



SELINUS UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCES AND LITERATURE



Get a Ph.D. by Research via distance learning



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WORLD CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE
Global Authority on Occupational Certification



The world of research is constantly evolving and high-profile expertise and professionalism need to be recognized. Selinus University's distance learning degree programs allow students to choose among many specializations, in order to work on their PhD thesis.

Any Doctor of Philosophy degree, either in science or in humanities, will attest graduates' deep knowledge and mastering of the chosen topic. The distance learning PhD degree is earned after successfully completing and defending the final doctoral thesis in the academic major of choice. The program is an effective way to strengthen students' cultural background and to foster new academic contributions in their knowledge field.

In order to be eligible for the program, students need to possess a Master's degree or equivalent and be at least 30 years old.

The main requirement for a distance learning Ph.D. by Research is to submit and defend the final thesis, which is required to have a minimum length of at least 90/100 pages. After the submission, it will be reviewed and evaluated by Selinus University's academic committee. In some cases, previous candidate's publications may be relevant for Ph.D. purposes.

The program has no minimum duration, whereas a maximum duration of 24 months. It does not have any intake or admission deadline; therefore, students can apply any time of the year.

PHD BY RESEARCH FINAL TOTAL COST

€ 2600 - Two thousand six hundred euros

The cost is all-inclusive: ongoing student support, general thesis supervision and evaluation, issuance and shipment of diploma certificate and transcript, degree authentication **via Blockchain technology**.

Selinus University cannot issue any scholarships, discounts or benefits whatsoever, because it is an international and private distance learning university, which does not have any system of institutions to rely on to issue any economic or financial benefits.

The student can pay in a single lump sum (with a 10% discount on the total price) or can split the fee payment into monthly and consecutive interest-free instalments. Further details on payment terms and conditions are available in the Application Form. In case of successful enrolment, the first payment deadline will be scheduled within 10 days from receiving the Enrolment Certificate.

Unlike any other traditional campus-based Ph.D., Selinus University's Ph.D. by Research **does not consist of any coursework, classes or lectures to attend, either on campus or online**.

Rather, it is based on independent and autonomous theoretical research on a specific academic area that the student has to carry out and implement in a final thesis.





As we are a distance learning university and our students come from all over the world, the thesis defense has to be submitted by email after the thesis approval.

The student can choose one of the following options to defend his/her thesis:


1

Written defense (to be sent via email)
a 3-5 pages paper, in which the student debates and displays his/her main argumentations, showing how he/she has achieved the prefixed academic goal.

2

Oral defense (to be sent via email)
a 15'-20' audio or video recorded presentation, in which the student debates and displays his/her main argumentations, showing how he/she has achieved the prefixed academic goal.

THERE ARE NO ONLINE LIVE THESIS DEFENSE SESSIONS



PhD by Research: a career-oriented alternative to traditional academic programs

A traditional PhD is an on-campus program for academic purposes, with a much more complex structure than a PhD by Research, which usually involves only the writing of the final thesis. The duration of a traditional PhD usually ranges from four to six years.

In the first two years, students must complete advanced courses related to their chosen discipline. In the second and third year, after passing the initial exams, students engage in research and define their thesis project. At this stage they can usually begin to work as researchers or assistant lecturers, in order to gain experience in scientific production and teaching. From the fourth to the sixth year, papers begin to be implemented; normally, each student must develop nine papers, in addition to the final thesis. The final academic transcript, therefore, reports the individual marks obtained for the papers and the final thesis, thus determining the final grade point average (GPA).

Selinus University's PhD by Research, on the other hand, does not consist of any courses, exams, lectures, conferences or papers in addition to the final thesis.

It has a simple structure, without the need to attend any campus activities, either in person or online. The PhD by Selinus University should be considered as a

Ph.D program



professional development program, useful for career advancement, working in consulting and CV enhancement.

Professional PhDs are highly valued in international companies, NGOs, humanitarian and scientific Foundations, and third sector associations. Usually, since they do not have a traditional program structure, they are not useful for academic purposes related to teaching and research, or for employment in state and government sectors.

The educational structure of Selinus University's PhD by Research is essentially based on theoretical research, carried out independently and autonomously on a specific academic field, which the student must develop and implement in a final thesis. The program's completion time therefore varies depending on the time required by the student's research work, up to a maximum of 24 months. The final transcript does not refer to any courses or exams, but rather consists of the final results of the thesis evaluation.

It is clear, therefore, that a PhD by Research is completely different from a traditional PhD program: the former has a professional and career purpose, while the latter is aimed at academic, research and government employment.



Accreditation - Education Quality - Reputation

The accreditation process is non-governmental and discretionary. A distance education university usually appeals to a private, regional or professional association, in order to be accredited. When any university applies, the accrediting institution performs an overall assessment and grants the accreditation only when deemed appropriate, according to its own accreditation criteria. No worldwide accreditation standards are currently available for any distance learning higher education institutions such as Selinus University.

A distance learning degree can be useful for many purposes, but not for all. It can give access to many careers and jobs, whereas others require government-accredited diplomas.

For this reason, before enrolling, we suggest our potential students to verify the correct degree use in their country.

Professional reputation depends on people's skills and competency, that are only virtually represented by the obtained degree. It is therefore necessary to bear in mind that any company or employer relies more on actual knowledge and expertise owned by aspiring employees, rather than on their degree. For most companies, the completion of a distance university program is as valid as attending courses in a formal university campus.

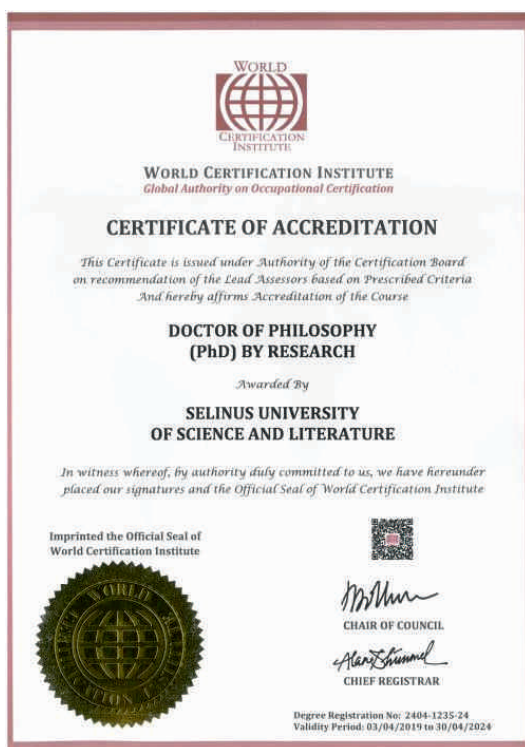
Selinus University of Science and Literature has the WCI (World Certification Institute) accreditation

Selinus University is globally accredited by the WCI (World Certification Institute), a leading global certifying body that grants credential awards to individuals and educational institutions. The WCI accredits courses and study programs delivered by universities, colleges, schools, professional institutions and training companies.

WCI has accredited Selinus University of Sciences and Literature after carefully reviewing, validating and authenticating its study programs.

The World Certification Institute examined the following parameters: program content and duration, teacher qualifications and expertise, financial strength and integrity of course providers and, most importantly, titles relevance for professional and career development, in line with Selinus University's mission.

Selinus University's higher distance education is accredited by recognized private and international bodies, since it meets their educational quality standards.



Quality Management Certification

Selinus University is ISO 9001:2015 certified and ISO 29990:2010 LSMS certified Business School is ISO 21001:2018 EOMS certified

In February 2022, the Selinus University of Sciences and Literature was awarded the **ISO 9001 Quality Management Certification**, for which organisations must undergo thorough conformity checks by an accredited certification body, and which attests the quality of Selinus University's systems and solutions for its students.

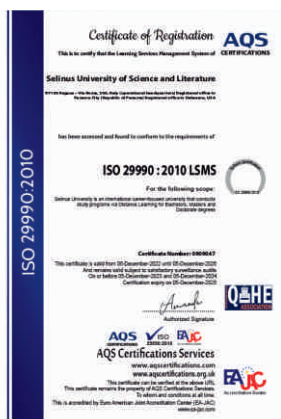
Since December 2022, it is also certified **ISO 29990** as an international university that offers career-focused study programs via distance learning for Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees.

Selinus University Business School is also certified **ISO 21001** as an international school for professionals, managers and entrepreneurs that want to get a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), a Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) or a Global Executive PhD.

ISO standards are defined by the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and outline the requirements for quality management systems within organisations and companies, both in private and public sectors.

Guarantees of Certifications

The ISO 9001, 29990, 21001 certifications attest that Selinus University adopts a quality management system which is centered on the needs and expectations of its students. Furthermore, it guarantees the high standards of its services, by their continuous monitoring and improvement.



Selinus University has been granted full accreditation by
AAHEA (American Association for Higher Education and Accreditation)

The AAHEA is the oldest non-profit association in the United States dedicated to the advancement of higher education.

The American Association for Higher Education is an independent professional organization that promotes change and reform in higher education, fosters quality teaching and learning at the college and university level, and promotes public awareness of the value of higher education in the United States and around the world.

The goals of the AAHEA include: identifying and analysing critical problems, trends, and developments in higher education and seeking constructive solutions; helping to coordinate the efforts of educational institutions and agencies at all levels; encouraging the improvement of professional work in all areas of higher education; and developing a better understanding by the general public of higher education and higher education as a profession.



ELQN ACCREDITED SELINUS UNIVERSITY:
A COMMITMENT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF E-LEARNING



The E-Learning Quality Network (ELQN) brings together a wide range of organizations committed to ensuring and improving the quality of e-learning. The network includes training providers from all over the world - such as universities, business schools, higher education centers and online training platforms - who contribute through innovative methodologies to promoting excellence in education, driving innovation and fostering collaboration in e-learning globally.

The main aspiration of ELQN - and of Selinus University as well - is a future in which every digital learner is empowered not only to acquire knowledge, but also to develop a lifelong passion for learning, growth and innovation.

Selinus University has the QAHE accreditation (International Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education)

The QAHE, registered in Delaware (USA), is an independent, private and international organization which is funded through fees charged for its accreditation services to higher education institutions, certification bodies, e-learning management system providers and training organizations.

QAHE is an authority in recognizing higher education institutions for research performances, student services and quality of teaching. Furthermore, QAHE has been assessed conform to the requirements of ISO 9001 (Quality Management System), ISO 29990 (Non-formal Education and Training Services Management System), ISO/IEC 17011 (requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality of accreditation bodies assessing and accrediting conformity assessment bodies), ISO/IEC 17040 (general requirements for the peer assessment process to be carried out by agreement groups of accreditation bodies or conformity assessment bodies), ISO 20000 (Service Management System) and ISO 27001 (Information Security Management System).

With its huge network and worldwide credibility, QAHE accreditation certifies Selinus University's commitment to provide quality education, in compliance to the highest international standards.



Selinus University collaborates with the California University Foreign Credential Evaluation for the issuance of the US certificate of degree equivalence

Thanks to this partnership, a validation procedure of the credits obtained allows Selinus University graduates to obtain the certificate of equivalence in the USA. The CUFCE (<https://www.cufce.org/>) is an evaluation agency that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum Evaluation Services (NCES) and UNESCO for accredited professional evaluators (PEs) to evaluate curricula and other academic programs of universities, colleges and schools seeking regional or national accreditation in the US.

California University FCE is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Act for public and charitable purposes and is subject to California Franchise Tax Exempt Status. It is registered with the State of California Registrar of Deeds. California University FCE has applied for and been granted a five-year renewable institutional registration by the Registrar of Los Angeles County, California, current registration number: 20100880209.

Selinus University graduates can apply to CUFCE to obtain the Dual Degree.

For further information, please contact via email our secretariat.



NOTE

Sometimes, our students - that are managers, professionals or entrepreneurs - need to obtain licenses or to transfer academic credits to/from other institutions. However, in the United States many licensing authorities require accredited degrees as a basis for issuing licenses. Therefore, the recognition of non-accredited university degrees, either for academic or professional purposes, may be discretionary.

In the event that a potential student wishes to enroll at Selinus University in order to access a governmental or public job or career, we recommend that the requirements are ascertained beforehand with the relevant authorities by the candidate, to assess whether the degree is useful or not for the desired work purposes. Selinus University does not intervene in such verification process.

PhD Certification Sample



PhD Transcript Sample



Official Transcript

THE SUSL GRADING SYSTEM

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To earn any SUSL credits a grade of E (2.0-50%) or higher is required

- A 4.0 - Excellent (91-99%)
B 3.5 - Very Good (81-90%)
C 3.0 - Good (71-80%)
D 2.5 - Satisfactory (61-70%)
E 2.0 - Sufficient (51-60%)
F 1.5 Fail (<50%)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022
MARCH 25, 2022

Registration Code:

SOURCES OF SUSL CREDITS:

^a PR.ED Code Credits: Transferred from documented previous education
^b APEL Code Credits: Accreditation of prior experiential learning

001 = General Educational courses
002 = Specific Educational
003 = Bachelor's Specialist & Expert
004 = Bachelor's courses
005 = Master's courses
006 = Master's & Doctorate courses
007 = Doctorate courses
008 = Thesis

1 SUSL CREDIT' = 1 USA Semester Credit
= 15 hours of notional learning
= 30 hours of study or working
1 SUSL CREDIT' = 2 ECTS Credits

Official Transcript

Name **YOUR NAME**

Nationality

Birth Date:

Degree	Major / Minor	Graduation Date
Doctor of Philosophy	Technological Management	March 25, 2022

Faculty of Engineering & Technology

Technological Management

DEGREE CREDITS: 225  ECTS Equivalent: 450

Undergraduate: 120	+ Postgraduate: 40	= SUSL Credits: 160	Grade Point Average	3.95
PR.ED Credits: 160	APEL Credits: 00	Academic Credits: 65	Accumulated:	225

Approval Thesis Date	CIC	PhD program	Academic Credits	Grade
		Academic Assessment of Research Performance		
31/01/2022	008	Final Dissertation (Thesis): <i>TITLE</i>		
		• Candidate's contribution to the research	6	4.0
		• Formulation and motivation of the research problem	6	4.0
		• Research structure	8	3.9
		• Research methodology	6	4.0
		• Scientific, social and practical relevance of research	11	4.0
		• Field of research, knowledge and use of literature	8	3.8
		• Consistency, stylistic and linguistic form of presentation	8	3.9
		• Scientific relevance of research results	12	4.0
		Total Credits	65	

President & Chief Academic Officer

Registrar
Selinus University



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www.uniselinus.edu

**Please note that Selinus University does not provide
Visa and immigration services, because all our
distance degree programs can be completed at home**

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