

**Campus Where The Program Is Offered:** CSS

## OBJECTIVES

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The PhD program aims to:

- Advance legal thought and critical analysis.
- Equip researchers to contribute innovative insights to the field.
- Prepare students for academic and research careers, both locally and globally.

The Doctoral School of Law and Political Science oversees this program, ensuring a high standard of doctoral training for students in both the Faculty of Law and Political Science and the Institute of Political Science. It fosters a unified research agenda while providing a collaborative platform for doctoral candidates. By collaborating with international academic institutions and research centers, the Doctoral School enhances the program's global reach, particularly through joint thesis supervision agreements with foreign universities.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Law or Political Science from the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, or an equivalent qualification recognized by the Equivalence Commission of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the USJ Equivalence Commission.

Candidates who have not obtained their Master's degree from the Saint Joseph University of Beirut will be required to take a written Analytical Exam in Law or Political Science, lasting five hours.

Admission requirements include:

1. A minimum average of 12/20 in the Master's program in Law or Political Science, or if the candidate obtained their Master's degree from outside USJ, a minimum average of at least 12/20 on the Analytical Exam in Law or Political Science.
2. Approval from a faculty member for the proposed thesis project

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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During the PhD program, candidates must:

- Submit an annual progress report approved by the thesis supervisor.
- Attend methodology and general law or political science seminars focused on thesis preparation and writing techniques.
- Publish at least two scientific papers before the defense, either in journals or conference proceedings.