



## Doctoral program in Education (1st year) – FAQ

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### ***How is the doctoral program organized?***

In its first year, the PhD consists of four seminars in the 1st semester (Thematic Seminar I, Research Seminar I, Project Seminar I and Transdisciplinary Seminar I), and four other seminars in the 2nd semester (Thematic Seminar II, Research Seminar II, Project Seminar II and Transdisciplinary seminar II). During the 2nd year and following the doctoral student conducts independent work under the supervision of one or more supervisors.

### ***How courses are evaluated? And, the 1st year of the doctoral program?***

The assessment in seminars is made by the grades Pass / Fail. The evaluation of the 1st year of the course is completed with the defense of a thesis project, expressed in a grade scale of 0-20. The approval on the project with classification of 14 or higher, allows the doctoral student to register the plan of the thesis at the Scientific Council.

### ***Can the 1st year of the doctoral program be completed through distance-learning?***

The 1st year of the doctoral program is face-to-face (6 hours per week) or b-learning (face to face sessions twice a month alternating with sessions at distance). Very exceptionally, part of this program (but not all) can be concluded through distance-learning, according to a working plan established by the doctoral student and the coordinator of his PhD.

### ***Attending additional subjects***

Sometimes, during the 1st year of the doctoral program, students may be advised to carry out additional subjects, in addition to the mandatory seminars (not to exceed 6 hours per week maximum). Attending these courses does not imply any additional charge.

### ***When do the activities take place?***

For some courses, timetables for doctoral studies (1st year) concentrate on Tuesday (afternoon and evening) and other courses on Friday (afternoon and evening) and, in some cases, Saturday morning. The timetables are available on the website of IE ([www.ie.ulisboa.pt](http://www.ie.ulisboa.pt)).

### ***What are Transdisciplinary Seminars? Are they mandatory? How the evaluation is?***

The Transdisciplinary Seminars are intended to provide doctoral students the knowledge of issues and research results in several areas of Education. The themes, dates and venue of these seminars are announced on the home page of the website of IE ([www.ie.ulisboa.pt](http://www.ie.ulisboa.pt)). During the 1<sup>st</sup> year of

the course, doctoral students must attend at least two seminars in each semester, delivering a written reflection to the coordinator of his doctorate which emphasize the most significant aspects of each seminar and any implications for his/her own work. Doctoral students can attend both trans-disciplinary seminars that take place on Tuesday and on Friday.

### ***How do Research Seminars work?***

The Research Seminars have two components, one specific and a common core curricula. The specific component is carried out according to the instructions of the coordinator of the PhD. The common core curricula consists of several modules in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (students may choose between the options offered). Timetable, venue and options offered are advertised on the webpage of the IE ([www.ie.ulisboa.pt](http://www.ie.ulisboa.pt)- 3rd Cycle - PhD). Doctoral students unable to attend these modules, in whole or in part, should contact the coordinator of the doctorate to find a solution.

### ***Doctoral project***

The elaboration of the doctoral project is the major goal of the 1st year of the PhD course, providing a solid foundation for the work to be done thereafter. For students beginning the course in September, the project must be submitted by September 15th of the following year. This period may be extended for one semester (up to February 15th) and the student stays in the 1st year of the program until the defense of the project. The projects are usually defended within one month after its delivery at the Academic Services of the IE. The doctoral student should articulate with his/her supervisor to deliver the project on time, appropriately revised by him/her.

### ***Doctorates in tutorial regime***

If a doctoral course is not offered or if the number of doctoral students is less than 5, the doctorate is held in tutorial regime. To attend a PhD in tutorial regime the student has to attend to a training program defined individually by the Scientific Council, including the rules of attending the different seminars and other subjects and follows the rules for the presentation and defense of the doctoral project indicated above.

### ***Additional Information***

For questions arising during the course, doctoral students should contact the coordinator of the area of expertise (in person or by e-mail); he/she will answer to the question or know to whom it should be forwarded, if necessary.

### ***Legislation***

Main legislation governing the PhD course:

- a) Decree-Law No. 115/2013 of August 7, 2013 (Legal regime of degrees and diplomas of higher education);
- b) Regulation on Postgraduate Studies of the University of Lisbon, approved by Despacho No. 2950/2015 (*Diário da República* March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015);
- c) General Regulations for the 3rd cycle in the specialization of Education of the Institute of Education, approved by Deliberação No. 1050/2015 (*Diário da República* June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015).