

REVIEW
of the project educational and scientific training program
of the Ph.D. 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

Ukraine's participation in regional integration processes necessitates the training of highly qualified specialists not only in national law, but also in EU law, which will contribute to the successful adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to EU law at all levels. In this regard, it is particularly important to train highly qualified personnel in the field of law, capable of carrying out research, interpretation, analytical and expert activities at a high professional level within the framework of both Ukrainian and EU legislation. The project of the educational and scientific program of the Research Institute of State Building and Local Self-Government of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine is aimed at achieving this goal. The draft program has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the Bologna Convention and the current legislation of Ukraine. The goal and objectives of the Law study program project are in line with the mission, vision, and strategic priorities of the Institute.

The Research Institute of State Building and Local Self-Government of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine has many years of positive experience in training postgraduate students in the specialty «Law», strong human resources and technical base to achieve this goal.

The peer-reviewed draft of the educational and scientific program «Law» was developed by the leading researchers of the Institute after consultations with scientists, potential employers, graduate students, and postgraduate students, who confirmed the need to train highly qualified personnel and specialists in this field. The Research Institute of State Building and Local Self-Government of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine is authority in the field of training highly qualified legal personnel. It is evidenced by the fact that the admission of applicants to the Institute's postgraduate program has been stable and dynamic over the past five years.

The draft educational and professional program defines program competencies, contains the scope and description of the educational and scientific program, a list of graduate competencies and the normative content of the Ph.D. program in Law, formulated in terms of learning outcomes, defines the forms of postgraduate certification and requirements for the system of internal quality control of higher education.

In the process of implementing the educational and scientific program «Law» it is envisaged to use innovative teaching technologies that develop the skills of analytical, consultative-expert and interpretive-legal activities, decision-making, interpersonal communication, leadership and other qualities necessary for a lawyer (conducting interactive lectures; teaching disciplines in the form of author's courses on programs based on the research results which are drawn up by scientific schools in the field of national law, organizing and conducting group discussions, implementing collective research projects, etc.).

The curriculum for the Ph.D. training in «Law» meets the objectives of the educational and scientific program. The sequence of disciplines, the plan and schedule of the learning process, the list and scope of normative and elective disciplines correspond to the structural and logical scheme of training for graduate school in «Law» and are designed to ensure compliance of program learning outcomes with potential employment requirements.

However, given the current labor market, we recommend considering the possibility of training specialists with a full cycle of education in English, as well as providing more disciplines from the cycle of European Union law among the disciplines of choice for graduate students. This will be an advantage of the educational and research program. It will demonstrate its focus on training highly qualified specialists capable of solving complex problems on a range of issues related to Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The analysis of the presented document allows us to conclude that the educational and scientific program «Law» meets European and international standards and can be recommended for the preparation of PhDs in Law.

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