



**LETTER TO STUDENTS FROM THE COORDINATOR OF THE
SOCIAL SCIENCES DOCTORAL PROGRAM AT UCAM
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Dear students:

I am writing this letter to welcome you in this new course to the Doctoral Program in Social Sciences at UCAM, to thank you for your confidence, and to provide you with some basic information to organize your work, so that you can acquire the competencies and skills necessary to obtain the title of Doctor in the fixed term.

The programme is designed in accordance with current legislation, its report is verified (/accredited) ; and it is organised and directed by its Academic Commission so that the doctoral student can apply for the deposit of his/her thesis in a maximum of four years, on a full-time basis, starting from the admission of the doctoral student (this period can be extended up to one more if justified).

A student may exceptionally apply, at the end of each academic year, to the Academic Committee for part-time study for the following academic year, for a period of seven years, if he/she meets and justifies, at the end of each academic year, any of the requirements established for this purpose.

To achieve the objectives of the Programme, students will count with the necessary guide in their work by the Director/Tutor appointed by the Academic Committee. He/she must regularly (at least monthly) monitor and evaluate the doctoral student's progress, which will also be assessed by the Academic Committee responsible for the doctoral programme once a year.

For this reason, the doctoral student must contact the Director/Tutor from the moment of his/her appointment, in order to design and organize, between them, the development of his/her thesis project and personal training plan (whose registration must be requested and accepted within six months of his/her admission), and to schedule, in the three years established, the completion of those compulsory activities aimed at his/her training (Research Seminars and the Thesis preparation workshop) and those more focused on the dissemination of his/her scientific work (Presentations of Results, Scientific Article and Presentation at a Congress).

All students are obliged to keep their records up to date in the *Laurea Academic* system, which will be the way to keep the tutor always up to date with their work in the activities.

In addition, you should carefully read the Protocol of Organization and Operation of the activities of the Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences, which is given to you at the beginning of each academic year.

I hope and wish that all these indications will help you to plan a work project that will undoubtedly be intense, and that will not have much chance of success if you do not work side by side at all times and under the supervision of your director/tutor.

Best regards.

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