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**Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution
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**PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA NAMED AFTER PATRICE
LUMUMBA
RUDN University**

Law Institute

(educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as programme developer)

Department of International law

(department realizing the PhD program)

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PLAN

Scientific specialty

5.1. 5 . International legal sciences

(scientific speciality code and title)

The course instruction is implemented within the PhD programmes:

Legal sciences: Contemporary international law

(PhD program title)

**Moscow
2025**

1. DISCIPLINE (MODULE) GOALL

The purpose of performing scientific research (carrying out scientific (research) activities) is the preparation of a dissertation for the scientific degree of a candidate of sciences (hereinafter referred to as a dissertation) for defense.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Solving a scientific problem that is important for the development of the relevant branch of science, or developing a new scientifically based technical, technological or other solution that is essential for the development of the country.

Preparation of a dissertation for defense includes the implementation of an individual plan of scientific activity, writing, design and submission of a dissertation for final certification.

The plan of scientific activity includes an approximate plan for the implementation of scientific research, a plan for preparing a dissertation and publications that set out the main scientific results of the dissertation, as well as a list of stages for mastering the scientific component of the postgraduate program, the distribution of these stages and the final certification of postgraduate students.

The research activities schedule of a particular student is approved in the individual plan of research activities of a postgraduate student, the requirements for which are established by the RUDN respective local regulations.

3. WORKLOAD OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

The research activities total workload is equal 150 credits (5400 academic hours)

4. RESEARCH CONTENTS

Table 4.1. Research activities stages

Stages	Stage content (types of activities)	Workload, acad. hours
1st year		
Module 1. Scientific activity aimed at preparing a dissertation for defense	Preparation and discussion at the department of the dissertation concept and approval of the topic;	1152
	Performing a literary review in order to determine the degree of elaboration of the problem, preparing a historiographical and experimental/ source base of the study;	
	Speech at a scientific conference on the results of the study	
	Participation in competitions for the financing of scientific research at the expense of the relevant budget, funds for supporting scientific, scientific, technical, innovation activities and other sources not prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation (optional)	
Module 2. Preparation of publications that present the main scientific results of the dissertation	Preparation and publication of scientific and (or) scientific and technical results in the form of a scientific article, theses, mono graphs (at least 1 publication)	216
Module 3. Intermediate certification	Preparation of a report on the results of scientific research	72
	Presentation of the report on the results of scientific research at the meeting of the Department	

Stages	Stage content (types of activities)	Workload, acad. hours
TOTAL:		
2nd year		
Module 1. Scientific activity of a postgraduate student aimed at preparing a dissertation for defense	Preparation of 1 and 2 chapters of dissertation research	1728
	Speech at a scientific conference on the results of the study	
	Participation in competitions for the financing of scientific research at the expense of the relevant budget, funds for supporting scientific, scientific, technical, innovation activities and other sources not prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation (optional)	
Module 2. Preparation of publications that present the main scientific results of the dissertation	Preparation and publication of at least 3 publications, which set out the main scientific results of the dissertation, of which: Web databases of Science and Scopus and international databases, determined in accordance with the recommendation of the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, as well as in scientific publications indexed in the Russian scient metric database Science Citation Index (RSCI) and/or included in the list of Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation category 1 or 2.	216
Module 3. Intermediate certification	Preparation of a report on the results of scientific research	72
	Presentation of the report on the results of scientific research at the meeting of the Department	
TOTAL:		
3rd year		
Module 1. Scientific activity of a postgraduate student aimed at preparing a dissertation for defense	Conducting scientific research (collecting data, conducting experiments and processing their results). Preparation of dissertation research in accordance with the requirements of GOST R 7.0.11–2011	1656
Module 2. Preparation of publications that present the main scientific results of the dissertation	Preparation of scientific articles for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Presentation at specialized scientific conferences/seminars, including preparation of materials (presentations and reports). Preparation of applications for patents for inventions, utility models, industrial designs, breeding achievements (optional)	216

Stages	Stage content (types of activities)	Workload, acad. hours
Module 3. Intermediate certification	Preparation of a report on the results of scientific research	72
	Presentation of the report on the results of scientific research at the meeting of the Department	

* Research performance stages are considered in detail in the report of the PhD student research supervisor.

5. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Figure 5.1. Equipment and technical support requirements

Academic Activity Type	Classroom Equipment	Specialized training/ lab equipment and module learning resources
Computer Lab	Computer lab equipped with a set of specialized furniture; devices: portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, Stable 10 Mbps wireless Internet connection. Software: Microsoft Windows 10 64-bit, MS Office / Office 365, MS Teams, Chrome (latest stable release).	set of specialized furniture; whiteboard; devices: PCs/laptops, portable multimedia projector, projection screen, Internet connection (Wi-fi) TRADOS, SMARTCAT
Self-Study	Classroom for seminars and group work, group and individual consultations, equipped with a set of specialized furniture. Stable 10 Mbps wireless Internet connection.	set of specialized furniture; whiteboard; devices: PCs/laptops, Internet connection (Wi-fi)

6. INTERNSHIP LOCATION AND TIMELINE

The research activities can be carried out at the structural divisions of RUDN University (at Moscow-based organisations, as well as at those located outside Moscow.

The research activities performance at an external organisation (outside RUDN University) is legally arranged on the grounds of an appropriate agreement, which specifies the terms, place and conditions for a research activities implementation at the organisation.

The period of the research activities, as a rule, corresponds to the period indicated in the training calendar of the PhD programme. However, this period can be rescheduled upon the agreement with the RUDN Department of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies.

7. EDUCATIONAL-METHODOLOGICAL AND INFORMATION SUPPORT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Main readings:

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2. Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of September 24, 2013 No. 842 "On the procedure for awarding academic degrees"
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9. GOST 7.0.11-2011 Dissertation and dissertation abstract. Structure and rules of registration. Access mode: <http://protect.gost.ru/document.aspx?control=7&id=179727>.

Additional readings:

1. Literature corresponding to the direction of the research.

Resources of the Internet information and telecommunication network:

1. EBS RUDN and third-party EBS, to which university students have access on the basis of concluded contracts:

- ☐ RUDN Electronic Library system: [website]. URL: <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
- ☐ EBS "University Library online": [website]. URL: <http://www.biblioclub.ru/>
- ☐ Yurayt educational platform: [website]. URL: <https://urait.ru/>
- ☐ EBS "Lan": [website]. URL: <https://e.lanbook.com/>
- ☐ Yurayt educational platform: [website]. URL: <https://urait.ru/>
- ☐ EBS Znanium [website]. URL: <https://znanium.ru/>

2. Databases and search engines:

- ☐ electronic fund of legal and regulatory and technical documentation <http://docs.cntd.ru/>
- ☐ Yandex search engine: [website]. URL: <https://www.yandex.ru/>
- ☐ Google search engine: [website]. URL: <https://www.google.ru/>
- ☐ SPS Garant. Access mode: <http://www.garant.ru/>
- ☐ SPS Consultant Plus. Access mode: <http://www.consultant.ru/>
- ☐ Scientific Library eLibrary.ru . Access mode: <http://www.elibrary.ru/>
- ☐ Dissertations of the Russian State Library (electronic). Access mode: <https://dvs.rsl.ru/?>
- ☐ JSTOR – Collections I and VII /Arts & Sciences I and VII Collections. Access mode: <http://www.jstor.org/>
- ☐ PROQUEST DISSERTATIONS AND THESES GLOBAL .Access mode: <http://search.proquest.com/>
- ☐ SAGE Journals Online. Access mode: <http://arch.neicon.ru/xmlui/handle/123456789/2757634/browse?type=source>
- ☐ SPRINGER. Electronic resources of Springer publishing house. Access mode: <https://rd.springer.com/>

A complete list of EBS, databases and search engines is available on the website of the Educational and Scientific Information Library Center (Scientific Library) of the RUDN <https://lib.rudn.ru>

Training toolkit for research activities *:

Didactic guidelines to draft the dissertation and research papers.

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university

8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF PHD STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVELS AS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RESULTS

PhD student's mandatory activities:

1st year of study:

- Considering the concept of the dissertation and its theme approval at the department where research is performed
- Selecting and arranging historiographical and experimental/source base for research
- Delivering a report on the research findings at a scientific conference
- Drafting and arranging a publication about research findings

2nd year of study:

- Drafting a part of the dissertation and providing it for the consideration within the department meeting
- Delivering a report on the research findings at a scientific conference
- Publishing minimum 3(three) research publications on the dissertation research findings, including 2 (two) papers in peer-reviewed scientific periodicals/scholarly collections: 1st paper included in the RUDN recommended List, and 2d paper indexed in the international databases *Web of Science* or/and *Scopus* and/or included in the List of Higher Attestation Commission (category 1 or 2) of the Russian Federation as well as publications in other academic editions approved by the RUDN University Academic Council

3rd year of study:

- Drafting the whole dissertation text and its submission to the research supervisor
- Drafting and publishing 2(two) research publications on the dissertation research findings, including two papers in peer-reviewed scientific periodicals/scholarly collections, included in the RUDN recommended List, or indexed in the international databases *Web of Science* and *Scopus* and/or in the List of Higher Attestation Commission of the Russian Federation (category 1 or 2), and other academic editions approved by the RUDN University Academic Council.
- Passing the procedure of considering the dissertation at the department meeting and successful completion of the pre-defense thesis..

Based on the results of the identifying research stages, the PhD student submits a detailed written report to the supervisor or delivers an oral report to the department meeting. The report includes information regarding the content of the PhD student's work with reference to the research implementation.

The report should include the data about:

- the degree of the dissertation completion
- the preparation and publication of articles in journals included in the RUDN recommended List, in the list of the Higher Attestation Commission, RSCI, *Scopus* and *Web of Science* databases and others equivalent to them and / or approved by the RUDN Academic Council,
- the PhD student's participation in scientific events on the topic of his/her research
- the PhD student's participation in the research work of the department (with participation)
- other.

During the period of semester assessment, the research supervisor provides feedback on the quality, timeliness, and success of the PhD student's research activities stages.

The results of scientific research for each semester of study are identified through the assessment with "excellent", "good", "satisfactory", "unsatisfactory" marks and the ECTS grading system (A, B, C, D, E). The basis for the above is the point-rating system adopted at the University.

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