Sapienza is recognized worldwide as one of the best universities in Italy and in the world. Sapienza is renowned for its excellence in physics and astronomy (22nd in the world), archaeology, as well as humanities and cultural heritage, marine and aquatic studies, business, technology, culture, and gene engineering. Sapienza is first in Italy and top-100 worldwide in Natural Sciences, second in Italy and top-100 worldwide in Humanities, fourth in Italy and top-100 worldwide in Social Sciences and Management. Sapienza is first in Italy and top-200 worldwide in Legal Studies.

WHAT IS A PHD DEGREE?
A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the highest academic degree awarded by Italian universities in all fields of study. The degree is awarded for a period of research and the development of a dissertation that is evaluated by an academic committee. The dissertation must demonstrate the candidate’s advanced knowledge and original research in their field of study.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
The programme is designed to train students for scientific research and to improve their research methods in a specific scientific discipline. After a period of study and research activity, students are required to present a dissertation that demonstrates their advanced knowledge and original research in their field of study. The dissertation is evaluated by an academic committee, and if approved, the student is awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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ADMISSIONS

There are two possibilities for foreign students wishing to attend a PhD in Sapienza:

1) A call for applications for foreign students is issued at the end of March. Applications are evaluated on the basis of documentation (curriculum vitae, publications, references, degrees). Knowledge of Italian is not always required. Only applicants who have obtained their academic qualifications abroad may apply. Successful applicants will be assigned to a Doctoral School with fellowship.

2) Foreign candidates who do not require a fellowship can apply for a PhD position without a grant as extraordinary students in the general call that is usually published in June. In this case, applicants may be admitted directly to a maximum of 1/3 of the places assigned to each PhD course.

Extraordinary students are not eligible for Sapienza’s fellowship awards and must pay University fees. They are evaluated exclusively on the basis of curriculum vitae, academic qualifications or interviews. Foreign candidates applying as extraordinary students may also be admitted on the basis of a dossier, which is a coherent research project written in Italian or English.

Each course is managed by a specific graduate school which oversees the programme. To learn more about the objectives and practical details of each course visit our website.

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  Department: Medicine
- Ancient World Studies
  Department: Ancient World Studies
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  Department: Architecture and Design
- Architectural Theory and Design
  Department: Architecture and Design
- Art History
  Department: History of Theatre and Performing Arts
- Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Science
  and the Earth and Planetary Sciences
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- Biomedical Technology in Clinical Medicine
  Department: Biomedical Sciences
- Business, Entrepreneur and Labour Law in a European Perspective
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  Department: Biology
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  Department: Chemical, Material and Environmental Engineering
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  Department: History, Culture and Religions
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  Department: Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine
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  Department: Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine
- Pathology
  Department: Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
  Department: Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine
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  Department: Political Science
- Political Studies
  Department: Political Science
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