

**REVIEW**  
**of the educational and scientific program for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**  
**in Law at the postgraduate school of the Scientific Research Institute of State**  
**Building and Local Government of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of**  
**Ukraine**

In the context of Ukraine's dynamic integration into the European and Euro-Atlantic space, the demand within the domestic labor market for highly qualified specialists in national public law, particularly in constitutional, municipal, and national security law, remains exceptionally pertinent. Such specialists, in addition to profound knowledge and practical skills in various legal domains, must possess fundamental academic training that enables a thorough analysis of national legislation in the context of its harmonization with European Union law. It is noteworthy that over the past year, the program has demonstrated significant progress in training such specialists, which positively impacts the legal support for modernization and innovation processes in Ukraine.

The Ph.D. educational and scientific program in Law at the postgraduate school of the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government of the National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine constitutes a holistic and well-structured system of educational components aimed at the effective preparation of postgraduate students for future teaching and active research. The program's relevance is confirmed by the consistently high demand for young, highly qualified specialists in domestic public and European law.

The primary objective of the program is the development of general and professional competencies in accordance with established regulatory requirements, and it should be noted that the updated program addresses this task even more effectively. The program is implemented based on a successful combination of theoretical and practical approaches to postgraduate education, enabling graduates to:

- Lead research in national, international, and European Union law.
- Present research findings and demonstrate a thorough mastery of the theoretical foundations of national law.
- Apply acquired knowledge and skills in their research, as well as in various activities, including pedagogical, interpretative and legal, consultative and expert, analytical, legislative, and law enforcement.

The content of the curricula for the academic disciplines within the "Law" educational and scientific program fully complies with regulatory requirements. The allocation of study time is well-justified. The curricula provide detailed content for all topics, and the list of primary and supplementary literature reflects the most current advancements in legal science in the respective disciplines. Considerable attention is devoted to students' independent work, fostering the development of critical thinking skills and research autonomy. All curricula equip postgraduate students with the necessary competencies in their field of study. Effective mechanisms and procedures for monitoring the academic progress of higher education seekers in each discipline have been implemented. The content of the

pedagogical practice demonstrates the program's capacity to develop pedagogical skills in postgraduate students to a high standard.

A positive aspect of the updated program remains the involvement of experienced faculty in its implementation, as well as the consideration of stakeholder requirements in the formulation of professional cycle disciplines, which has become even more systemic.

Based on the foregoing, the following conclusion can be drawn: the structure and content of the "Law" educational and scientific program of the Scientific Research Institute of State Building and Local Government of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine meet the highest regulatory requirements, and its implementation will ensure the successful training of highly qualified scientific and pedagogical personnel. As an alumna of this program, I obtained a Ph.D. degree in Law and have successfully continued my academic career in international academic institutions, which includes a postdoctoral research position at the British School of Monaco. My personal experience objectively confirms the high effectiveness of this program and its positive developmental trajectory.

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