



Drisca Sapientia Institute

Ph.D. Program Regulations

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Dermatology and Venereology

Article 1 – Program Objectives

This Ph.D. program is designed to train highly qualified researchers in the field of dermatology and venereology. The curriculum spans three academic years (180 ECTS) and includes theoretical coursework, clinical specialization, supervised research, and the writing and defense of an original doctoral dissertation.

Article 2 – Duration and Structure

- **Duration:** 3 years (6 semesters)
 - **Total Credits:** 180 ECTS
 - **Language of Instruction:** English
 - **Delivery Mode:** Online or Blended
 - **Program Components:**
 - Core theoretical and advanced modules
 - Optional specialization courses
 - Supervised scientific research
 - Final dissertation and defense
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Article 3 – Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must:

- Hold a **Master's degree in Medicine** or a related health field (EQF Level 7)
- Demonstrate **English proficiency** (minimum B2 CEFR level – TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent)
- Submit a **CV, personal statement, and preliminary research proposal**
- (Optional) Have professional or clinical experience in dermatology, which will be positively considered

Article 4 – Academic Commitments

- Participation in academic and research activities is mandatory, unless asynchronous online mode applies
- Each candidate will be assigned a faculty supervisor during the second year
- Failure to meet deadlines or complete academic milestones may result in suspension or dismissal from the program

Article 5 – Doctoral Dissertation

- Candidates must submit an **original dissertation** in English (minimum 40,000 words), based on an approved research project
- The dissertation must include: introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion
- The **final defense** will be conducted online or in person before an **international academic committee**, and will be recorded

Article 6 – Evaluation and Credit Allocation

- ECTS credits are awarded upon successful completion of each module or activity as outlined in the study plan
- Research activities and the dissertation account for 90 ECTS (50% of the program)
- Evaluation is based on exams, written reports, seminar participation, publications, and final defense

Article 7 – Scientific Publication

- Candidates are required to **publish at least one peer-reviewed scientific article** in English prior to the final defense
 - The article may be co-authored with the supervisor and must align with the dissertation topic
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Article 8 – Degree Awarded

Upon successful completion of the program and defense, the following title will be awarded:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Dermatology and Venereology

A third-cycle academic qualification corresponding to **EQF Level 8**

Article 9 – Tuition and Scholarships

- **Total Tuition Fee:** € 9000 euro
- Payment plans available (annual or per semester)
- **Partial scholarships** are available for merit-based or institutional partner candidates

Article 10 – Amendments and Updates

- These regulations may be updated annually by the Academic Board of the Ph.D. program
- Any changes will be communicated to enrolled candidates with at least 30 days' notice



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