

3RD CYCLE STUDY PROGRAMME - DOCTORATE

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

STUDY PLAN (2025-2026)

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The 3-year Programme (180 ECTS) is structured as follows: The 1st year is divided into trimesters, focusing on the teaching component. The 2nd and 3rd years are dedicated to research development and thesis writing, accompanied by a Research Seminar.

The teaching component of the doctoral program provides solid training in research methodology and the analysis of conceptual and analytical frameworks in the theory and practice of Management. This training helps doctoral students identify and develop relevant themes for advancing knowledge in this area.

Curricular Units					
1st year					
1st trimester	ECTS	2nd trimester	ECTS	3rd trimester	ECTS
Research Methodology *	6	Data Analysis	8	Thesis Project *	14
Statistical Methods *	8	Applied Research in Management	6	Doctoral Seminars in Management *	6
New Developments in Management I	6	New Developments in Management II *	6		
2nd and 3rd year					
		Research Seminar ¹			10
		Thesis ²			110

* If there are foreign students, these course units will be taught in English.

¹ **Research Seminar:** Multiannual curricular unit (2nd and 3rd years) to accompany the Thesis, consisting of 10 ECTS (5 ECTS in the 2nd year + 5 ECTS in the 3rd year).

² **Thesis:** Multiannual curricular unit (2nd and 3rd years), composed of 110 ECTS (55 ECTS in the 2nd year + 55 ECTS in the 3rd year).

Students may only enroll in the Thesis and Research Seminar if they have obtained a minimum average grade of 14 (out of 20) in all the course units of the taught component.

At the end of the first academic year, upon request of interested parties, an **Advanced Specialization Diploma** may be awarded to students who have obtained full success (60 ECTS) in the curricular part of the Program (1st, 2nd and 3rd trimesters).