

DOCTORAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Official doctoral studies are structured into programmes, so, in order to obtain a PhD, candidates must successfully complete a doctoral programme. Each programme is planned, designed and coordinated by an Academic Committee, which is responsible for the training and research activities which integrate the programme. PhD studies have a maximum duration of three years of full-time study, and five years on part-time basis. The Academic Committee in charge of the programme may authorise an extension of two additional years. PhD candidates must write, submit and defend a Doctoral thesis, an original research project which requires a defence, in public session, in front of a board of examiners who are in charge of its evaluation.

Admission calendar

- **Deadline to submit applications for admission to the academic committee of the programme:** From early to mid-September.
- **Period for the PhD academic committee to decide on admission applications:** Until mid-October.
- **Enrolment:** Until the end of October.

Students admitted to this first enrolment period should register by the end of October and will not be able to enrol in the February term.

A **second deadline for admission** and enrolment is provided in case there are vacancies in the requested programme.

Admission requirements

Students with qualifications obtained in higher education systems in EHEA countries.

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, and a Master's degree, or equivalent, provided they have completed at least 300 ECTS credits in the two types of programmes as a whole. Candidates with a previously awarded PhD may also apply.

In addition, admission may also be granted to those holding:

- 1) A diploma leading to admission into a Master's Degree programme, issued by a Spanish university or by a higher education institution within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA); or applicants who have completed at least 300 ECTS credits of official university education, 60 of which must belong to a Master's degree programme.
- 2) An official qualification of at least 300 ECTS credits, awarded by a Spanish university. The curriculum of these programmes must include training and research credits equivalent to those offered in Master's degree programmes. If this requirement is not met, applicants must compulsorily pass the specific training units and programme components required for admission into a PhD programme.
- 3) A position in specialised health training by means of an entrance examination, provided that the candidate has already spent at least two years training in a programme leading to an official degree in any of the specialised branches of Health Sciences.
- 4) A qualification from a foreign country, as the universities certify that the programme provides equivalent training to that offered in a Spanish university Master's Degree programme and that the degree is also a pre-requisite for access to PhD studies in the country awarding the degree.
- 5) An official university degree corresponding to Level 3 of the Spanish Qualifications Framework for Higher Education.

From outside the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

For those in possession of an official degree from a higher education institution outside the European Higher Education Area there will be no initial requirement to apply for official approval of the degree certificate. The UVa will determine if the foreign degree is equivalent to an official master's degree in Spain and permits access to doctoral programmes in their home country.

At the time of registration, the documentation must be legalized through diplomatic channels. All documents issued in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish.

Admission documentation

All the information on this web address:

www.escueladoctorado.uva.es





Health Sciences

- Doctorate in Vision Science
- Doctorate in Biomedical Research
- Doctorate in Health Science Research

Sciences

- Physics
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Chemistry: Synthesis Chemistry, Catalysis and Advanced Materials

Social and Legal Sciences

- Business Economics
- Law
- Economics
- Transdisciplinary Research in Education

Engineering and Architecture

- Architecture
- Agricultural and Biosystems Science and Engineering
- Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Systems
- Oenology, Viticulture and Sustainability
- Informatics
- Industrial Engineering
- Chemical and Environmental Engineering
- Fluid Thermodynamics Engineering
- Information and Telecommunication Technologies

Arts and Humanities

- Spanish: Linguistics, Literature and Communication
- Advanced English Studies: Languages and Cultures In Contact
- Europe and The Atlantic World: Power, Culture and Society
- Philosophy
- Logic and Philosophy of Science
- Musicology
- Cultural and Natural Heritage. History, Art and Territory
- Texts from Classical Antiquity and Their Survival
- Translation Studies, Professional and Audiovisual Translation

Master's Degrees in Research

- Degree in Physics
- Degree in Biomedical Research
- Degree in Research in Business Administration and Economics
- Degree in Vision Science Research
- Degree in Logic and Philosophy of Science
- Degree in Nanoscience and Molecular Nanotechnology
- Degree in Industrial Synthetic Chemistry

Research production at UVA in figures

Academic Research Institutes 12

Research Groups 176

- Arts and Humanities 36
- Engineering and Architecture 47
- Health Sciences 19
- Sciences 42
- Social and Legal Sciences 32

Laboratories and Research Centres 18

Researchers 2,595

Publications 64,012

Defended Theses 4,778

Funded Research Projects 16,119

Research Contracts 1,121,318

Spin-offs 13

Income in Research 13,361,504€

Conferences 8,863

Patents 217

PhD Students 1,431

Defended Theses per year 150