

REVIEW
**of the educational and research training programme of the ‘PhD in law’
in the graduate school of the Scientific Research Institute of State Building
and Local Government of National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine**

The state-legal development of modern states participating in integration processes, in particular Ukraine, requires innovative approaches to the training of a new generation of professional lawyers, primarily in the field of constitutional and municipal law, who are able to apply knowledge in practice and carry out research, normative design, interpretation and analysis activity at the highest level.

The key to the successful development of Ukraine, which aspires to integrate into the European Union and NATO, is the training of PhD students in law. Historically, the Kharkiv School of Law, which operates not only on the basis of leading institutions of higher education in the legal profile, but also on the basis of scientific/research institutions of the National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine, in particular the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government, is one of the leading law schools in Ukraine.

The Institute's educational and research training programme in ‘law’ is designed to integrate the latest research achievements, incorporate them into the educational process, and ensure that graduates acquire the appropriate competencies for their further successful independent research, pedagogical, policy-making, and analytical activities.

The educational and research ‘Law’ programme consists of balanced interconnected and complementary elements, provides pedagogical practice, fosters innovative research methodology and academic integrity.

The analysis of the ‘law’ educational and research programme indicates that its content was created taking into account the experience leading higher educational institutions in law, including European universities.

The implementation of the aforementioned programme involved highly qualified scientists of scientific divisions of the Institute, who have appropriate professional theoretical training and research experience (including publications in journals which are parts of the research databases Scopus and Web of Science); participate in national and international research and educational projects; undertake regular internships; and cooperate with foreign institutions.

The advantage of the programme is its coordination with research schools in the field of law operating at the National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine, as well as a constant dialogue with other leading Ukrainian schools of law, such as the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University and the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

The validity of the aforementioned programme at the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government is demonstrated by the high employment rate of its graduates in the last five years. Graduates of the programme are currently working at Ukrainian universities, research institutes and state authorities.

Staff members of the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government are involved in writing and reviewing monographs, textbooks, and

manuals, published by National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine and higher education institutions in Ukraine. The supporting evidence is transparent and available on the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government official website and the official websites of other Ukrainian higher education institutions in law.

In general, the 'Law' educational and research programme of the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government meets the declared third (educational and research) level of higher education and the European educational standards. Its implementation allows the formation of competencies needed to successfully solve a set of professional tasks and to ensure the relevance of learning outcomes to the needs of both participants in the educational process and potential employers.

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