

## INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN ASKING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

### Previous approach

- As essential premise, it has to be considered that the doctoral programme corresponds to a 4 level QF-EHEA (Qualifications Frameworks in the Spanish Higher Education). It is understood that, after the restructuring of the Spanish education system, the regulated training corresponds to the postgraduate studies and is taught in the 3 level (master's degree), so the activities carried out in the 4 level (doctoral studies) have a different content, strongly related both to basic and applied research. As the RD 99/2011, which regulates the doctoral studies in our country, claims, the fundamental component of the doctoral training is the advance of the scientific knowledge through the «original research.» Furthermore, it is considered that in this third cycle the participants in doctoral programmes are not just students, but also trainee researchers. The designation «training activities» may not be very fortunate, it follows actually a joint of actions and events that constitute as support for the doctoral students within their research activity, which relates to the elaboration of doctoral thesis. Thus, the «training activities» are, indeed, «activities related to research». This way they are evaluated by the Academic Committee when valuating the recognition urged by doctoral students within their doctoral academic record.

Therefore, if not a few exceptions that the Committee may deem within their scope of discretionary decision, the corresponding training activities or related to other MECES levels (specially 2 –degree– and 3 –master's degree) and to their equivalents in the Qualifications Frameworks for higher education of third countries are not valuated as valid for their recognition. In this case are the people who have obtained, by a Ministerial decision, a 3 level recognition for their *licenciatura* (former Spanish undergraduate degree) title (see, for example, the 14 September 2015 resolution, of the General Directorate of University Policy, by which the Agreement of the Cabinet of 4 September 2015, by which is determined the level of the match to the Qualifications Frameworks

in the Spanish Higher Education in the Official University Degree in Law, BOE 2 October 2015).

### **Specific activities of the programme:**

- Master class seminars: it is meant by that the conferences (national or international), events, symposiums, etc. of general nature and with plurality of speakers organised by universities, research centres, public or private entities that periodically develop activities related to research, etc. The Committee, when estimating or not the requested recognition, values the relation between the topic of the master class seminar and the research line chosen by doctoral students, even though, given the general nature of the activity, it can act with some flexibility. Generally, the Committee rejects the recognition of training courses (of introduction, recycling, updating...) that are taught by public or private institutions (professional associations, chambers of commerce, all kinds of associations...) and usually take the format of one or several speakers that teach, following the master class model, training contents related to one or several subjects.

- Seminars of the research groups: it is meant by that the conferences or seminars of specialised content organised by universities, research centres, public or private entities that periodically develop activities related to research, etc. When estimating or not the requested recognition, the Committee particularly considers the relation between the topic of the seminar and the research line chosen by doctoral students, as well as the participation of the applicant and the activity having the support or collaboration of an autonomic, national or international R&D research project.

- Doctoral conferences: due to the nature of this activity, it is unlikely to be recognised. Nevertheless, in the cases in which the carried out activity presents a high-affinity with its content (as the case of the PEPP programme, sponsored by the Faculty of Law, and in which doctoral students carry out an interchange with students of other foreign programmes within a mobility activity), the recognition before the committee may be requested.

### **Cross-disciplinary activities:**

- The writing of scientific articles: this activity may be recognised when the interested people credit having published scientific articles in prestigious journals, book chapters or monographs in renowned publishing houses;

likewise, the recognition may be requested when they have participated in courses, workshops or seminars with the same contents and purpose.

- Strategies for employability. - Curricular analysis and selection processes: this activity may be recognised when the interested people credit previous employment experience; likewise, the recognition may be requested when they have participated in courses, workshops or seminars with the same contents and purpose.

- The transfer of researching results: people interested may request the recognition of this activity after having participated (also as a speaker) in courses, workshops or seminars with the same contents and purpose, as well as in characteristic activities in the transfer (agreements signed through an OTRI –Office of Research Results–, management of institutional chairs, etc.).

### **Procedure:**

Having been admitted to the doctoral programme, if a student considers that some of the training activities planned for the programme are equivalent to any other similar courses or activities carried out before, the student may request the programme's Academic Committee to incorporate it to the yearly monitoring report.

The request may be downloaded by referring to:

<https://links.uv.es/SP6ST0D>

You may submit the application said application within the period established by the commission for that purpose. The application must be accompanied by the corresponding supporting documentation.

In this last case, the Committee may ask the student to present the original documents in order to check their authenticity.

The request must clearly include the activity carried out by the student, and - in parallel- the box corresponding to the specific activity within the doctoral

programme whose recognition is being requested must also be filled. Generic requests which do not specify this aspect will not be admitted because the Committee holds the power to vary the allocation of an activity to a concrete one in the programme when an error is found along the request.

In any case, the recognition request must be accompanied by the necessary documentation: certificates, congress programmes, sessions, symposiums, etc.

In case the programme for the activities whose recognition is being requested is not presented, or in case the certificate does not specify the activity's total number of hours, the Committee will apply a specific rating scale to count such hours; a rating which was approved in the meeting held on 23 April 2015, and which consists on the recognition of 5 hours per day.

Given the great number of students taking the doctoral programmes in Law, Political Sciences and Criminology, the Academic Committee will only accept one recognition request per student and per year, during a period fixed for each academic year. Hence, it is especially important to clearly specify all the activities to be recognized in the request.

Against the resolution finally adopted by the Academic Committee of the program, a complaint may be submitted to the Committee itself, through the electronic office or by email to the address [doctorado.derecho@uv.es](mailto:doctorado.derecho@uv.es), within five days following the communication of said resolution.