



PHD REGULATIONS – ENGLISH SUMMARY

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Titolo I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 - Aims and objectives

1. These regulations, in accordance with current legislation, govern the establishment and operation of the PhD Programs (hereafter the Doctoral or PhD Programs) of the IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca (hereafter IMT or the School).
2. IMT is a residential graduate school and the PhD Programs are designed to ensure the acquisition of skills required to carry out high-level research at universities, government agencies or businesses, and further, to train professionals on a meritocratic basis for institutions, for the enterprise system businesses and for the territory.
3. The PhD Programs at IMT fully integrate research and teaching.
4. The Doctoral Programs are conducted in accordance with standards recognized by the international scientific community.
5. IMT encourages and pursues the internationalization of the PhD Programs. In particular:
 - selection procedures are employed as to not hinder application procedure of candidates residing abroad;
 - the involvement of students in research activities of the School is ensured, including research seminars, laboratory activities and collaborations with individuals and groups;
 - relationships are managed with other universities and research institutions in order to develop a network of relationships that enable IMT students and researchers to carry out study and research abroad and students and researchers from other universities to be accommodated at IMT for periods of study and research;
 - joint PhD Programs and Programs for co-supervision of theses may be established and implemented through inter-university cooperation conventions;
 - the encouragement of collaboration with firms and businesses on specific research projects and through the Higher Education and Research Apprenticeship initiative.
6. The PhD Programs are carried out exclusively in English. Foreign students are offered courses in Italian Language and Culture.

Article 2 - Structure of the PhD Programs

1. The PhD Programs have a duration of no less than three years and include periods of study and research off-site, in Italy and abroad, in public and private organizations, in accordance with the provisions set forth in these Regulations.
2. The PhD Programs offer an advanced and multidisciplinary education in the area of analysis and management of a huge variety of complex problems related to a multiplicity of technological, economic and social systems. In particular, the Programs are divided into integrated Tracks. Each Track belongs to one or more scientific areas and is supported by the School's Research Units, fully achieving the IMT School educational model, which focuses on the interdisciplinary integration of research, and teaching. The title conferred at IMT indicates the PhD Program and the Track to which the student belongs.
3. The teaching activity is consistent with international PhD standards and is structured in courses that usually require a final examination or assessment. Courses may be assigned to more than one instructor.

4. Students participate in research seminars organized by the School as agreed by the Track Directors, the Advisor and the Scientific Board.

Titolo II - BODIES

Article 3 - Coordinator

1. The Coordinator is responsible for the multidisciplinary and the overall coordination of the Programs. In particular, he or she governs the interaction of the Tracks that belong to the same scientific area and between the different scientific areas of the Doctoral Programs.
2. The Coordinator convenes and presides over the Scientific Boards. In particular, the Coordinator proposes the didactic planning drafted in cooperation with the Track Directors to the Scientific Boards.
3. The Coordinator of the PhD Programs is the Director of the School.
4. The Coordinator may appoint a Deputy Coordinator to replace him or her in the event of impediment and/or a delegate for the above mentioned activities.

Article 4 - Scientific Boards

1. The Scientific Boards are the sole body for the coordination and management of the doctoral Programs.
2. The Scientific Boards:
 - approve the course offerings;
 - appoint an Advisor and Co-Advisor for each student at the beginning of the Programs;
 - monitor the progress of students in order to decide upon admission to the second and subsequent years, and to the Thesis Defense;
 - authorize external research visits, provided that the student has passed the first year of the Programs;
 - perform any other function with which it is entrusted under these Regulations.
3. The Director appoints the Scientific Boards, which are usually composed of:
 - full professors;
 - fixed-term professors or professors with a double-affiliation.
4. The Director may appoint highly qualified experts as additional members.
5. At the request of the Director, the following may also participate in the Scientific Boards, without voting rights:
 - advisors and Co-Advisors;
 - the Student Representatives and the Student Representative in the Academic Council to discuss teaching and organizational issues.
6. In case of necessity or urgency, the Director may make resolutions pertaining to the Scientific Boards, subject to ratification of the Boards at the next possible meeting.

Article 5 - Track Directors

1. Track Directors are responsible for the teaching, academic and organizational aspects of the curricula. In particular, the responsibilities of the Track Directors include:
 - proposing together with the Coordinator and the other Track Directors, the PhD course offerings;
 - coordinating and organizing the training activities of the curricula, in concert with the other Track Directors;
 - coordinating the activities of the Advisors and managing their relationship with the Scientific Board;
 - being in charge of the scientific content of the PhD Programs documents required by the School or the law;
 - being members of the PhD Selection Committees or proposing their substitutes, in compliance with the law;
 - proposing the members of the Preliminary Evaluation Committees for their Track and coordinating their work;
 - proposing the members of the Graduation Committees for theses defenses;
 - carrying out any other functions with which Track Directors are entrusted under these Regulations.

2. Track Directors are members of the Scientific Board appointed by the Director.

Article 6 - Advisors and Co-Advisors

1. At the beginning of the Programs, the Scientific Boards assign an Advisor to each student. The Advisor is usually chosen amongst IMT professors and assistant professors, however other IMT or external affiliates may also be appointed, following deliberation by the Scientific Boards.
2. The Advisor:
 - advises the student in the definition of his or her study plan according to his or her individual needs and submits it to the Track Director for approval;
 - guides the student in the preparation of the thesis, assessing his or her conduct and assuring the scholarly relevance of research topics;
 - authorizes the student to carry out educational activities within external organizations;
 - guides the student in the definition of off-site activities and authorizes these periods;
 - authorizes the switch to a different Track of the students assigned to him or her, in concert with the new Advisor and the Director of the new Track;
 - submits an assessment to the Scientific Boards prior to their deliberation on students' admission to the discussion of the thesis;
 - submits the thesis proposal to two external referees prior to admission to the Thesis Defense session;
 - performs any other function with which it is entrusted under these Regulations.

3. The Scientific Boards may appoint a Co-Advisor – who is not necessarily employed at the School - that supports the Advisor in the guidance and supervision of the student.
4. Either the Advisor or Co-Advisor must appertain to an IMT Research Unit. The student belongs to the Advisor's or, alternatively, Co-Advisor's Research Unit.
5. Advisors and/or Co-Advisors can be changed after the first year of studies by filling out the request form provided by the administration.

Titolo III - ESTABLISHMENT AND CESSATION

Article 7 - Establishment and cessation of the Programs or Tracks

1. The establishment of the PhD Programs is formalized within the School's strategic planning documents after consulting the Academic Council with Executive Council resolution, except as required by the law for initial accreditation and periodic checks.
2. To establish the PhD Programs, the strategic planning documents contain the Formative Plan, the dedicated resources (scholarships, teaching funds, etc.) and any other relevant information regarding the establishment and/or legal requirements.
3. In particular the Formative Plan – drafted by the Director or his or her Delegate – reports:
 - the denomination of the Programs, the overall presentation and the scientific areas covered by the Programs;
 - the governance;
 - dedicated resources (scholarships, teaching funds, etc.);
 - the specialized tracks, and for each of these:
 - the mission and specific aims;
 - links with the scientific areas and the Research Units of the School;
 - profiles and career opportunities of students;
 - a non-binding proposal of the course offerings (indication of courses, laboratories, long seminars etc. and the indication of the source of the teaching - internal or external).
4. The cessation of the PhD Programs or of one or more specialized tracks is defined in the IMT Statute.

Article 8 - Teaching Program

1. In compliance with the current legislation and these Regulations, the course offerings are jointly proposed by the Coordinator, or his or her Deputy Coordinator, and the Track Directors and is approved by the Scientific Boards.
2. The course offerings include:
 - details of the educational offer, including the number of hours of each activity;
 - detailed proposals concerning the assignment of courses to teaching staff (internal and external).

Titolo IV - ENTRY TO AND ATTENDANCE OF THE PROGRAMS

Article 9 - Entrance requirements

1. Persons who have obtained a "*laurea magistrale*" or equivalent foreign degree shall be eligible for entry into the PhD Programs, without discrimination of any kind with respect to citizenship, age, sex, or religion. Those who have obtained a foreign qualification that has not already been declared equivalent may also be admitted, as long as deemed suitable by the Selection Committees for the purposes of the Programs.

Article 10 - Call for applications

1. The call for applications, written in Italian, is approved and issued by the Director, who is responsible for advertising on the European EURAXESS website and website of the Ministry of Education. An English translation of the essential information is also prepared for the purpose of submitting the application. The online application form is prepared in English only.
2. In particular, the call for applications indicates:
 - the number and amount of scholarships to be conferred and the possible presence of grants financed by public and private entities, with the indication if they are reserved for those in possession of certain qualifications or specific research topics;
 - the maximum number of contracts of higher education and research apprenticeships that may be activated;
 - contributions to be paid by students and student exemptions;
 - the criteria for admission and assessment of qualifications, planned examinations, modalities and conditions;
 - the admission procedures in accordance with article 11 of these Regulations;
 - any instructions or notices from the Scientific Boards.

Article 11 - Admissions Procedure and PhD Selection Committees

1. The application for admission to the PhD - to be completed exclusively online - shall be valid only if it contains all the elements indicated in the call for applications.
2. The Director appoints, by decree, the PhD Selection Committees, which is in charge of the assessment of the candidates, in compliance with the regulatory provisions on the requirements of Committees. The Selection Committees are comprised of at least three members usually chosen from the Track Directors or their substitutes. The Director's delegate for didactic activities, if appointed, also usually takes part in the Committees.
3. The examination is preceded by the assessment of qualifications. The assessment of qualifications presented or mentioned in the documents submitted by the candidate is made solely for the purpose of participating in the procedure for the formulation of a judgment on the applicant's scholarly skills and aptitude for research. The evaluation of qualifications will lead to a shortlist (without ranking) of candidates admitted to the interview.
4. The examination consists of an interview in English, aimed at determining the scope of the candidate's knowledge and skills for the purpose of admission to the PhD Programs. Upon completion of the interview, the Committee shall draw up a merit-based ranking.
5. In the assessment of qualifications, the PhD Selection Committees are supported by the Preliminary Evaluation Committees, appointed by the Director, after having acquired the opinion of the Track Directors, and composed of Professors, Assistant Professors and/or Post-Doctoral Fellows of the School and/or experts in the scientific area of reference. The judgment of admission to the interview is in any event the responsibility of the Selection Committees.
6. The Committees reserve the right to admit the candidate to the interview for a different track it considers appropriate (in addition to or in place of that selected by the candidate). Based on the outcome of the interview, the Committees are authorized to admit a candidate for the PhD Program to a Track different from that for which he or she applied.
7. In the case of doctoral programs established as a result of international inter-university cooperation agreements, the Committees and the admission procedures shall be defined in accordance with the agreements themselves.

Article 12 - Enrollment

1. Candidates who have been offered admission according to the final ranking must apply for enrollment to the Track they have been accepted for.
2. Candidates who have been offered admission but did not complete the enrollment procedure by the deadline reported in the call are automatically excluded from Programs.
3. Enrollment usually takes place on the commencement date of the Programs, except for some special cases handled by the administration. In case of non-registration by the designated period the candidate loses right to admission and such right devolves to the next person in the ranking.
4. The Director may authorize the postponement of enrollment, in individual cases, due to force majeure conditions or serious duly documented personal reasons. In this case, the Advisor and the Track Director indicate the manner in which class participation and examinations are to be made up.
5. In case of withdrawal or expulsion of a student duly registered, the next eligible candidate according to the ranking can take his or her place.
6. Where the application for registration is missing the *Dichiarazione di Valore* for qualifications obtained abroad, it can be accepted conditionally only if the applicant demonstrates that he or she has submitted a request for the *Dichiarazione di Valore* to the relevant diplomatic authorities. Once the relevant documentation is received, the date of conditional enrollment shall be understood as the official date of registration. If the documentation is not received, the enrollment will be considered cancelled, except in cases where the delay is in no way due to the negligence of the candidate.

Article 13 - Scholarships

1. The scholarships are awarded in order of merit. In cases of equal merit, preference will be given to the younger candidate.
2. The number of positions with scholarship may be increased as a result of funding provided by public or private organizations made available after the publication of the notice and within the deadline for submission of requests to participate. Of such cases is given notice by advertising on the website of IMT.
3. Scholarships for the PhD Programs are subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions managed separately pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26 of Law n. 335 of 8 August 1995, and subsequent amendments and additions, with two thirds paid by the Administration and one third by the scholarship recipient.
4. The amount of the scholarship cannot be less than that determined in accordance with Article 1, paragraph 1, letter a) of Law n. 315 3 August 1998 and subsequent amendments and additions. Holders of scholarships are exempt from payment of fees for admission to and attendance of the Programs.
5. The scholarship has a maximum duration of three years and is subject to annual confirmation, after verification that the student has completed the program of activities for the previous year, in accordance with Article 14 of these Regulations.
6. Installments of the scholarship shall be disbursed at the end of the relevant period on a monthly basis, except as provided in paragraph 8 of this Article.
7. Students who are scholarship holders may at any time forfeit the scholarship without withdrawing from the Programs.

8. Students, who are scholarship holders, who withdraw or are expelled from the Programs within the first 45 (forty-five) days of the start of the Programs or from registration are not entitled to the scholarship.
9. If a student is registered conditionally for reasons related to the timing of the release of the *Dichiarazione di Valore* by the diplomatic or consular representation, the disbursement of the scholarship is suspended as a precautionary measure. Upon the resolution of the conditional registration, all installments due to the student shall be paid.
10. In the cases referred to in paragraph 8, the scholarship will be reassigned to the next eligible person according to the ranking, subject to compliance with the provisions of previous expressed agreements with public or private organizations who finance scholarships specifically for those in possession of certain qualifications or with regard to specific research topics.
11. For any research or training activities abroad meeting the requirements established in Article 15, paragraph 1, letter c) of these regulations, the amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for the first 9 (nine) months.
12. With effect from the assignment of the Advisor, each student can ask for funding of off-campus activities from his or her Advisor and to the Director of the Research Unit he or she appertains, in compliance with the conditions set in the Regulation on use of funds for offsite activities.

Article 14 - **Progression of studies and admission to the following year**

1. In agreement with the Advisor, students must propose their study plan selecting the educational activities (courses, laboratories, long seminars and any other activity offered by the School) within the course offerings of the Programs. The individual study plan must be drafted in compliance with the current legislation and these Regulations, and must be approved by the Track Director. In particular, it has to include a minimum of 6 courses with assessment (examination or testing) and has to meet the minimum requirement of 150 hours of didactic activities offered by the School. Didactic activities and their examinations or tests usually have to be carried out during the first year of the Programs.
2. Every change to the study plan has to be approved by the Advisor.
3. Didactic activities and research at IMT have to be carried out for at least 12 months, except for specific agreements with other academic institutions or other justified demands (to be approved by the Scientific Boards).
4. PhD students have to attend all didactic activities listed in their study plan and to participate in all didactic and/or research activities relevant for the Programs or their specialized Track. Every absence shall be communicated to the instructor.
5. Exams or tests are marked according to the International Grading System: A, B, C, D, E, F (fail) or with a "pass/fail" assessment.
6. The instructor may authorize the absence from a scheduled test or exam for serious personal or health reasons. Students have to send a prompt written communication to the PhD Office.
7. In case of failure, students are given the possibility to retake only once, as defined by the instructor.
8. In case of failure at the retake or in case of unexcused absence to an examination or test, the Director deliberates the exclusion of the student.
9. The Advisor can any moment request to the Scientific Boards the exclusion of a student in case of:

- insufficient participation in educational and research activities offered by the School;
 - insufficient research activity.
10. At the end of each year of the Programs, students submit to the Scientific Boards a detailed report on the activities undertaken by completing the appropriate forms provided by the administration.
 11. After evaluation of the academic performance and overall positive judgment on the activities carried out by the student and the achievement of educational objectives, the Scientific Boards decide upon admission to the next year or to the thesis defense. If the overall judgment is negative, the Scientific Boards decide upon refusal of admission to the next year or to the thesis defense and the exclusion of the student from the Programs. After the resolution of the Scientific Boards, the Director excludes the student by decree.

Article 15 - **Rights and duties of students**

1. Students:
 - a) may attend all seminars and educational activities that they deem of interest for their doctoral theses without having to take the final exam. These activities are in addition to the educational requirements and are listed in the study plan with a special mention;
 - b) may carry out educational activities at other universities in Italy or abroad, recognized as part of their study plan, with the approval of their Advisor;
 - c) with the approval of their Advisor, may take part in periods of offsite training or research by prior agreements with other universities, research institutes and laboratories, Italian and foreign, for a minimum period of two months each. In the event that this offsite period is required by a *cotutelle* agreement, the length of the period is defined in the agreement itself;
 - d) may be authorized to carry out offsite activities for periods further to those referred to in the preceding paragraph, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 14, paragraph 3;
 - e) may, from the second year of the PhD Programs, submit a request to change their Advisor and/or Co-Advisor, completing a form issued by the administration;
 - f) are required to take courses in Italian language and culture offered by the School if they are not Italian or do not already possess basic proficiency in Italian;
 - g) may have professional or work commitments only if they are compatible with the presence and participation required by the PhD Programs and in any case do not affect the quality of their scholarly work. The student is thus required to inform his or her Advisor and the Track Director about any professional or work commitment;
 - h) must fill out an evaluation form – aimed at the improvement of the course offerings and the students’ entry into the workforce - regarding the educational activities, including seminars, that they participated in;
 - i) must fully participate in the School’s anti-plagiarism procedures and attend the courses in scientific-academic ethics and anti-plagiarism organized by the School.
2. It is the right of the student to suspend attendance of the Programs and the scholarship for maternity or paternity leave or documented serious illness or other serious and documented personal reasons. The period of suspension conceded to the student is indicated in the measure prepared by the administration.
3. Students have to respect and behave in compliance with IMT statute, regulations and code of ethics and conduct.



Article 16 - **Sanctions**

1. Students shall undergo a sanction if culpable for:
 - a. conduct that violates the provisions of article 15, paragraph 3 of these regulations;
 - b. behaviors that are of a criminal nature or that constitute a violation of other provisions of the law of a mandatory nature;
 - c. behaviors that may cause damage to personal property owned or used by IMT, committed with intent or gross negligence;
 - d. severe behavioral excesses or violations of the duty to maintain an attitude appropriate to the context;
 - e. more in general, damages to the School;
 - f. creating conflicts of interest or situations that foresee the application of Law n. 190/2012 and further modifications.
2. The Director may apply, by decree, the following sanctions in increasing order of severity:
 - a. written warning;
 - a. suspension of authorization to take part in off-site activities;
 - b. suspension of scholarship and/or benefits linked to student status for a period of 1 to 12 months;
 - c. expulsion from the PhD Programs. Once excluded, the student shall lose student status and all the rights associated with that status.
3. Sanctions are proposed by the Director or by the Scientific Boards. The Director, in consultation with the Scientific Boards, can apply a sanction other than that approved by the Scientific Boards, provided that it is duly motivated. Sanctions shall be commensurate with the gravity and nature of the infraction and shall reckon with specific behaviors and extenuating circumstances and/or aggravating factors. The initiation of proceedings shall be communicated to the person concerned and the penalty is imposed only after consulting said person. For matters not governed by these regulations, relevant laws shall be applied.
4. The School pursues, by law, using appropriate means, any behavior that constitutes violations of law and/or cause damage to movable and immovable property belonging to or in use by IMT or to the public image and/or scholarly reputation of the School.

Article 17 - **Class Representative**

1. The students of each cycle shall independently elect a class representative within one month from the beginning of the Programs.
2. Using the appropriate forms, the class representatives will inform the administration of the results of the elections.
3. The class representative:
 - represents all the students of his or her cycle in relations with the bodies of the Programs, with the students representatives in the Academic Council and with the administration of IMT;
 - collects and submits to the Track Directors, every year, comments and suggestions by the class on the Programs, using forms provided by the administration.

Titolo V - CONFERRAL OF THE PHD TITLE

Article 18 - Thesis Delivery and Admission to the Defense

1. At the end of three years, students deliver and discuss the doctoral thesis in the manner provided for in these regulations and in the current legislation.
2. Before the date of conclusion of the Programs, students
 - present the state-of-the-art of their thesis to their research area;
 - indicate, using the appropriate forms provided by the administration, which one of the sessions they intend to attend or submit a request for an extension;
3. There are normally three sessions for the discussion of the thesis during the year. Students can defend in any of the three sessions regularly scheduled for subsequent cycles, provided that their request for extension has been authorized and approved (as regulated by paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present article).
4. In circumstances which preclude the presentation of the thesis within the planned sessions, the Director, at the request of the student and with the approval of the Advisor and Track Director, may extend this period to allow for the defense of the thesis no later than the date set for the sessions of the next cycle of the Programs. The extension of the deadline for the presentation of the thesis does not entitle the student to any further disbursement of scholarship.
5. Only in exceptional circumstances, the Scientific Boards can further extend the period to allow for the defense of the thesis for no more than one additional year. This further extension does not entitle the student to any further disbursement of scholarship.
6. The PhD thesis is written in English.
7. The thesis, which must be accompanied by a report on the activities of the student during the doctoral programs and any publications, is evaluated by at least two highly qualified experts, affiliated with Italian or foreign institutions, hereinafter referred to as IMT external referees, who do not have scholarly or personal ties to the student in question.
8. The external referees make an analytical judgment (preferably in English) on the written thesis and propose admission or deferral of the defense to the next session if significant additions or corrections are deemed necessary.
9. The Scientific Boards, taking into account the opinions of the Advisor and/or Co-Advisor and external referees, decide on the admission of the PhD Candidates to the public defense.
10. A candidate may ask, after having received the approval of the Advisor, to have taken into account special circumstances (illness, accidents, force majeure) that prevent him or her from participating in the defense. If the absence is deemed justified, the candidate will be admitted automatically to the next session.
11. International cooperation agreements stipulated between IMT and other universities can foresee specific procedures or requirements beyond those listed here for the obtainment of the PhD degree.

Article 19 - Thesis Defense and Conferral of the Title

1. The Director, in consultation with the Track Directors, appoints by decree the Board in charge of the final evaluation for awarding of the degree (hereafter "Graduation Committee"). The Program Coordinator shall propose the Graduation Committee for those Program cycles antecedent to the XXVIII whose Track Director has not been appointed.

2. In compliance with the provisions on the regulatory requirements, the Graduation Committee is composed of at least three members who are highly qualified in disciplines related to the scholarly areas of the PhD Programs. At least two members must be external to IMT.
3. In the case of specific agreements for joint supervision of doctoral candidates or as a result of international agreements, the Graduation Committee shall be constituted in the manner prescribed in said agreements.
4. The title of PhD is awarded by the Director of the School as a result of a positive evaluation of the thesis defense. In addition to the denomination of the Program, the title also indicates the specialized track to which the student appertains.
5. The thesis defense can be sat only once.
6. Students who do not achieve the degree within the time limits provided in this Article shall lose student status and all the rights associated with that status.
7. After the degree is granted, the School files a copy of the final thesis with the national libraries in Rome and Florence and in the databases provided by law, and places the thesis in an open archive on the IMT website, except in cases in which the student requests that parts of the thesis are not made available with regard to data protected by trade secret under the existing legislation or has arranged the postponement of publication in relation to data that be the subject of copyright.
8. The School shall ensure the publication of the proceedings of the evaluation procedures, including the results of individual candidates.

Titolo VI - AGREEMENTS AND COOPERATION REGARDING RESEARCH PHDS

Article 20 - Joint and double PhDs

1. PhD Programs jointly organized and managed with partner administrative offices can be established through agreements or consortia with universities or research institutions.
2. Special agreement may provide for collaboration with regard to the PhD Program for the granting of a double PhD.
3. The PhD Program Regulations established pursuant to this Article may be adopted derogating from provisions of these Regulations, subject to compliance with the applicable law.
4. The agreements referred to in this Article shall be approved by the Executive Council, after receiving the approval of the Academic Council.

Article 21 - Joint thesis supervision

1. IMT may sign bilateral agreements with universities or research institutions concerning the implementation of Programs for joint thesis supervision.
2. These Programs allow students of IMT and the cooperating university and/or bodies to develop the thesis under the joint leadership of two supervisors, one for each of the universities and/or affiliated organizations, whose positive judgment is a necessary condition for admission the thesis defense.
3. The student must carry out his or her activities of study and research at the facilities of both universities and/or institutions in accordance with the procedures and time limits set out in the relevant agreement.

4. The period spent in the cooperating institution is not as a matter of course considered an offsite period as defined in Article 15, paragraph 1 letter c) of these Regulations and thus does not necessarily result in the scholarship increase as outlined in art. 13 nor is it subject to the same time constraints.
5. The agreement that supports the Program shall define the composition of the committee for the thesis defense, maintaining however the principle that at least half of the members of the committee shall not belong to the universities and/or organizations participating in the Program for joint supervision.
6. The agreements referred to in this Article shall be approved by the Director after consulting the Scientific Boards.

Article 22 - Doctor Europaeus

1. IMT may establish contacts with universities in other EU member states that enable the provision of the certification of "Doctor Europaeus" added to the title and the national value of the PhD.
2. This certification may cover the entire PhD Programs, by resolution of the Scientific Boards, or individual students who so request.
3. The certificate is awarded in accordance with the requirements specified in the acts of the 45th Congress of the Confederation of Rectors of European Universities:
 - The residence of the student at a university in another EU member state for a period of research and preparation of the thesis should be no less than three months;
 - The thesis defense must be preceded by a positive assessment in a written report from at least two academics from universities in two member countries of the "European Higher Education Area" (namely signees of the Bologna Charter), which must be different than the country in which the thesis defense is to take place and who have not had scientific or personal ties with the concerned students;
 - The preparation and presentation of the thesis must be at least in part in one of the official EU languages other than that of the country in which the thesis defense is to take place.
 - The Graduation Committee must include at least one expert belonging to a member country of the "European Higher Education Area" other than Italy.

Article 23 - Agreements on international mobility

1. The School may establish agreements with universities or research institutions in order to develop a network of relationships that enable individual students to carry out study and research abroad and for students from other universities to be accommodated at IMT for periods of study and research.
2. The periods abroad and agreements with universities or research institutions described in the preceding paragraph shall be authorized and signed by the Director.
3. The Director can appoint a Delegate to coordinate the programs of international mobility.



Article 24 - Higher Education and Research Apprenticeship

1. The Higher Education and Research Apprenticeship, resulting in the earning of a PhD degree, is a type of work contract with educational purpose, addressed to students that are eligible to enroll in IMT's PhD Programs.
2. The regulation of this kind of contract explicitly refers to the current legislation and to the agreements (stipulated according to the aforesaid legislation) among Regione Toscana, Tuscan Universities and/or Research Institutes and Trade Unions, as well as to all other current agreements and contracts in the same field/area.
3. Students who sign a Higher Education and Research Apprenticeship contract (hereafter, "apprenticeship") at IMT are IMT PhD students to all intents and purposes.
4. In case the contract terminates due to causes that cannot be attributed to the apprentice's misconduct, or in case the company ensures the financial coverage of the contract for a period inferior to three years, apprentices have the right to complete their educational activities at IMT to obtain the PhD, in the manner and conditions provided for in these regulations and prescribed by the current legislation.

Titolo VII - TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 25 - Transitional and final provisions

1. Article 6 applies to the students of the cycles subsequent to XXVI and in cases in which a supervisor was not yet appointed under the previously existing regulation. In such cases, the Advisor replaces the tutor appointed and takes over his or her responsibilities.
2. Article 13, paragraph 12 shall apply only to students from XXVII cycle onwards.
3. Article 17, paragraph 1 applies to the students of the cycles subsequent to XXIX.
4. With reference to the cycles, which, pursuant to this Article, the provisions established by these Regulations shall not apply, shall continue to be subject to the previous PhD Regulations of IMT (issued by Directorial Decree n. 0142(131).I.3.23.04.15.
5. Relevant laws shall be applied to any issue or item not treated in the present regulations.