



**Final Evaluation Report on the request for
Doctorate Programme Verification**

Programme Denomination	Doctorate Programme in Law, University of Cádiz (5601359)
University	University of Cádiz
University participant	
Centre	Doctoral School, University of Cádiz

The Andalusian Knowledge Agency Direction for Evaluation and Accreditation (AAC-DEVA), has evaluated the doctorate programme leading to the aforementioned university official degree, in accordance with the provisions in RD 861/2010, July, 2, which modifies RD 1393/2007, October, 29, regulating official education, with the peculiarities included in RD 99/2011, January, 28, regulating doctoral official education.

The plan of studies evaluation has been conducted by the Doctoral Evaluation Commission, formed by academic and professional experts, and students. Where applicable, external experts participated in this evaluation by providing additional reports.

The Evaluation Commission has evaluated the Doctorate Programme according to the criteria included in the support Guide for writing up the official doctorate programmes reports.

In accordance with the legally established procedure, expired the allegation process by the University, la doctoral Commission, met in ordinary session, issued a FAVOURABLE evaluation report.

Nevertheless, as a result of the evaluation, the university must take into account the recommendations provided in this report for the programme implementation.

Criterion I. Doctorate Programme Description

The doctorate programme describes basic data such as denomination, participant and partner institutions, doctoral school to integrate, and the existence of collaborating and supporting networks.

The number of places offered to new students is justified. It is also indicated the breakdown of places according to dedication (full and part time), in accordance with applicable law.

As far as collaborations is concerned, three entities are included in the section "collaborations with agreement", providing supporting letters of these institutions. On this matter, the University must start without delay the procedures for signing the aforementioned agreements, in any case, before the Degree activities began.



It is recommended additionally to expand collaboration within other professional Law sectors such as public notaries, registrars, auditors, barristers, public prosecutors, General Council of the Judiciary, etc.

It is recommended to activate, through a link on the doctorate programme website, a link with enough visibility for the interested groups, facilitating the search for collaboration agreements on thesis co-tutoring, research stays, grants and scholarships, particularly those ones regarding the following universities: Universidad Nacional del Sur, Universidad Marítima Internacional de Panamá, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua, Universidad de Cartagena y Universidad de Santa Catarina, as well as the Erasmus agreements specifically planned for doctorate programme students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended to expand the doctorate programme collaboration to other professional Law areas .

It is recommended to provide visibility to collaboration agreements through a public web space (collaboration agreements on thesis co-tutoring, research stays, grants and scholarships; Erasmus agreements specifically planned for doctorate programme students).

RECOMMENDATION FOR SPECIAL FOLLOW-UP

It is recommended to suscribe agreements referred to the letters of interest provided by the University in the section "collaborations with agreement".

Criterion II. Competences

The doctorate programme properly describes the competences acquired by students at the end of the programme. These competences comply with the requirements for the Degree award and the qualifications established in the framework of the European Higher Education Area. The competences included in the report are valuable.

Criterio III. Doctoral students admission and access

The doctorate programme access and admission system regulates and provides clear information to doctorate students on the different access procedures and admission criteria: it is properly reported the information on the students' admission and selection procedures. The detailed information is developed in accordance with RD 99/2011 and the University of Cádiz rules, –Regulation UCA GC06 2012.

Criterion IV. Educational Activities

The Doctorate Programme explains in detail ten educational activities on disciplinary and methodological knowledge (seminars, courses, workshops, etc.), transversal competences,



educational experiences (doctorate students sessions, national or international congresses, etc.) and its planning through the programme development. Planning and diversification are correct.

Additionally, it is specified whether the different educational activities require adaptation or modulation by part-time students, as well as for international stays (mobility actions).

Criterion V. Programme Organisation

Thesis supervision and doctoral students follow-up is taken into account for this doctorate programme. It is correctly described the procedure developed by the academic commission for tutor and thesis director designation, the monitoring procedure for the doctorate students activities follow-up and their data certification, the procedure for the Research Plan annual evaluation and the doctoral student activities document, regulations on doctoral theses defence and presentation, the estimate of doctoral students stays at other national and international education centres, co-tutoring and european mentions.

At URL <http://escueladoctoral.uca.es/normativa/> it is published and available the "Good Practices Guide" for doctoral theses direction applicable to the doctorate programme.

Criterion VI. Human Resources

The doctorate programme provides information on the research groups and teaching staff involved in the programme development; the mechanisms set up for external collaborations as well as the computer procedure for thesis tutoring and direction within teaching and research dedication of teaching staff.

The documentary evidence provided related to doctoral theses direction is adequate.

Within all lines of research there is an active research project in compliance with the corresponding legal requirement. Nevertheless, given the information provided, it is estimated that four out to nine lines of research active projects will expire in 2018, it is specially recommended to work harder on competitive projects acquisitions, to avoid unfulfilment concerning the requirements for the doctorate programme verification.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIAL FOLLOW-UP

It is recommended to work harder on competitive projects acquisitions to guarantee compliance with the legal requirement established.

Criterion VII. Available material and support resources for doctoral students

The UCA doctorate programme is taught in four campuses (Cádiz, Algeciras, Jerez de la Frontera and Puerto Real), providing all the material and support resources necessary for the programme development (library, supporting staff, facilities, research plans, etc.).



It is mentioned an agreement with Banco Santander with the aim of “helping to complete education, the research staff scientific and technical specialisation with a stay at an Ibero-American research centre or university different to the original country”.

"At the moment of writing this report, new relations with professional colleges and enterprises are setting up with the aim of signing new collaboration agreements, including, among others, aspects related to finance support, grants, scholarships and prizes, etc."

On the other hand, it is confirmed there are co-tutoring agreements with seven American universities. Therefore, it is reaffirmed the recommendation to provide a direct link to the agreements on the new website of the programme for convenient visibility.

Criterion VIII. Doctorate programme revision, improvement and outcomes

The doctorate programme SGC developed a procedure for follow-up, evaluation and quality assurance improvement, which allows supervision of the doctorate programme development.

Concerning the degree of satisfaction, a procedure for the analysis of the different stakeholders degree of satisfaction has been established. The doctorate programme SGC set up also a procedure for the learning outcomes evaluation and analysis; the systematics for suggestions and complaints collection and analysis.

The doctorate programme SGC has developed a proceeding to guarantee the implementation and outcomes of mobility programmes, specifying the estimated evaluation, follow-up and improvement actions, .

The doctorate programme SGC describes the procedure for providing periodical updated information, impartial and objective, qualitative and quantitative, on the doctorate programme.

The doctorate programme SGC describes a procedure to measure and analyse the doctoral students insertion in labour market.

The doctorate programme SGC describes a procedure to evaluate the degree of satisfaction concerning the education provided to graduate students, providing the method for data collection, as well the frequency.

Data related to employability estimations of doctoral students for three years after their thesis defence. It is estimated to survey all stakeholders involved on the degree of satisfaction, PDI and doctoral students, with the doctorate programme.

Concerning the “success rate”, or the programme outcomes estimate through predetermined indicators, the report provides an indicators estimate (expected outcomes) for 5 years following the programme implementation with the corresponding justification.



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