

**Doctoral Program for the Spring Semester of 2010/2011 Academic Year at the Faculty of
Law of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University**

I. Name of the doctoral program – Jurisprudence

II. Awarded academic degree – PhD in Law

III. Program supervisor – Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law – Paata Turava

IV. Description of the Doctoral Program

1) Aim of the Program

PhD in law is a disciplinary doctoral program that aims to research public, private, criminal and international law, law methods and theoretical and practical aspects of the science of law history, law science. Furthermore, the program objective is to teach law science and legal reasoning as well as the existing legal systems, to help students identify weak points of the legal systems and develop relevant proposals.

The program equips the graduates with the necessary skills, which will enable them to expand their knowledge and use innovative methods. Graduates will be able to develop their legal reasoning academically, to enhance their knowledge and put theory in practice.

2) Program Outcome

a) Graduates of the doctoral program in law will have the knowledge based on the latest achievements of public, private, criminal and international law, law methods and history of law, which will enable them to expand their knowledge through reconsidering and reevaluating their knowledge and to use innovative academic methods.

b) Graduates will be able to plan innovative research independently; to carry out and supervise the research process; to develop new research and analytical methods and approaches oriented to creating new knowledge. Graduates will demonstrate their abilities in putting theoretical knowledge in practice by writing articles in international peer-reviewed publications.

c) Graduates of the doctoral program in law will be capable of analyzing, evaluating and synthesizing new, complex and controversial ideas and approaches based on the comparative analysis of existing legal doctrine, law practice and legislation. In addition, graduates will be able to make correct and effective decisions to solve the problem independently.

d) Graduates will be able to present new information in conjunction with the existing information clearly and distinctly, as well as to engage in thematic polemics with the international scientific society in a foreign language;

e) Graduates should demonstrate readiness to develop - during their studies and activities, including in the research process - new ideas aimed at improving legislation and law practice;

f) Graduates will research the ways of establishing the values and develop the innovative methods necessary for their establishment.

V. Fields of Employment for the Graduates of Doctoral Program in Law

Graduates will be able to hold academic positions in higher educational institutions of Georgia with observance of relevant legislation, as well as to carry out practical activities in the sector of public and private law.

VI. Doctoral Program Admission Requirements

The doctoral program in law welcomes masters of law or of other equivalent academic degrees who meet the minimal admission requirements of the doctoral program.

VII. Doctoral Program Components

1. Doctoral program in law is a combination of study programs (study component) and scientific research (research component) and comprises 180 credits. Out of 180 credits, 60 credits are allocated to the study component and 120 – to the research component.

2. Compulsory elements of the study component are:

- a) Teaching methods – 5-15 credits;
- b) Serving as an assistant to professor – 5-10 credits;
- c) Course in academic writing and research methods – 10-15 credits;
- d) Two seminar works – preparing and defending the works before the audience – 15-30 credits.

3. Optional elements of the educational component:

- a) Science management – 5 credits;
- b) University educational courses – 5-25 credits;
- c) Practice – 5-10 credits;
- d) Educational courses attended at other accredited Georgian higher education institutions - 5-15 credits;
- e) Specific disciplinary courses – 5-15 credits.

4. PhD student plans the individual curriculum, in frames of the university scheme, through the agreement with the scientific supervisor and doctoral program supervisor.

5. The research component includes 2 assignments (20 credits each) and dissertation work.

VIII. Material-Technical Base of Scientific Research

The Faculty of Law has the library (9853 sources), computer center (27 computers), conference

hall, lecture rooms and a scientific journal.

IX. Number of students entering doctoral program

The doctoral program accepts not more than 20 PhD students.

X. Professors participating in doctoral program

Full and associate professors of the Faculty of Law as well as invited professors participate in the doctoral program.