

1 ADMISSION CRITERIA

According with the Regulations' Programme, the Academic Committee uses seven evaluation criteria in the applicant selection process. The text below indicates the circumstances to be taken into consideration in this process:

1.1 Previous degree qualification (between 0 and 3 points), according to the following criteria:

- a) The applicant gets 3 points for holding UB master's degree in one of the following: "Derecho de la Empresa y de los Negocios"; "Abogacía"; "Análisis Política y Asesoría Institucional"; "Ciudadanía y Derechos Humanos"; "Criminología", "Política Criminal y Sociología jurídico-penal"; "Dirección de Empresas y Deporte"; "Dirección Estratégica de Seguridad y Policía"; "Estudios Jurídicos Avanzados"; "Gestión Cultural"; "Gestión Pública Avanzada"; "Gestión y Restauración del Medio Ambiente"; "Gestoría Administrativa"; "Internacionalización", y "Mediación en Conflictos".
- b) The applicant gets a score between 0 and 3 points for holding a master's degree offered in similar conditions to the degrees above in (a). The score depends on the specificity of their degree studies and the relevance of these to the Programme's lines of research.

Grading criteria

The applicant gets 3 points for holding another master's degree awarded by the UB Faculty of Law or the Spanish *Certificado de Suficiencia Investigadora*, or the Spanish *Diploma de Estudios Avanzados* (DEA), or an official qualification that is relevant to the Programme's main lines of research, approved in the Faculty's Strategic Research Plan:

1. Organization of power and territory
2. Institutional and financial governance
3. Fundamental rights and vulnerability
4. Global, digital and information society
5. Alternative Dispute Resolution
6. Typification, socialization and control of crime
7. Environmental justice and sustainable development
8. Gender and law

The applicant gets 2 points for holding a master's degree that is different to the above but involves studies in the subjects of law or political science, and when the subject of their research project is not addressed in one of the main lines of research.

The applicant gets 1 point in all other cases.

1.2 Academic record of a bachelor's degree or *llicenciatura*¹ degree that allows the student access (maximum of 4 points, depending on the student's average mark). The evaluator will consider the student's average mark in the scale from 0 to 4 divided by two or in the scale from 0 to 10 divided by 5. Where students come from universities outside Spain, correctors will be applied to these marks following the guidelines of the Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA).

The award of the points will be completed by the Secretary's Office responsible for the Programme. When

¹ **Translator's note.** In the Spanish system, the degree qualification *llicenciatura* (Catalan) or *licenciatura* (Spanish) is generally awarded for a 4- to 6-year course of study carrying a workload of between 300 and 400 credits and entitling the holder to have access to doctoral studies.

an applicant has studied more than one bachelor's degree or *llicenciatura* degree, the mark taken will be the highest average mark obtained by the student in any of those degrees.

1.3 Academic record of a master's degree (maximum of 4 points, depending on the student's average mark). The evaluator will consider the student's average mark in the scale from 0 to 4 divided by two or in the scale from 0 to 10 divided by 5. Where students come from universities outside Spain, correctors will be applied to these marks following the guidelines of the Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA).

The award of the points will be completed by the Secretary's Office responsible for the Programme. When an applicant has studied more than one bachelor's degree or *llicenciatura* degree, the mark taken will be the highest average mark obtained by the student in any of those degrees.

1.4 Letter of motivation, research proposal or letters of recommendation (maximum of 2 points).

The evaluators will favourably consider the following:

- a) The applicant's research proposal is registered in one of the Faculty's main lines of research.
- b) That the candidate's intention be to take the program on full dedication regime.

1.5 Curriculum (maximum of 4 points)

- a) The applicant gets 1 point for having research experience in one of the areas of theory and practice addressed by the Programme.
- b) The applicant gets 1 point for having work experience in one of the areas of theory and practice addressed by the Programme.
- c) The applicant gets 1 point for having authored publications, attended congresses or completed other such activities related to the Programme.
- d) The applicant gets 1 point for having received competitive grant to study the master's degree.

1.6 Obtaining a doctoral grant (3 points) or having applied for such a grant at the time of admission (1 point). This includes grants equivalent to the Government of Catalonia's grant for trainee researchers (*Beca de Formació de Personal Investigador*, or FI) and the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science's grant for trainee lecturers (*Beca de Formación de Profesorado Universitario*, or FPU); it also includes competitive grants awarded by systems in other countries.

1.7 Other academic merits (maximum of two points). These include stays abroad and proficiency in languages used in the area of law and political science, such as English, French, German, Italian, or Portuguese.

The evaluators will favourably consider the following:

- a) Official accreditation of Common European Framework Level B.2 in a language used for academic purposes that is not one of the official languages in Catalonia or the applicant's native language.
- b) Official accreditation of Common European Framework Level B.2 in Catalan or Spanish for applicants whose native language is not one of the official languages in Catalonia.
- c) Stays for the purposes of study or research outside the applicant's home country, for periods equivalent to one academic year or longer.