

**REVIEW**  
**of the educational and scientific training programme of**  
**PhD in "International law" in the graduate school of**  
**the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**

The need to intensify the development of states with young democracies, including Ukraine, their integration into the single European economic, legal, social area, raises the issue of training scientists of a new formation that able not only to develop but also implement innovative projects in education and science. There is a lack of highly qualified specialists – Doctors of Philosophy in international law (PhD) in Ukrainian higher education institutions. It complicates the task to prepare candidates for higher education of the second (master's degree) level, who are ready to work on the adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to the *Acquis communautaire* of the European Union. The educational and scientific programme "International Law" of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University is aimed to solve this issue by training candidates of the third (educational and scientific) level of higher education.

The educational and scientific programme "International Law" is consistent and explicit. It clearly defines and substantiates the goals, objectives, conditions, technologies of the educational process, and evaluation of candidates' performance in their studies. The programme's competencies and learning outcomes defined in the programme fully satisfy the qualification requirements for potential employers to specialists of the third level of education. While developing the programme "International Law", the authors took into account a lot of factors. Thus, the following factors were considered:

- The European experience of PhD in International Law;
- methodological recommendations of the competent state bodies of Ukraine;
- proposals of the Ukrainian Association of International Law;
- proposals of National Academy of Legal Science of Ukraine;
- and proposals of other higher education institutions that have a PhD programme in International Law.

The authors of the programme took a rational approach by adding to the programme disciplines related to International Law and disciplines related to improvement research and language skills of the candidates of the programme. By this, there will be a significant improvement in knowledge and skills of the future graduates of this programme. During their studies, the doctoral candidates will be able to gain the skills for communication at the scientific level as well as to be able to foster international cooperation. They will be able to present the results of their research to the scientific community and the public in general. Additionally, learned skills during the programme will be a beneficial adjustment for candidates' self-development and self-improvement throughout their lives. Also, candidates will acquire the necessary qualification and skills for teaching in higher education institutions.

The teaching staff of the educational and scientific programme corresponds to the profile of the programme's disciplines. The programme has a high level of scholarly and methodological documentation as well as program materials.

As a proposal, it is necessary to point out the practicality of expanding the disciplines that candidates can choose depending on their dissertation topics. It is possible to advise to promote national and international cooperation with other higher education institutions by motivating candidates to go for the research visits.

Thus, the content of the educational and scientific program "International Law" of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University aims to provide appropriate learning outcomes for the integration of scientific, educational and innovative activities, development and implementation mechanisms.



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