Art. 1

(Purpose)

1. The regulations herein govern, in accordance with article 4, second paragraph, of Law No. 210 of 3rd July 1998, and with Ministerial Decree No. 45 of 8th February 2013, the institution and functioning of the Ph.D courses (hereafter referred to as "Courses") with reference to article 5, paragraph 1, letter b), and article 37 of the Statute of the Scuola Normale Superiore (hereafter referred to as "Scuola").

2. The Courses provide the competences necessary for the carrying out, at universities or with public or private bodies, of highly qualified research activities, contributing to the constitution of the European Area of Higher Education and of the European Research Area.

3. The Courses may also be instituted in collaboration with other universities or in agreement with culturally or scientifically highly qualified public or private bodies in possession of suitable structures, equipment and personnel.

Art. 2

(Course Authorities)

1. Each course is under the authority of the Council of the academic structure of appurtenance, the Board of Lecturers and the Co-ordinator.

2. The Council of the academic structure of appurtenance has the task of programming the teaching activities of the course and for initiating the corresponding research activities.

   The Council has the following tasks:
   a. to propose to the Academic Council the institution of the course, its duration, its scientific objectives and the teaching and research activities, in addition to the composition of the Board of Lecturers and its co-ordinator;
   b. to approve, at the proposal of the Co-ordinator, students' study plans, which may involve, in addition to teaching activities specifically set up by the Scuola, cycles of lessons from other courses activated by the
Scuola or by other university institutions;
c. to approve, in consultation with the Co-ordinator, the choice of mentors and of students' Ph.D thesis research projects;
d. to nominate, in consultation with the Co-ordinator, the commission to assess the admission of students to the next academic year.

3. The Board of Lecturers has the task of planning and carrying out the Course; the Board is composed of full professors and associate professors, university researchers, research leaders, directors of research or their equivalent in public research institutions and international universities or institutions, in addition to other qualified experts but in a proportion not higher than the total number of members occupying a role at the Scuola and any partner institutions for jointly-instituted courses. The Board must meet at least twice yearly.

4. The Co-ordinator is responsible for the management, organisation and co-ordination of the teaching and research activities of the Course.

5. The Co-ordinator is nominated by the Academic Council at the proposal of the Council of the academic structure in which the Course is instituted; the Co-ordinator has the following duties:
   a. to co-ordinate the scientific and teaching activity of the Course;
   b. to preside over the meetings of the Board of Lecturers;
   c. to manage the funds assigned to the Course, where appropriate;
   d. to make an annual report to the Council of the academic structure on the activities of the course and on the progress of the students.

Art. 3
(Qualifying requisites and institution of the Courses)

1. Each proposal for the institution of a Course is deliberated by the Academic Council, after consultation with the Evaluation team of the Scuola as to the existence of the qualifying requisites, and with the Board of Directors, which has the task of verifying the availability of the human and financial resources necessary for its activation. All places for this call are covered by scholarships; attendance and enrolment are free of charge.

2. The Courses are instituted with a Director's Decree upon accreditation on the part of the Ministry, with the agreement of ANVUR (Agenzia nazionale di valutazione del sistema universitario e della ricerca, or National Agency for the assessment of the university and research system).

3. Every year, the Evaluation team of the Scuola checks out the requisites for each Course instituted; in the case of a negative assessment, the panel must notify the Director immediately.

4. At the proposal of the Director or of the Council of the academic structure in which the Course is instituted, the Academic Council, may decide to close a Course. Such a decision may also be taken by the Board of Directors, if the necessary human or financial resources are no longer available. Closure is by means of a Director's Decree.

5. Also in the light of the guidelines of the Ministry for the accreditation of courses as in Note No. 436 of 24th March 2014, all proposals for the institution
of a Course must satisfy the following requisites for approval:

a. at least 50% of the Board of Lecturers must be made up of members occupying a permanent role at the Scuola or at any partner institutions for jointly-instituted courses; in the case of research institutions, these must be research directors or leading researchers;

b. the co-ordinator is a full or associate professor employed on a full time basis at the Scuola; a professor can also be appointed who carries out his work activity exclusively at the Scuola on the basis of a special agreement with his university of appurtenance;

c. the co-ordinator must possess a curriculum vitae guaranteeing his qualification and his organisational capacity in the scientific field, evaluated by means of his publications of the last five years and his experience of co-ordinating research groups. In addition, the ratio between the mean grade attributed to the co-ordinator in the last VQR (Valutazione della Qualità della Ricerca, or Research Quality Assessment) and the national mean grade in the scientific-disciplinary sector of appurtenance must be greater than one, and the ratio between the percentage of products of the co-ordinator with an assessment of "excellent" in the VQR and the corresponding national mean in the scientific-disciplinary sector of appurtenance must be greater than one;

d. members of the Board of Lecturers undergoing VQR are generally required to satisfy the criteria expressed in the preceding letter for the co-ordinator in terms of mean grade and percentage of products with an assessment of "excellent" in the VQR;

e. the members of the Board of Lecturers must be able to guarantee a degree of cover equal to at least 80% of the scientific-disciplinary sectors of the course;

f. the members of the Board of Lecturers must carry out documented research activities in line with the scientific objectives of the course and will typically be mentors-supervisors of Ph.D students' theses: all members of the Board of Lecturers must have published in the last five years at least two "products" of the type specified by the VQR that are coherent with one of the scientific-disciplinary sectors of the Ph.D course;

g. the teaching programme must follow the scientific lines of the Ph.D course and must provide the competences for carrying out highly qualified research activities: the members of the Board of Lecturers will as a rule be in charge of a course or teaching module or will carry out integrative teaching activities formalized within the Ph.D teaching programme;

h. with the aim of allowing for the creation of an adequate learning environment, the availability must be guaranteed of at least three places for each Ph.D teaching cycle; in addition, the availability must be assured of adequate and steady funding so as to guarantee the sustainability of the Course for at least three cycles, also with specific
reference to support for the research in the field of which the activity of
the Ph.D candidates is carried out;
i. specific and suitable operating and scientific structures must be available
for the study and research activity of the students, including, depending
on the type of Course, science laboratories, an adequate library of
textbooks and other written material, and data banks and resources for
spreadsheet activity;
j. there must be the provision, possibly jointly with several Ph.D courses
and/or doctorate courses, of disciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching
and of language and information technology classes, as well as activities
in the field of research management and knowledge of European and
international research systems, the valorisation of research and of
intellectual property.

Art. 4
(Assessment of Courses)

1. The Courses are assessed annually by the Evaluation team, which also
examines the judgements expressed by the students in itinere and at the end of
the courses.
2. Following the publication of the annual report of the Evaluation team, the
Director convenes the co-ordinators of the Courses in order to examine the
report and identify possible appropriate strategies to improve the quality of the
Courses.
3. Every year the administration offices of the Scuola must provide the authorities
of the Scuola with the following information on each Course:
   a. for the entrance exams of the last three years: number of candidates
      enrolled, number of candidates who attended, number of places
      attributed, and number of renunciations by the students admitted;
   b. number of scholarships financed externally or with research funds;
      results of research and projects financed relative to members of the
      Board of Lecturers of the course;
   c. percentage of Ph.D students who obtain their degree in the specified
time.

Art. 5
(Call, requisites for admission and examinations)

1. The call, published in Italian and English, is issued by Director's Decree and is
published on the website of the Scuola, on the European site Euraxess and on
that of the MIUR.
2. Admission to the Ph.D course is based exclusively on merit; selection is in the
public domain and is based on candidates' qualifications and on examinations.
Applications are invited, without limitations of citizenship, by those who by
the call deadline are in possession of a laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree) or
equivalent non-Italian degree, or by those who obtain the degree required for
admission, on pain of forfeiture of admission in the case of a positive selection
outcome, by the deadline of 31st October of the same year, and whose age does not exceed thirty years by 31st October.

3. The call can provide a quota of places reserved for students graduating at non-European universities or resident in non-European countries and, for these cases, modifications of the selection procedure.

4. The suitability of non-Italian degrees is ascertained, merely for the aims of selection, by the adjudicating commissions in accordance with the current regulations in Italy and in the country where the degree was issued and with international treaties or agreements relating to recognition of degrees for the continuation of studies.

5. The call requires the following documents to be enclosed in the application:
   a. the laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree) thesis, where necessary accompanied by an abstract in English;
   b. a diploma supplement or another similar document relating to the evaluating examinations taken and to the degree obtained;
   c. copies of any publications;
   d. at least one letter of reference from a lecturer or other expert in support of the candidature;
   e. a study or research project attesting to the candidate's scientific interests and their alignment with the scientific directions promoted by the Scuola; the said project will not affect the candidate's subsequent choice of thesis.

6. Candidates who on the deadline date for application have not yet obtained their laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree) must submit an abstract of their thesis in English or in Italian, which must in any case be submitted no later than 31st October.

7. Admission to the Course is barred to those with a research doctorate issued by an Italian university or who have benefited from a scholarship to attend a research doctorate course in Italy.

Art. 6
(Admission commissions and admission examinations)

1. The Director of the Scuola, on consultation with the deans of the academic structures and the co-ordinators of the courses, nominates by decree the admission commissions, one for each Course. The commissions normally consist of the members of the Board of Lecturers and are presided over by the co-ordinator of the Course.

2. The president of the commission, should he feel the need and having consulted the commission, may invite qualified scholars to express their judgement on the qualifications presented by a Ph.D course candidate; he can also invite experts in foreign languages to join the commission.

3. For the evaluation, designed to ascertain the aptitude of the candidate for scientific research and his basic preparation for tackling the course programme, each admission commission has at its disposal one hundred points, subdivided between the evaluation of the qualifications and of the examinations in
accordance with the criteria established by the Academic Council. For admission to the Ph.D course, an overall score of at least seventy points is required.

4. The evaluation of the qualifications is based on their entirety, consisting of the laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree) thesis, the university curriculum, the letters of reference, the scientific publications and the study and research project proposed by the candidate, also in the light of their alignment with the scientific directions promoted by the Scuola.

5. When an oral examination is required, candidates not resident in Italy, or having residence or domicile abroad for documented reasons of work, study or research, may take this examination on-line, using procedures guaranteeing the identification of the candidate and the public nature of the examination. Further conditions or situations declared by the candidates which could prevent the latter from taking the oral examination in person at the Scuola will be assessed as eligible or not eligible in order to justify an on-line examination at the sole discretion of the adjudicating Commission. During the oral examination there is a test of competence in the English language. The oral examination may, in any case, be conducted entirely in English.

6. On the basis of the evaluation of the qualifications and the results of the examinations, the admission commission admits the candidates and places them in descending order of classification. Whenever two or more candidates, on completion of the examinations, obtain the same score, the youngest candidate is classified first.

7. The Director of the Scuola approves the final classifications of merit formulated by the commissions and nominates the winners within the limits of the places specified in the call.

8. Candidates who win a place on the basis of the final classification will forfeit their place if they do not accept it by the deadline fixed by the Scuola.

9. In the case of renunciation or forfeiture on the part of a place winner, the Scuola has the right to proceed to a new assignation of the place within thirty days, respecting the order of the final classification of the qualifying candidates.

Art. 7

(Programming and development of the course)

1. The Courses start on 1st November each year.

2. The manner in which students fulfil their didactic obligations is determined by the Council of their academic structure on the proposals of the Boards of Lecturers. These activities, which must include at least one hundred and fifty hours of didactic activities established by the Scuola or by other university or research institutions, are specified in individual annual study plans submitted to the approval of the Council by the Board of Lecturers of the course.

3. Each Ph.D student must attend overall at least three courses for which a final examination is required.

4. The disciplinary and interdisciplinary and language and information
technology classes, as well as those of research management and knowledge of the European and international research systems, of the valorisation of the research and of intellectual property, can be included in the hundred and fifty hours of didactic activities referred to in the second paragraph of this article, with a maximum of twenty hours. The Board of Lecturers of a Ph.D. course can establish that the ascertainment of a certain level of linguistic competence in one or more foreign languages is a necessary condition to pass the annual examinations and therefore to maintain the place and the scholarship.

5. In the December session, the Council of the student's academic structure approves the study plans of the students. At the start of the second year, in a single session proposals are approved for the nomination of a mentor and for the thesis research topic proposed by the Ph.D students. While it is understood that the responsibility lies with the mentor, in particular circumstances the Council of the student's academic structure may nominate a co-mentor, also from outside the Scuola.

6. If the mentor and the co-mentor, when present, are both from outside the Scuola, the Council of the student's academic structure, at the proposal of the Co-ordinator, nominates from among the professors and researchers permanently employed by the Scuola a supervisor with the task of following more closely the didactic and research activities of the Ph.D student in question.

7. At the termination of each course year, excluding the final one, the students of each Ph.D course must undergo an interview to verify the study and research activities carried out during the year with a commission composed of at least three members of the Board of Lecturers, presided over by the Co-ordinator and nominated by the Council of the student's academic structure. Normally the mentor(s) and any supervisors participate in the work of the commission for each student who attends the second or subsequent years. Passing the interview determines the maintenance of the place and the scholarship and allows admission to the following year; for the purposes of admission, the degree of satisfaction of the student’s academic commitments and progress in his research activity relating to the thesis project are taken into account. The interview must be passed by October 31 of the academic year subject to verification.

8. For the test referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Ph.D student must submit each year, by a deadline established by the Academic Council, a written report of the didactic and research activity carried out and the results obtained, participation in seminars or congresses or other scientific initiatives, and any publications produced. For admission to the third year the report will include a description of the progress of the thesis research project, in accordance with the procedure established by the student's academic structure.

9. By the end of the last year of their course, Ph.D students must submit to the approval of the Council of their academic structure the definite title of their thesis and a detailed abstract of the same in Italian or English, pending the submission of the complete work for admission.
Art. 8
(Awarding of the degree)

1. The degree of Philosophiae Doctor (Ph.D.), in accordance with article 41, first paragraph, letter d) of the Statute, is awarded upon passing the final examination, consisting of the public discussion of a written dissertation (thesis), which must be based upon an original research study carried out with assured methods and contributing to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of research.

2. The final examination is held, as a rule, in the six months preceding the termination of the course or in the succeeding six months. In special cases, the student can take the final exam up to one year before the end of the course. The student can, however, request admission to the final examination within two years of completion of the Ph.D course, after which he will no longer be admitted to the examination and will lose all benefits connected to his student status.

3. Students involved in a co-mentoring thesis programme may, where international inter-university cooperation agreements envisage specific procedures for obtaining the qualification that are incompatible with compliance with the deadline referred to in the preceding paragraph, request a waiver; the request, which must include the motivated opinion of the two thesis supervisors, will be evaluated and, if appropriate, granted by the Council of the academic structure of reference.

4. The thesis is to be written in Italian or English, or else in another language with prior authorisation of the Council of the student's academic structure.

5. Application for admission to the final examination, which must be submitted at least two months prior to the discussion of the thesis, must be accompanied by a detailed abstract of the thesis in English, a report by the student on the didactic and scientific activities carried out during the Ph.D course, a copy of any publications, and a copy of the thesis in computerised form.

6. The dean of the student's academic structure, on consultation with the mentor (or mentors) and with the supervisor, submits the thesis and the report on the activities carried out to a preliminary evaluation by at least two highly qualified lecturers from outside the Scuola, who are denominated evaluators and who ascertain the originality of the contents and the organic unity of the presentation. The evaluators express a written analytical judgement of the thesis, assessing its suitability for public discussion and possibly requesting a rewriting should they consider it necessary for integrations or corrections to be made. The set of judgements is conveyed to the Board of Lecturers, who then give their opinion as to the suitability for admission of the thesis. In the case of a positive evaluation on the part of the Board of Lecturers, the Co-ordinator proposes the admission of the thesis for public discussion to the Council of the student's academic structure. The Board of Lecturers can also request a new written version of the thesis, which, at the decision of the Co-ordinator, can then be resubmitted to the same evaluators, or else transmitted to the Council.
of the student's academic structure for admission to public discussion. If the judgement for non-admission to public discussion is confirmed, the candidate is not admitted to the final examination and loses his student status.

7. The thesis evaluation commission is nominated by the Director, on consultation with the Dean and the co-ordinator of the Course. The commission is composed of at least five members; it is presided over by a professor of the Scuola and, except in exceptional cases and after deliberation by the Council of the academic structure concerned, has a majority of internal members (permanently employed professors or those with an agreement, professors on contract or adjunct professors, emeritus professors, permanently or temporarily employed researchers, or senior fellows). The commission also includes the mentor – or, if there is more than one mentor, at least one of them – and the supervisor, where appointed pursuant to the preceding article 7, paragraph six; as a rule, at least one of the evaluators is included in the commission. In the case of courses with a joint degree, the above mentioned designations are inclusive of the partner institution.

8. At the termination of the discussion, the thesis is approved or rejected by the commission, which provides a written justification for its decision. On approving the thesis, the commission proposes the awarding of the degree of Philosophiae Doctor; a majority decision may also be taken. The commission can also, unanimously, award a degree cum laude.

9. The degree of Philosophiae Doctor (Ph.D.) is awarded by the Director of the Scuola.

10. Within thirty days of the discussion and approval of the thesis, the Scuola must deposit a computerised copy of it in the ministry data bank. With the authorisation of the Board of Lecturers, parts of the thesis may be rendered unavailable if they contain data protected as industrial secrets in accordance with the prevailing legislation on the matter. A copy of the thesis is deposited at the national central libraries of Rome and Florence.

Art. 9
(Ph.D scholarships and contributions)

1. The Ph.D scholarship awarded to the winners of the places consists of:
   a. a financial contribution towards their studies, the amount being fixed yearly by the Academic Council;
   b. free accommodation within the structure of the Scuola or a contribution towards accommodation, in accordance with the provisions of the call.

2. The students also have the right for the entire duration of the course, excluding the periods of academic holidays, to free board within the structures of the Scuola or associated structures.

3. For the duration of the course and until they obtain their degree the students have access to the facilities necessary for carrying out their research activities.

4. The Ph.D scholarship is paid out for the entire duration of the course, except for any periods of suspension in accordance with article 10, paragraph 5 of the current regulations. The Board of Lecturers of the three-year courses may
propose the extension of the scholarship for up to one year for justified research requirements for the completion of the thesis; during this period postgraduates maintain the right to free board as specified in the second paragraph of this article and may receive support grants for study and research activities off-site, as specified in the seventh paragraph of this article.

5. The Ph.D scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship, except for those provided for the integration, with stays abroad, of the didactic and research activities.

6. The study grant paid out to the students of the Course is subject to payment of social security contributions to the INPS, the Italian pensions and social security organisation, in the category of “gestione separata” or “special pension funds for atypical earners”, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 26 of Law No. 335 of 8th August 1995, and subsequent modifications; two thirds of the contribution is paid by the Scuola and one third by the Ph.D student. The Ph.D student benefits from the associated protection and rights.

7. The students of the Course can be authorised to carry out study and research activities outside the Scuola. In order to support these activities:
   a. the amount of the Ph.D scholarship can be increased by 50% for periods of stay abroad greater than one month and not more than eighteen months altogether;
   b. each Ph.D student is entitled, in addition to the Ph.D scholarship and within the possibilities provided by the financial resources of the Scuola, to a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, of not less than 10% of the amount of the said scholarship; the amount each year not utilised remains at the disposal of the Scuola, for the same purposes.

Art. 10
(Rights and obligations of Ph.D students)

1. The Ph.D student is obliged to attend regularly the activities of his course and to devote himself fully to his individual study programme, to his other didactic commitments and to the carrying out of the research activities assigned to him. The said activities are normally carried out at the Scuola. Periods of study and research abroad are authorised by the Council of the student's academic structure at the proposal of the co-ordinator of the Course.

2. Ph.D students, within their didactic project, may carry out integrative tutorial and teaching activities, on condition that these have been included in the didactic programme of the student's academic structure of reference, and that this does not involve any increase in the Ph.D scholarship, and in any case within the maximum limit of forty hours in each academic year.

3. On request and with the approval of the Council of the student's academic structure, suspension of the obligation to attend the Ph.D course may be granted, up to a maximum of one year, in the case of serious and proven illness, parental leave or particular family situations, with the rights to the Ph.D scholarship intact save for interruption of payment during the period of suspension.
4. Female Ph.D students have full maternity rights in accordance with the decree issued by the Ministry of Labour and social security of 12\textsuperscript{th} July 2007, published in \textit{Gazzetta Ufficiale} No. 247 of 23\textsuperscript{rd} October 2007.

5. Suspension of the obligation to attend the Ph.D course up to a maximum of one year may also be granted if a student becomes employed permanently in Public Administration during the trial period; he surrenders the Ph.D scholarship for the said period.

6. At the request of the interested party and with the approval of the Council of the student's academic structure, a Ph.D student may be suspended for the duration of the \textit{Tirocinio Formativo Attivo} (TFA).

7. The Council of an academic structure can propose to the Director, with due motivation and notifying the interested party, that a Ph.D student be temporarily suspended or barred from the Course, with the consequent suspension or loss of the Ph.D scholarship, in the following cases:
   a. a negative evaluation of the annual examination of didactic activity;
   b. an unjustified and prolonged absence;
   c. behaviour contrary to the incompatibility laws in accordance with the regulations herein;
   d. disciplinary infractions punishable with the sanctions stipulated by the didactic and internal regulations.

8. In the case of surrender of the Course, the interested party is obliged to notify the Director with a month's notice. The Ph.D scholarship will be paid out until the date of surrender.

\textbf{Art. 11} \\
\textit{(Incompatibilities)}

1. Admission to the Course involves total full-time commitment and is incompatible with self-employed or employed work activities and with professional activities. With the permission of the Board of Lecturers, that assesses the compatibility with the didactic and research commitments, the following activities and the related remuneration are allowed:
   a. from collaboration with newspapers, magazines, encyclopedias and similar;
   b. from economic use on the part of the author or inventor of intellectual works and industrial inventions;
   c. from participation in conferences and seminars.

At the proposal of the Board of Lecturers, the Council of the relevant academic structure may authorize postgraduate students to carry out paid activities, in any case limited to those relating to the acquisition of skills relevant to their own educational field.

2. Current regulations with regard to work leave or special leave are applied in the case of public employees who win a post-graduate place at the Scuola.

3. Attendance of the Ph.D course of the Scuola is incompatible with concomitant enrolment in other degree courses, specialization courses, Ph.D courses and
“master” courses (one-year specialisation courses) or other Ph.D courses in Italy or abroad except in cases of specific international agreements.

4. All those accepted for the Ph.D course who are enrolled in one of the above mentioned courses are required to regularise their position within a fortnight on pain of forfeiture.

Art. 12

(Ph.D theses with co-mentoring programmes)

1. A programme of co-mentoring of the thesis presupposes that a student of the Ph.D course develops his thesis under the joint direction of a lecturer of the Scuola and one from the partner university, thus obtaining for the same thesis, from each of the two university institutions, the degree of Ph.D. or equivalent degree, or else a joint degree.

2. Each thesis co-mentoring programme is activated, on a proposal of the Council of the academic structure, following the stipulation of an appropriate convention regulating the aspects relating to the enrolment at the two institutions, the contribution, the accident insurance cover, the implementation of study and research periods at each of the two sites, the manner of supervision and evaluation of the Ph.D thesis, admission to the final examination and the discussion of the thesis.

3. The intellectual property of the topic of the thesis, its publication and utilisation and the protection of the results of the research undertaken are customarily assured in conformity with the specific procedures of each university undertaking co-mentoring, with the exception of specific arrangements agreed on by the two institutions.

4. The activity undertaken by the Ph.D student in the co-mentoring of the thesis is evaluated for the purpose of admission to the subsequent year, in the manner established for all the Ph.D students of the Course.

5. The Scuola, at the request of the interested party and subject to the favourable opinion of the Council of the student's academic structure, can grant the certification of "Doctor Europaeus" in addition to the national degree of Ph.D. on fulfilment of the following conditions:
   a. the thesis must be the result of a work and research period of at least three months' duration, undertaken in a European country different from that in which the Ph.D or doctorate course is located;
   b. a positive judgement on the work of the thesis must have been given by at least two evaluators belonging to university institutions of two European countries different from that in which the thesis will be discussed;
   c. the commission for the final examination must include at least one member from a university institution of a European country different from that in which the thesis will be discussed;
   d. the discussion of the thesis must be held at least in part in an official European language different from that in which the thesis will be discussed.
Art. 13
*(Ph.D and doctorate courses in association or with a convention)*

1. At the proposal of the Council of the student's academic structure, and subject to validation on the part of MIUR, the Scuola can activate Ph.D or doctorate courses in association or with a convention:
   a. with other Italian or foreign universities, which can grant a double, multiple or joint degree, subject to the specifications of art. 4, paragraph 1, letter c) of Ministerial Decree No. 45 of 8th February 2013, and subject to the availability of human, structural and financial resources;
   b. with other universities and highly qualified public or private research institutions, also from different countries, it being understood that in such cases the administrative seat must be an Italian university that issues the academic degree.

2. The agreements and the conventions define:
   a. the duration and organisation of the Ph.D courses or doctorates;
   b. admission requirements and procedures;
   c. the number of scholarships and any enrolment contributions to be paid by the students;
   d. the composition of the adjudicating commissions for selection and final examination.

3. The courses referred to in the present article can be activated only with a commitment of the student's academic structure to keep the course active for at least three consecutive cycles, with the awarding of at least twenty-seven scholarships over the three cycles.

Art. 14
*(Activities of professors and researchers)*

1. The certified management, teaching and mentoring activities carried out by professors and university researchers in connection with the Courses are subject to the institutional obligations in accordance with article 6 of Law No. 240 of 30th December 2010.

Art. 15
*(Transitory and final regulations)*

1. Unless they are governed by specific regulations, any doctorate courses instituted by the Scuola in accordance with article 39, paragraph 4, of the Statute are governed by the current regulations. Research doctorate courses activated by *the Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane* (the Italian Institute of Humanities) ongoing at the date of enactment of the current regulations remain governed by the regulations and conventions of the Institute.

2. The present regulations apply to the courses of the XXIX cycle, starting from the academic year 2013-2014 and, where compatible, to the students of courses activated in the preceding years and not yet concluded.
3. The present regulations come into force on the date of the relevant Director's decree and are published on the website of the Scuola. Upon enactment of the current regulations all other internal regulations regarding Ph.D courses cease to have effect.