FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, GOVERNANCE AND LAW

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN "ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SCIENCES" FOR THE 2026–2027 ACADEMIC YEAR AT "BARLETI" UNIVERSITY

The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Economics, Governance and Law announces the opening of applications for admission to the Doctoral Programme in "Economic and Legal Sciences" for the 2026–2027 academic year at "Barleti" University, in the following fields and subfields of study:

1. **Economic Sciences:**

- Accounting
- Finance
- Management, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Marketing and Consumer Behaviour

2. **Legal Sciences:**

- Constitutional Studies
- Public International Law
- European Law
- Commercial Law in the European Union
- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Law and the Principles of Its Application
- Criminology & Penology
- Economic and Financial Crime

The opening of applications for the Doctoral Programme in “Economic and Legal Sciences” for the 2026–2027 academic year is based on the following laws and subordinate legal acts:

1. Law No. 80/2015, “On Higher Education and Scientific Research in the Republic of Albania”;
2. Decision of the Council of Ministers (DCM) No. 418, dated 10.05.2017, “On the standards, criteria and procedures for the establishment, reorganisation, division, merger or closure of higher education institutions and their branches”;
3. DCM No. 112, dated 23.02.2018, “On determining the criteria for obtaining the scientific degree of ‘Doctor’ and the standards for awarding the academic titles of ‘Associate Professor’ and ‘Professor’”, as amended by DCM No. 808, dated 11.12.2019;
4. DCM No. 41, dated 24.01.2018, “On the elements of a study programme offered by a higher education institution”;
5. DCM No. 824, dated 24.12.2021, “On the Quality Code”;
6. DCM No. 777, dated 26.12.2018, “On anti-plagiarism checks of dissertations submitted for the scientific degree of ‘Doctor’”, as amended by DCM No. 99, dated 05.02.2020;
7. Instruction No. 29, dated 18.12.2019, “On the establishment and administration of state registers of scientific degrees and academic titles awarded in the Republic of Albania”;
8. Instruction No. 29, dated 18.12.2018, “On teaching activities and the teaching workload of academic staff in higher education institutions”;
9. Instruction No. 1, dated 14.01.2020, of the Minister of Education, “On the licensing, reorganisation and closure of higher education institutions and study programmes”, as amended by Instruction No. 7, dated 31.03.2021, as amended;
10. Instruction No. 52, dated 03.12.2015, of the Minister of Education, “On determining foreign-language proficiency levels”, as amended;
11. The Statute of “Barleti” University;
12. The Regulation “On Doctoral Study Programmes at ‘Barleti’ University”;
13. Order No. 406 of the Ministry of Education and Sports, dated 01.08.2024, “On the opening of the third-cycle study programme, Doctorate in ‘Economic and Legal Sciences’, at ‘Barleti’ University”.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN "ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SCIENCES" FOR THE 2026–2027 ACADEMIC YEAR AT "BARLETI" UNIVERSITY

Any person who meets the requirements of Law No. 80/2015, "On Higher Education and Scientific Research in Higher Education Institutions in the Republic of Albania", Articles 78 and 79, as well as the Regulations on Doctoral Studies at Barleti University, may APPLY for admission to the third cycle of studies if they meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed and hold a higher education degree in Economics and Law;

2. Hold a "Bachelor" degree, a "Master of Science" degree or an equivalent qualification in the same or a related discipline from an accredited programme, with an average grade of at least 8 (eight) or its equivalent for each;

3. Degrees obtained under points (1) and (2) from a higher education institution outside the Republic of Albania must have been recognised as equivalent by the ministry responsible for education.

4. Have knowledge of one of the five foreign languages—English, French, German, Italian or Spanish—at least at level B2, certified through international language proficiency certificates and test results, within the validity periods of the certificates issued in accordance with points 1 and 4 of Instruction No. 52, dated 03.12.2015, as amended, of the Ministry of Education. For applicants who have obtained a degree after completing a study programme taught in one of the five languages listed above and recognised by the relevant ministry, that degree serves as evidence of meeting the language requirement;

5. Be engaged as an internal/external associate at a higher education institution, a basic or applied research institution, or in other forms of research activity;

6. Have no criminal convictions;

7. Have no disciplinary measures taken against them and have not been found in violation of scientific research ethics, rights arising from intellectual property, or rules on plagiarism.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Candidates applying in the field of Legal Sciences at the Department of Law of "Barleti" University must, in addition to the general admission criteria, also meet the following specific requirement:

- Have completed the second cycle of studies in a “Master of Science” programme in one of the subfields of Law, such as Criminal Law, Commercial Law, Civil Law, Public Law, Constitutional Law, European Union Law or other related fields of legal study.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

The application file must contain the following documentation:

1. The candidate student’s request to pursue studies in the doctoral programme, also specifying the research subfield in which the candidate is interested;
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV);
3. Photocopy of the identity card;
4. Notarised photocopies of the diplomas for both study cycles, accompanied by the relevant diploma supplements;
5. Proof of English-language proficiency;
6. Research project proposal, including the selected field of scientific research, the methodology to be applied, identification of the need for the study, expected outcomes of the study, a possible work plan for funding, etc.;
7. List of scientific articles (if any);
8. Two recommendations from persons holding academic titles;
9. Declaration/commitment of the academic supervisor;
10. Personal declaration by the candidate regarding self-funded studies;
11. Certificate from the higher education institution confirming that the candidate has been engaged as academic staff (if any);
12. Proof of payment of the registration fee;
13. Candidate’s self-declaration regarding compliance with ethical rules and scientific standards;
14. Criminal record certificate.

Time and place for submission of documents:

The application file must be submitted to the office of the doctoral programme coordinator, Dr. Blerina Banushi, on the first floor of the “Barleti” University building, Monday to Friday, during official working hours, 08:30–16:30.