Decreto Rettorale n. 112 del 31/07/2023

Notice of competition for admission to the course of
PhD in "Economic, Business and Legal Sciences" - XXXIX cycle

Art. 1
Announcement

1. A public selection shall be made on application, by qualifications and interview, for admission to number 8 (eight) places in the PhD course in "Economics, Business and Legal Sciences", code **DOT20KBHF7** (hereinafter referred to as "Doctorate" or "Course"), academic year 2023/2024, XXXIX cycle, Based at Enna University "Kore". The Doctorate lasts three years. The masculine expressions are simply adopted for text economics: They refer indistinguishably to both candidates and candidates, as well as to PhD students and PhD students.

2. Applications may be made by persons who , at the date of expiry of the notice, irrespective of their nationality, hold a master's degree or an appropriate foreign qualification. The eligibility of the foreign qualification is verified by the admission Commission to the doctoral course, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was issued, and international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the purpose of further studies. Those who obtain the qualification before the date of registration for the PhD course may also apply to participate in the selection, otherwise the application will be invalid.

3. For what is not specified in this notice, reference is made to the provisions contained in the University Regulation on Doctoral degrees referred to in D. P.. 160/2022, published on the website www.unikore.it.

4. Communications concerning this selection, if not mentioned in the following articles, will be published, with the effect of notifying the interested parties, on the University's official website www.unikore.it.

Art. 2
Study grants

1. The Doctorate has at least 6 (six) scholarships, funded *ex* D. M.. 118 of 02/03/2023, in addition to those possibly financed by the Sicilian Region.

2. Scholarships financed *under* D. M.. 118 of 02/03/2023 concern the following component: no. 6 bags - M4C1-Inv.4.1. The use of these provisions requires holders to carry out periods of study and research in public administrations, ranging from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, including non-continuous, over the three-year period and study and research periods abroad, including non-continuous periods, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit laid down in art. 9, paragraph 3, of Decree No 226 of the Minister for University and Research of 14 December 2021 over the three-year period.

3. The scholarship - in the amount set by Ministerial Decree No. 247 of Feb. 23, 2022, equal to €16,243.00 gross of charges to be borne by the scholarship holder - lasts for one year; its amount is disbursed monthly in arrears for a maximum span of three years. Within that maximum period, the grant is subject to renewal from year to year on condition that the doctorate student has completed the program of activities foreseen for the previous year and has been admitted to the next year of the doctorate.

4. Course attendance suspensions of more than thirty days will result in a corresponding suspension of the grant disbursement.

5. The amount of the scholarship shall be increased by a maximum of 50 % in proportion to and in relation to training periods abroad provided for in the training plan and approved in advance; this increase may be granted for a maximum period of 12 months. Periods of activity abroad should normally have a total duration of not less than six months.

6. Each scholarship student is guaranteed, within the financial resources of the University, a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad of an amount not less than 10% of the value of the scholarship. The budget is placed in the availability of the individual PhD student and is gradually disbursed on the basis of activities planned and approved by the tutor and effectively liquidated in whole or in part after production of a report endorsed by the PhD Coordinator. If the doctoral student is not considered positive for the purpose of the renewal of the scholarship, or renounces it, the amount not used shall be reinvested by the

University in subsequent PhD courses.

7. The grant shall be awarded only to those who do not, during the period of entitlement to the grant, have an annual income exceeding the annual amount of the grant.

Art. 3
Application to participate in the selection and annexes

1 An application to participate in the selection procedure must be registered online, otherwise it may be excluded,**From 9:00 on day 07/08/2023 and by 23:59 on 06/09/2023** using the online procedure accessible from the same page of publication of this notice on the University's website www.unikore.it >>> Research >>> Doctoral degrees, and following the instructions.

2 The application for participation, to be submitted by each candidate to the University Protocol Office within the same deadline as referred to in paragraph 1 above, shall be submitted by upload as follows:

- *The curriculum vitae et studiorum*, together with any annexes, drawn up in accordance with **ANNEX B**;
- Degree diplomas or replacement certificates indicating the degree mark (in the case of a degree to be obtained before the date of enrollment in the Doctoral course, an appropriate university certification attesting to the examinations taken and indicating the marks obtained);
- Up to a maximum of 3 publications with an ISBN or ISSN code, produced in digital pdf files;
- A proposal for a research project drawn up in accordance with the model **IN ANNEX C**;
- (where applicable) a document or a statement proving that eligibility has been achieved in a previous phd admission procedure, indicating the university, academic year, date of publication of the ranking of eligible persons. Suitability shall only be taken into account if it has not been used, i.e. has not given rise to enrollment in the doctorate to which it relates;
- Copy of the payment of the bankruptcy contribution of € 100.00 (Euro one hundred/00) via Pago-Pamode;
- a valid recognition document;
- a list of all valuable securities submitted.

3 In addition, up to two letters of recommendation may be added to the application in support of the application. Only letters written and fir- mate by full professors, even in retirement, of Italian or foreign universities other than Kore University of Enna, and in any case not belonging to the College of Doctoral teachers, shall be taken into consideration, which, inter alia, expressly state that they know or have known the candidate.

4 When submitting an application to participate in the admission procedure, the candidate must state whether he/she has an appropriate disability certification and, if so, what aids or organizational measures to be able to hold the interview requires the preparation by the UNI- versity.

5 Admission to the selection shall be subject to reservation for all candidates. In fact, the University reserves the right to verify the veracity of the documentation produced and may, at any time, with reasoned provision by the Rector, exclude from the selective procedure or from the Doctorate himself, for lack of the prescribed requirements, for the presence of false statements or for other reasons contrary. Any provision for exclusion will be sent to the interested party at the e-mail address indicated in the question.

6 In accordance with the operational and qualitative standards of the University and Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the applicant data, as described in this Article, will be sent to the address of the e-mail box indicated by them in the application, an alphanumeric identification uni- vocal code. In the documents published by the Kore University of Enna relating to this selective procedure, the identification of each candidate will be done only by means of this code, with the exception of the general ranking of merit of suitable candidates.

Art. 4
Selection of applications

1. The admission procedure is carried out by a Selection Board appointed by the Rector and set up in accordance with the rules of the University.
2. The selection for admission to the Doctoral Course is by degrees and interview. It aims to enhance the preparation, ability and search ability of candidates.

3. The evaluation of the qualifications shall be prior to admission to the interview. Only the following shall be considered as valuable securities, provided, however, that they were submitted at the time of the application to participate and comply with the requirements of Article 3(2) and (3) above:
    a. the admission qualification, in respect only of the grade obtained in the master's degree or equivalent (or, if there is more than one degree, to the highest grade degree). In the case of a degree to be obtained by the date of enrollment in the PhD course, the weighted average of only the votes in thirtieth obtained in passed examinations shall be evaluated, recalculated in hundredths;
    b. *the curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
    c. publications;
    d. letters of recommendation from ordinary professors;
    e. Previous qualifications not used for admission to Doctoral degrees;
    f. The research project proposal.

4 The Commission shall have at its disposal a maximum of 100 points for each applicant, which may be used in tranches of the value of 0.50 each, **65 of which** shall be used for valuable securities, according to the following distribution in relation to the corresponding letters in the preceding subparagraph:
    g. Up to **15** points on the master's degree (or corresponding qualification), according to the table **IN ANNEX D**;
    h. Up to **5** points on *the curriculum vitae et studiorum*: the maximum score corresponds to the simultaneous presence of any additional degrees to the admission qualification, post-graduate degrees following the master's degrees or equivalent, post-graduate State qualifications, Documented activities of collaboration in research projects in public or private bodies and other activities and competences deemed significant by the Commission;
    i. Up **to 5** points to publications, provided that they are additional to the thesis, with a limit of **2.5** points for a single publication, as assessed by the Commission;
    j. Up **to 5** points to recommendation letters, with a limit of **3** points for a single letter, based on the Commission's assessment;
    k. **5** one-off points for eligibility for previous selections for admission to doctoral courses at Kore University in Enna or other Italian or foreign universities, regardless of the number of eligibility and the cycle to which they relate, provided that they are not used for the attendance of the relevant doctorate;
    l. Up **to 30** points to the research project proposal, as assessed by the Commission.

5 The evaluation of the qualifications referred to in points (b), (c), (d) and (f) shall be carried out by the Commission having regard to the specific research topics of the Doctorate, as set out**IN ANNEX A.**However, the fixing of the terms of the certificates referred to in points (a) and (e) shall be determined ex officio and subsequently validated by the Commission, except in the case of non-Italian certificates, For which the assessment is carried out exclusively by the Commission on the basis of appropriate scales of correspondence identified by the Commission. The evaluation of the research project proposal does not bind the candidate or the University to the next project to be followed during the PhD in case of admission.

6 Candidates who have obtained no less than 21/30 in the evaluation of the research project proposal shall be admitted to the interview. Candidates admitted to the interview are required to present themselves to support it - with an appropriate identification document - on **21/09/2023 at 10:00** at the premises which will be published on the University's website at the same time as the list of admitted candidates.

7 The interview focuses on the research topics of the Doctorate, as set out**IN ANNEX A** and on the qualifications promoted by the candidate. **The Commission has 35** points for the assessment of the interview.

8 During the interview, regardless of whether or not language certificates have been produced, the Commission ascertains the appropriate level of competence in Italian for candidates who are native speakers other than Italian, and in English for candidates who are native Italian speakers, in both cases with reference to the scientific elements covered by the interview. The outcome of those specific competences shall be taken into account by the Commission when awarding the overall score for the interview.

9 At the end of the relevant procedures, the Commission shall draw up the general ranking list of merit, which shall be drawn up only by candidates who have obtained a vote of not less than 24 thirty-five years in the interview.

10 After the President of the University has verified that the documents are correct, the Rector approves the ranking of suitable candidates by his decree, which is a definite measure. It shall be made public exclusively

by publication on the University's website. You can claim within 5 days only for the purpose of rectifying any material errors. Ineligible candidates will be notified by email as their names will not be made public.

11 The PhD course is open to the participants, as winners of the admission procedure, who have been selected by the eighth place in the final ranking. In the event of a tie, it precedes the youngest candidate. This shall be without prejudice to the rights of the less well-off for the purposes of the award of grants. In the event of any waiver of the right holders, the same number of candidates will take over before the start of the course, according to the order of the ranking. The sliding of the ranking list after the start of the course, but not later than the end of the first quarter, is subject to a favorable opinion of the College of Docen- ti.

Art. 5
Fees and contributions

1 The annual contribution for access to and attendance at **the Doctoral Course** is Euro 2,000.00, to be paid by the deadline for registration; in subsequent academic years by 30 October of each year.

2 The amounts due shall be paid in accordance with the information to be made available on the University's website. The annual contribution shall be payable by all members, including stock exchange winners, except in cases where total or partial exemption is expressly provided for.

Art. 6
Enrolment application

1 The winning entrants will have to register for the PhD and pay the registration fee of euro 2,000.00, via PagoPa mode, within **the period to be disclosed on the University's website**, otherwise the acquired right will be forfeited,In the same way as indicated on the same page of the University's website.

2 Each scholarship holder must also declare, at the time of registration:

   a) that they have not previously received another scholarship (even for a single year or part of it) for a doctoral course;

   b) not to combine the grant itself with another grant for any qualification conferred other than those granted by national or foreign institutions useful to supplement, by staying abroad, the research activity;

   c) that he is aware that the grant is only awarded to those who do not have, during the period of the grant, an annual income exceeding the amount of an annual grant, and that he undertakes to report in good time if the grant exceeds that income limit;

   d) to undertake to return the monthly scholarships received in the year in which the income limit was exceeded, if any;

   e) That he/she is willing to study and research abroad for the period covered by the PhD program and that he/she is aware that if he/she does not stay abroad, the entire scholarship will be withdrawn.

4 Winners who are not Italian citizens must meet the following requirements on the date of expiry of the registration question:

   (a) Enjoy civil and political rights also in the States to which they belong or come, unless they have a different status;

   (b) be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of italian citizenship, of all the other requirements laid down for italian citizens.

Art. 7
Attendance, rights and obligations of doctoral students

1 Admission to the Doctorate involves an exclusive full-time commitment. For details of the rights, prohibitions and obligations of doctoral students, please refer to the relevant University Regulations.

2 PhD students are required to observe the provisions of the Code of Ethics of the University of Enna "Kore" available on the website: www.unikore.it

Art. 8
Final Exam and title achievement

1 The doctoral thesis, written in Italian or English, or in another language with the authorization of the College of teachers, must be accompanied by an abstract in Italian if the thesis is produced in English or in another foreign language, in English if the thesis is produced in Italian. The thesis, after evaluation, is publicly discussed before a Commission appointed by the Rector on the proposal of the Dean of the Faculty.

2 A final examination fee of EUR 400.00 including statutory fees is payable.

3 The title of PhD (abbreviated to "Dr. Ric.") Or "pH.D.") it is obtained, following the successful completion of the research thesis, upon passing the final examination at the conclusion of the legal duration of the course, and is conferred by the Rector.

Art. 9
Processing of personal data and Responsible Official for the process

1 The data requested are necessary for the purposes of managing this selection and for the possible breakfast, in accordance with the minimization principle imposed by the R.G.P.D. 679 2016

2 In accordance with L. 7 august 1990, n. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions, responsible for the procedure referred to in this notice is the Manager of the Department of Education and Research Services of the Free University of Enna "Kore", dr. Giovanni Lavalle.

Art. 10
Final rules

1 Submission of the application for admission to the selection referred to in art. 3 implies the acceptance by the candidates of the rules contained in this notice and of the University Rules to which it refers. Failure to comply with the rules shall result in exclusion from the admission competition or exclusion from the Doctorate.

2 Although not explicitly specified in this call and in the University Regulations, please refer to the current legislative and regulatory provisions on PhD in force, within the limits of applicability to non-State Universities.

3 An English edition of the essential content of this notice is being produced. In the event of any dispute, this text in Italian shall be the sole source of the foregoing.

4 The following annexes referred to in the text form an integral part of this notice:

    ANNEX A - summary of the PhD course;
    ANNEX B - model for the preparation of the curriculum *vitae et studiorum*;
    ANNEX C - guidelines for the preparation of the research project proposal;
    ANNEX D - Evaluation table of the master's degree or equivalent.

THE RECTOR
Depth Francesco Tomasello

ANNEX A.
PHD IN
BUSINESS, BUSINESS AND LEGAL SCIENCES

Requirements for admission

All master's degrees

Other requirements

Knowledge of English is required.

Course objectives

The modular structure of the teaching plan of the Doctorate in Economics, Business and Legal Sciences, of a markedly interdisciplinary nature, guarantees the full integration of all graduates and all graduates in the field, sensu, economic-legal: the preliminary treatment of the topics related to the "research methodology" allows – in fact – the training in nuce of the researcher and researcher of academic profile, providing phd students and phd students with the technical-scientific tools indispensable for carrying out the study and research activities. The Doctorate therefore aims to train PhD students and PhD students on methodological, theoretical and analytical knowledge necessary to develop and develop a rigorous research project on economic, business and legal issues as well as – possibly – transversal to the aforementioned fields. In this sense, the training objectives are aimed at advancing knowledge in the local, national, European and international development economy and related production systems; in the business economy and management and in innovation; in expanded public law – national, european and international – and in private economic and labor law. The interdisciplinary nature of the Doctorate also aims to develop and develop research paths oriented to the implementation of sustainability, from both an economic and a legal point of view: the current profound cultural interference between economic science and legal science requires, in fact, the formation of professional profiles and of researchers capable of culturally managing, critically addressing and scientifically elaborating issues that are cross-related to both of these areas. The PhD course aims to train Law & Economics experts, methodologically capable and scientifically equipped, as required by both the labor market and the academic world, both Italian and European.

Disciplinary and interdisciplinary didactic activities

Ad hoc lessons provided for in the training process:

Teaching No.: 15,   of which final verification is foreseen: 15

Lessons borrowed from master's degree courses	NO
Lessons borrowed from degree courses (first level)	NO
Seminar cycles	YES
Research stays	YES
ITALY - outside the institutions involved	Expected average period: 3 months
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ITALY– outside the institutions involved	Expected average period: 6 months

ANNEX B.
ANNEX model for the preparation of the curriculum vitae et studiorum

The recommended curriculum template is **the European Union Europass**. The languages accepted are Italian and English.

To prepare your resume for free, we recommend that you avoid templates that vary on the web and that you:

1) Go directly to the Europass website at this address:
https://europa.eu/europass/eportfolio/screen/cv-editor?lang=it

2) select the language in which you want to complete your resume at the top left;

3) insert the photo by uploading from your computer;

4) fill in the required and necessary frameworks (click on symbol "**i**" – when present – for clarification);

5) Record the data entered at the end of each page by clicking on "Save" (ATTENTION: Clicking on "Next" instead already generates the resume. In the event of an error, you can always go back);

6) add the sections you want to fill in one by one by selecting them from the drop-down list that appears after saving each page. For example, add the section "Publications" if you have one, add the section "Language skills" to indicate those you have, etc.

7) When you no longer need to add sections, click on "Next" and check that the texts entered are as you intended;

8) choose one of the available models shown on the left of the page;

9) Then download the resulting curriculum in PDF format to your computer

10) Upload the PDF file from your computer to the University's website on the page dedicated to the application for the PhD at the time of its preparation.

ANNEX C.
ANNEX guidelines for the preparation of the research project

Candidate   (last   Name,   first   Name)
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PhD Code _____**Optional resume** _____
(Check IN ANNEX A if the PhD provides curricula and if necessary indicate one)

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT
_____ Keywords
(please provide at least 3) _____

PROJECT ABSTRACT *(minimum of 500 to maximum of 1000 characters including spaces*)*

Within the widest freedom of articulation of the text within the space limits indicated, clearly identify the problem and indicate its significance within the topic or the curriculum of the Doctorate; a brief description of the state of the art of research on the issue, with reference to what appears to be consolidated in the studies already in existence and to what is now deserving of further investigation; state what you would like the research project to focus on, among what is not yet in-depth or resolved, and summarize the expected results.

PROJECT ABSTRACT *(minimum of 4,500 to maximum of 6500 characters including spaces*)*

Within the broadest freedom of articulation of the text within the space limits indicated, the following elements must still be present:
- A detailed description of the state of the art on the problem, including the main authors (or leading scientific schools) that have so far been identified in the research and the most relevant results achieved.
- Indication of the basic reference bibliography (volumes and/or scientific articles).
- Detailed explanatory information on the research project, including the specification of the specific objectives to be pursued and the reasoned highlighting of the aspects relating to the utility, originality, scientific relevance and feasibility of the project.
- Design of the research pathway, with an indication of the approach to be adopted and the methodologies to be relied on, as well as the time frame in principle declined along the three years of development of the Doctorate.
- A clear definition of the expected results (evidently not yet guaranteed by the state of the art of research) and their relevance both in the disciplinary fields concerned by the PhD and possibly in fields outside them, with relative indication of their contribution to scientific research in terms of cognitive, methodological and interpretative innovation.

* *Any non-compliance with these limits will be considered as a negative assessment factor and may lead to non-admission to the next selection stage.*

ANNEX D.

ANNEX Evaluation table of the master's degree or equivalent

Graduation grade	POINTS
Up to 89/110	0
90	0.5
91	1
92	1.5
93	2
94	2.5
95	3
96	3.5
97	4
98	4.5
99	5
100	5.5
101	6
102	6.5
103	7
104	7.5
105	8
106	9
107	10
108	11
109	12
110	13
110 with Lode	15

In the absence of graduation, the weighted average of votes in one hundred-tenths is taken into account, with each "30 and praise" equal to 30.33. Any decimal values present in the final result shall be rounded to the nearest integer (conventionally up to 0.49 = 0; from 0.50 = 1).