



Information on the admission procedure to the doctoral study programme Law and Digital Technologies for the academic year 2024/2025 (taught in English language)

The Faculty of Law accepts a maximum of 8 students for study in the doctoral study programme Law and digital technologies accredited in English language.

Entrance exam requirements:

The entrance exam is an oral interview (may be via ZOOM or similar platform). The subject of the admission examination is to verify the candidate's expertise in the field of law and digital technologies in their interdependence and the candidate's readiness for scientific and creative activity in these areas, motivation to study and verification of language competences

Deadline for e-applications: 30 April 2024 to 31 May 2024

Date of the oral interview (oral part of the entrance examination): in the week of 17 June 2024

There is a fee associated with the submission of the application (CZK 790).

For graduates of universities other than Palacký University, the application form must be accompanied by an officially certified copy of the diploma of completion of the master's degree programme and an officially certified copy of the Diploma Supplement (or Certificate of State Final Examination) or a certificate of completion of the master's degree programme.

Applicants for doctoral studies who have not yet completed their master's studies at the time of application must submit a certificate of completion of studies by the State Final Examination no later than 30 September 2024; if the applicant has not completed his/her master's studies by the date of the admission examination, he/she will be informed whether he/she has been recommended or not by the admission examination board for admission. In such a case, a decision on admission will be made only after the applicant has submitted the diploma of completion of the master's degree programme, including the supplement to the diploma, or the certificate of completion of the master's degree programme.

The application must be accompanied by:

- (a) A thesis in the range of 1,000 - 1,500 words. The thesis must define the topic and area of research of the dissertation, specify the overall aim of the research, propose the research methods and include a list of literature related to the topic (we recommend consulting the relevant department).
- b) A structured curriculum vitae of the candidate (includes a summary of educational attainment including professional courses, previous experience in law and related fields, a complete list of previous publications, a summary of previous research activities, and a summary of other knowledge and skills relevant to the dissertation research area).
- (c) At least one and at most three professional publications by the applicant (the best quality publications preferably from the last 5 years, as chosen by the applicant, demonstrating his/her research record; the applicant may include his/her successfully defended master's thesis or doctoral dissertation instead of or in addition to these publications, even if it has not been published). Note: a period of 5 years is recommended, but if the applicant has an older publication that is qualitatively superior to his/her more recent publications, he/she may also submit a publication older than 5 years; furthermore, if the applicant has also completed the rigorosum procedure, he/she may submit his/her rigorosum thesis in addition to his/her thesis.

d) confirmation of the applicant's language skills – English at a minimum level B2. It is proved by an internationally recognized language certificate (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, CAE...). An applicant who has successfully completed a previous study of at least a Master's degree programme taught in English can prove his/her English language skills by providing a diploma and Diploma Supplement of such a completed study, which shows that the entire study was conducted in English and exempts him/her from the obligation to provide a language certificate.

The documents are accepted in English, Czech or Slovak. Documents in languages other than English, Slovak or Czech must be accompanied by an official translation into English, Slovak or Czech.

Invitations to the oral entrance examination are posted in the e-application form under the "documents" tab 14 days before the examination date. Candidates will receive information about the invitations by e-mail.

Entrance exam requirements:

The Entrance exam takes the form of an oral interview (in person or via e.g. ZOOM). The subject of the admission is verification:

1. expertise in the field of law and digital technologies,
2. the ability to work scientifically,
3. motivation to study,
4. knowledge of professional legal terminology in English, and
5. the ability to conduct a professional discussion in English.

In each of these areas, the candidate is scored (as per the table below). The maximum possible score is 25 points (5 points in each of the 5 areas)

Description of performance	Evaluation	Number of points
Excellent performance, only occasional minor errors	Excellent	5
Above average performance, more frequent errors	Above average	4
Above average performance, more frequent errors	Good	3
Acceptable performance but with significant shortcomings	Satisfactory	2
Performance meeting minimum requirements	Sufficient	1
Performance not meeting minimum requirements	Non-compliant	0

Olomouc, 4 December 2023