they wish to challenge</p> <p>4) this</p>
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10	<b>Clinical and Experimental Biomedical Sciences</b>	<p><b>LM-6</b> Biologia;</p> <p><b>LM-9</b> Biotechnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche;</p> <p><b>LM-13</b> Farmacia e farmacia industriale;</p> <p><b>LM-41</b> Medicina e chirurgia;</p> <p><b>LM-42</b> Medicina veterinaria;</p> <p><b>LM-46</b> Odontoiatria e protesi dentaria;</p> <p><b>LM-51</b> Psicologia;</p> <p><b>For Foreign students:</b> The equivalence of the university degree of foreign students (university degree (min. 4 year course or a specialist/master's degree ,3+2 year course) will be evaluated by Examining Commission</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b> Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	9	6 UNIME	3	
11	<b>Biotechnology Medical and Surgical</b>	<p><b>LM-6</b> Biologia;</p> <p><b>LM-9</b> Biotechnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche;</p> <p><b>LM-41</b> Medicina e chirurgia;</p> <p><b>LM-42</b> Medicina Veterinaria.</p> <p><b>For foreign students</b> The equivalence of the university degree of foreign students (university degree (min. 4 year course or a specialist/master's degree ,3+2 year course) will be evaluated by Examining Commission</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral Examination</b> Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	9	6 UNIME	3	

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12	<b>Physics</b>  <b>LM-6</b> Biologia; <b>LM-8</b> Biotecnologie industriali; <b>LM-11</b> Scienze per la conservazione dei beni culturali; <b>LM-17</b> Fisica; <b>LM-18</b> Informatica; <b>LM-20</b> Ingegneria aerospaziale e astronautica; <b>LM-21</b> Ingegneria biomedica; <b>LM-22</b> Ingegneria chimica; <b>LM-27</b> Ingegneria delle telecomunicazioni; <b>LM-28</b> Ingegneria elettrica; <b>LM-29</b> Ingegneria elettronica; <b>LM-30</b> Ingegneria energetica e nucleare; <b>LM-32</b> Ingegneria informatica; <b>LM-33</b> Ingegneria meccanica; <b>LM-40</b> matematica; <b>LM-44</b> modellistica matematico-fisica per l'ingegneria; <b>LM-53</b> Scienza e ingegneria dei materiali; <b>LM-54</b> Scienze chimiche; <b>LM-71</b> Scienze e tecnologie della chimica industriale; <b>LM-74</b> Scienze e tecnologie geologiche; <b>LM-75</b> Scienze e tecnologie per l'ambiente ed il territorio; <b>LM-79</b> Scienza geofisiche; <b>6/S</b> (specialistiche in biologia); <b>8/S</b> (specialistiche in biotecnologie industriali); <b>20/S</b> (specialistiche in fisica); <b>23/S</b> (specialistiche in informatica); <b>26/S</b> (specialistiche in ingegneria biomedica); <b>27/S</b> (specialistiche in ingegneria chimica); <b>30/S</b> (specialistica in ingegneria delle telecomunicazioni); <b>32/S</b> (specialistiche in ingegneria elettronica); <b>33/S</b> (specialistica in ingegneria energetica e nucleare); <b>35/S</b> (specialistiche in ingegneria	<b>Evaluation of qualifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <b>Oral Examination</b> Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate	6	4 UNIME (of which one place according to art. 3)	2	Second Cycle, specialist and old university Degrees in the following major sections: <b>Area 01</b> - Mathematics and computer sciences <b>Area 02</b> -Physical sciences <b>Area 03</b> -Chemical sciences <b>Area 04</b> -Earth sciences <b>Area 05</b> -Biological sciences <b>Area 09</b> -Industrial engineering and information sciences
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		<p>informatica);  <b>36/S</b> (specialistiche in ingegneria meccanica);  <b>45/S</b> (specialistiche in matematica);  <b>50/S</b> (specialistiche in modellistica matematico-fisica per l'ingegneria);  <b>61/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze e ingegneria dei materiali);  <b>62/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze chimiche);  <b>68/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze della natura);  <b>81/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie della chimica industriale);  <b>85/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze geofisiche);  <b>86/S</b> (specialistiche in scienze geologiche).</p> <p>The equivalence of the university degree of foreign students (university degree (min. 4 year course or a specialist/master's degree, 3+2 year course) will be evaluated by Examining Commission  <b>(See the note)</b></p>					
13	<p><b>Chemical Sciences Curricula:</b></p> <p>1) Engineering, synthesis, analysis and the properties of molecular systems.  2) Pharmaceutical and Nutritional food Chemistry and Technology</p>	<p>All Second Cycle Degree Courses</p> <p><b>For all foreign students</b>  If the degree has been obtained abroad, the student must request the recognition of the qualification to the Examining Committee only for admission purposes to the doctoral course</p>	<p><b>Evaluation of qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree mark</li> <li>- Final Thesis</li> <li>- Evaluation of degree course examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Written Examination (See note)</b>  Assessment of knowledge of the English language and/or other official EU Languages indicated by the candidate</p>	9	6 UNIME (of which 1 scholarship assigned from XXVIII Cycle doctoral course)	3	<p>The foreign students will be able to take exams in English Language. In this case the foreign students do not have to take the Language Exam</p>