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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 Theory of Law and State / Department of Public Policy and
History of State and Law**

(department realizing the PhD program)

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PLAN

Scientific specialty:

5.1.1. Theoretical and historical legal sciences

(scientific speciality code and title)

The course instruction is implemented within the PhD programme:

Theoretical and historical legal sciences

(PhD program title)

2025

1. DISCIPLINE (MODULE) GOAL

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

Stage	Stage content (types of activities)	Workload, academic hours
1st year		
Section 1. Scientific activity aimed at preparing the dissertation for defense	Preparation and discussion at the department of the dissertation concept and approval of the topic	1296
	Carrying out a literature review to determine the degree of development of the problem, preparing a historiographical and experimental/source base for 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)	
Section 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)	108

Stage	Stage content (types of activities)	Workload, academic hours
Intermediate attestation		72
TOTAL:		
2nd year		
Section 1. Scientific activity of a postgraduate student aimed at preparing a dissertation for defense	Preparation of 1 and 2 chapters of dissertation research	1692
	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. - at least 1 publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals from the list of RUDN University.	216
Intermediate attestation		72
TOTAL:		
3rd year		
Section 1. Scientific activity of a postgraduate student aimed at preparing a dissertation for defense	Preparing Chapter 3 dissertation research	1656
	Preparation and submission of a dissertation for passing the final certification (pre-defense)	
	Walkthrough peer review dissertations	
	Speech at a scientific conference on the results of the study	
Section 2. Preparation of publications that present the main scientific results of the dissertation	Preparation and publication of at least 2 publications, which set out the main scientific results of the dissertation, of which: - at least 1 publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals from the list of RUDN University.	216
Intermediate attestation		72

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

5. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL 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)
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 organizations, as well as at those located outside Moscow).

The research activities performance at an external organization (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 organization.

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

Documents regulating the process of preparing and defending a dissertation:

1. Federal Law of August 23, 1996 No. 127-FZ "On Science and State Science and Technology Policy"
2. Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of September 24, 2013 No. 842 "On the procedure for awarding academic degrees"
3. 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>.

Main readings:

4. Mokiy, M. S. Methodology of scientific research: a textbook for universities / M. S. Mokiy, A. L. Nikiforov, V. S. Mokiy; edited by M. S. Mokiya. - 2nd ed. - Moscow: Yurayt Publishing House, 2025. - 254 p. - (Higher education). — ISBN 978-5-534-13313-4. — Text: electronic // Educational platform Urayt [website]. — URL: <https://urait.ru/bcode/489026>
5. Averchenkov, V.I. Fundamentals of scientific creativity: textbook / V.I. Averchenkov, Yu.A. Malakhov. - 3rd ed., revised. - Moscow: Flinta Publishing House, 2016. - 156 p. - ISBN 978-5-9765-1269-6; The same [Electronic resource]. - URL: <http://biblioclub.ru/index.php?page=book&id=93347>

6. Gorelov, V.P. For graduate students, applicants for scientific degrees and academic titles: textbook / V.P. Gorelov, S.V. Gorelov, V.P. Zachesov. - 2nd ed. - Moscow ; Berlin: Direct-Media, 2016. - 459 p. : ill. - Bibliography: p. 123-124. - ISBN 978-5-4475-6147-5; The same [Electronic resource]. - URL: <http://biblioclub.ru/index.php?page=book&id=434949>

7. Levkina, A.O. Computer technologies in research activities: a textbook for students and graduate students of the social and humanitarian profile / A.O. Levkin. - Moscow ; Berlin: Direct-Media, 2018. - 119 p. : ill. - Bibliography. in book. - ISBN 978-5-4475-2826-3; The same [Electronic resource]. - URL: <http://biblioclub.ru/index.php?page=book&id=496112>

8. Seletkov, S. G. Methodology of dissertation research: a textbook for universities / S. G. Seletkov. - Moscow: Yurayt Publishing House, 2022. - 281 p. - (Higher education). - ISBN 978-5-534-13682-1. — Text: electronic // Educational platform Urayt [website]. — URL: <https://urait.ru/bcode/496644>

Additional readings:

9. Literature corresponding to the direction of the research.

Internet sources:

1. Electronic libraries with access for RUDN students

- RUDN Electronic library system <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
- Electronic library system «University Library online» <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
- Electronic Library «URAIT» <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
- Electronic library system «Student. Consultant» www.studentlibrary.ru
- Electronic library system «Lan» <http://e.lanbook.com/>
- Electronic library system "Troitskyi most"

2. Databases and search engines:

- Electronic Legal and Regulatory Documentation Fund <http://docs.cntd.ru/>
- Search system Yandex <https://www.yandex.ru/>
- Search system Google <https://www.google.ru/>
- SCOPUS <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/>
- Garant <http://www.garant.ru/>
- Consultant Plus <http://www.consultant.ru/>
- eLibrary.ru. <http://www.elibrary.ru/>
- LexisNexis <http://academic.lexisnexis.eu>
- CambridgeJournals <https://www.cambridge.org/core>
- JSTOR – Arts & Sciences I and VII Collections. <http://www.jstor.org/>
- OxfordJournals <https://academic.oup.com/journals/>
- SPRINGER. Springer <https://rd.springer.com/>

A complete list of ELS, databases and search engines is provided on the website of the Educational and Scientific Information Library Center (Scientific Library) of RUDN University <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 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, 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 dissertation pre-defense.

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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