



## **PhD (Law) 2017/2018**

Monday, 2 October, at 3 pm  
Room 007

Dear Students,

According to our calendar, available online at

[http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/9896\\_1718\\_en.pdf](http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/9896_1718_en.pdf) (English)

<http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/11608.pdf> (Portuguese),

We will have our first session of the PhD (Law) Course this coming Monday, 2 October, at 3 pm. Classes will start that same day at 4.30 pm.

Check classes schedule at:

<http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/11769.pdf>

We wish you a happy and rewarding stay with us at NOVA School of Law, or NOVA Direito, often referred to as 'FDUNL', the acronym of its official Portuguese name (*Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa*).

Most of the information you will need is online, but we shall always be available to help with any queries.

Please have a look at FAQ online at:

<http://web.fd.unl.pt/index.php/en/faq> (English)

<http://web.fd.unl.pt/index.php/pt/faqs> (Portuguese)

A brief reminder of the structure of the Course (=Programme):

«The Programme is divided into two stages. The first stage includes all its taught courses. It is composed of three semesters. During the first semester the following mandatory courses are offered: (i) Law and Society (10 ECTS); and (ii) Jurisprudence (10 ECTS). During the second semester: (iii) Methodologies of Legal Analysis (10 ECTS). One of the two following courses must be completed by all students: (iv) Comparative Private Law

(10 ECTS); and (v) Comparative Public Law (10 ECTS). Students must also complete one of the following optional annual courses: (vi) European Law; (vii) International Law; (viii) Criminal Law; (ix) Private Law; (x) Public Law; and (xi) Law of Civil Procedure (20 ECTS). Finally, all students must enrol in the course on Methodology of Legal Research (8 ECTS).

At the beginning of the third semester, students who have successfully completed all courses with an average grade of 16/20 or higher are asked to submit an application to the Scientific Council asking for its approval of their individual research plan and of their choice of supervisor(s). Students must present an oral communication (10 ECTS) at Nova Law School's Permanent Seminar on the State and Study of the Law (known by its Portuguese acronym SPEED). This is an open forum aimed at providing the wider scientific community with an opportunity to share and discuss ideas and on-going research projects. Towards the end of this semester, students must submit and publicly discuss their dissertation project before a panel of evaluators (20 ECTS). This is a crucial point in all students' progression, where they must prove that they are capable of carrying out advanced research, that the subject of the dissertation and the manner of its treatment proposed are acceptable, and that his or her project is coherent and susceptible of being implemented by the candidate within the timeframe of the Programme.

The second stage of the Programme will last up to five semesters. During this stage all students must focus on their research and on the writing of their dissertation. Throughout this stage they will benefit from the continued guidance of their supervisor(s). This stage ends with the submittal and public discussion of the dissertation before a panel of evaluators. Successful completion of this stage will grant students an additional 142 ECTS and a PhD degree.»

**NB:** Please check topics of seminars at <http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/11834.pdf>

Remember that you have to choose one of the optional annual courses (European Law; International Law; Criminal Law; Private Law; Public Law; and Law of Civil Procedure).

Classes will run 2 Oct – 15 Dec (first semester) and 15 Feb – 18 May (second semester)

*We will have Portuguese and non Portuguese speaking Students who have enrolled in our PhD Programme. Some seminars will therefore take place in English, but Students will be able to write their papers (and theses) in Portuguese or English, in any case.*

We count on our dedicated staff, in particular Ms Inês Braga ([ines.braga@fd.unl.pt](mailto:ines.braga@fd.unl.pt)) Ms Manuela Guerreiro ('Divisão Académica', [mmg@fd.unl.pt](mailto:mmg@fd.unl.pt)) and Ms. Rosa Barbosa ('Extensão Universitária', aka 'International Exchange Programmes' [rosa.barbosa@fd.unl.pt](mailto:rosa.barbosa@fd.unl.pt)) to help us with the tasks and 'chores' that await us.

You can use the following address for any queries relating to the Programme: [doutoramento@fd.unl.pt](mailto:doutoramento@fd.unl.pt) but make sure you always c/c Inês Braga [ines.braga@fd.unl.pt](mailto:ines.braga@fd.unl.pt)

We will adapt and see the best way to accommodate both groups, trying to make your stay with us a pleasant and academically fruitful period of your lives.

WELCOME to NOVA Direito.

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*Lisboa e Universidade Nova (Campolide), 27 September 2017*