



Information on the admission procedure to the doctoral study programme for the academic year 2027/2028:

Doctoral Programme: Law and Digital Technologies

Applicants who have completed a Master's degree and successfully passed the entrance examination may be admitted to the programme.

The Faculty of Law of Palacký University will admit a maximum of 4 students to the doctoral study programme Law and Digital Technologies accredited in English, of whom no more than 1 student may be admitted to the full-time mode of study.

Deadline for e-applications: 1 November 2026 to 31 May 2027

Date of oral interview: week commencing 14 June 2027

A fee of CZK 790 is charged for submitting the e-application.

The e-application must include:

- a) A dissertation proposal of 1,000–1,500 words. The proposal must define the topic and area of research, specify the overall aim of the research, propose appropriate research methods, and include a list of relevant literature (consultation with the relevant department is recommended).
- b) A structured curriculum vitae of the applicant (including a summary of educational background including professional courses, previous experience in law or related fields, a complete list of publications, a summary of previous research activities, a summary of other knowledge and skills relevant to the proposed research).
- c) One to three professional publications by the applicant (preferably from the last 5 years), selected to demonstrate their research achievements. A successfully defended Master's thesis or rigorous thesis may be submitted instead of or in addition to these publications, even if unpublished. Note: 5 years is recommended, but if the applicant has an older publication While publications from the last 5 years are recommended, older publications may be submitted if they are of higher quality. Applicants who have completed a rigorous procedure may also submit their rigorous thesis.
- e) In the case of graduates from universities other than Palacký University Olomouc, the application must include officially certified copies of the Master's degree diploma, and the Diploma Supplement (or Certificate of State Final Examination), or a certificate confirming completion of the Master's degree programme.

Applicants are required to demonstrate English proficiency at a minimum level of B2.

Applicants who have not yet completed their Master's studies at the time of submitting the e-application must provide proof of completion (State Final Examination) no later than **30 July 2027**. If the applicant has not completed their studies by the date of the entrance examination, they will be informed whether they have been recommended or not recommended for admission. In such cases, the final admission decision will be issued only after submission of the Master's diploma and Diploma Supplement, or an equivalent certificate of the completion of a Master's degree programme.

The documents must be submitted 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.

Entrance exam requirements:

The entrance examination consists of an oral interview (held in person or, for example, via the Zoom platform). It is designed to assess the applicant's professional knowledge in the field of law and digital technologies, as well as their readiness for scientific and creative work.

The following areas will be assessed:

1. Expertise in law and digital technologies
2. Ability to conduct research and creative work
3. Motivation to study
4. Knowledge of professional legal terminology in English
5. Ability to conduct a professional discussion in English

Each area is scored on a scale of 0–5 points. The maximum total score is 25 points (5 points in each of the 5 areas).

Performance description	Rating	Points
Excellent performance, only occasional minor errors	Excellent	5
Above-average performance, more frequent errors	Above average	4
Overall good performance, but with major shortcomings	Good	3
Acceptable performance, but with substantial shortcomings	Satisfactory	2
Performance meeting minimum requirements	Sufficient	1
Does not meet minimum requirements	Unsatisfactory	0

All documents related to the admission procedure will be delivered electronically through the University's Electronic Information System (e-application).

The applicant's file may be inspected on: 14 July 2027 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the PhD Studies Office, Dean's Office of the Faculty of Law, 17. listopadu 8, 779 00 Olomouc (by prior arrangement at adela.horakova@upol.cz).

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