

SELINUS UNIVERSITY * SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCES *

PHD DEGREE by Research via Distance Learning

There is a new way forward



The mission of **Selinus University School of Religious Sciences** is to foster modern teaching of religious education and peace studies in an interdisciplinary and research-oriented perspective, investigating theoretical and practical aspects of today's everchanging world.

We take up the challenge by remembering the vivid teaching of all faiths, from Christianity to Islam, from Hinduism to Judaism, from Buddhism to other religions, whose principles are always inspired by sharing of values and peace.

Our mission is a utopia we want to believe in: to build a social pact for global education through religious studies and research.



We must not, like the frog in the well who imagines that the universe ends with the wall surrounding his well, think that only our religion represents the only truth and all others are false. A respectful study of the world's other religions would show that they are just as true as our own, although they are all necessarily important.

M.K. Ghandi, All Religions Are True Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay 1962, P.2

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ISLAMIC Studies



JEWISH Studies



BIBLICAL Studies



BUDDHIST Studies



HINDU Studies



RELIGIOUS Studies

Program accredited by



WORLD CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE Global Authority on Occupational Certification



FACULTY OF ISLAMIC STUDIES



Majors:

PhD in Islamic Studies PhD Islamic & Arabic Studies PhD in Qur'an and Hadit Studies PhD in Divinity and Religious Studies PhD in Islamic and Global Politics PhD in Shariah and Law



FACULTY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



Majors:

PhD in Biblical SciencesPhD in Christianity and SocietyPhD in Theology and Religious StudiesPhD in Religions & PoliticsPhD in Divinity and Religious StudiesPhD in Biblical & Teological Studies



FACULTY OF HINDU STUDIES



Majors:

PhD in Hindu Studies

PhD History and traditions of Hinduism

PhD in Yoga Studies

PhD in Origins and Genesis of Hinduism

PhD in Hindu Philosophy and Theology

PhD in Hindu Culture, Arts and Sciences



FACULTY OF JEWISH Studies

Majors:

PhD in Jewish History PhD in Religion and Jewish Studies PhD in Classical Hebrew Literature PhD in Jewish Literature PhD in Jewish Education PhD in Israel Studies



FACULTY OF BUDDHIST STUDIES



Majors:

PhD in Buddhist Studies PhD in Theravada Buddhism PhD in Buddhism Sacre Literature PhD in Buddhism as Philosophy PhD in Ethics and Buddhism PhD in Buddhist Classics



FACULTY OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Majors:

PhD in Religious Ethics
PhD in Religious Studies
PhD in Modern and Contemporary Religion
PhD in Religion, Literature and Culture
PhD in Comparative Religions
PhD in Judaism and Christianity
PhD in Buddhist Modernity
PhD in Religions of South and Southeast Asia
PhD in American Religions
PhD in Religions of the Contemporary World



PhD Degree - School of Religious Sciences

by Research via Distance Learning

The world of research is constantly evolving and highprofile 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. 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.

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.

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:

- Written defense: 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.
- Oral defense: 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.



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



Accreditation - Education Quality - Reputation

The accreditation process is non-governmental and discretional. 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 (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 FCE 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.

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

For further information, please contact via email our secretariat or you may consult the following link: https://www.uniselinus.education/usa-degree-validation

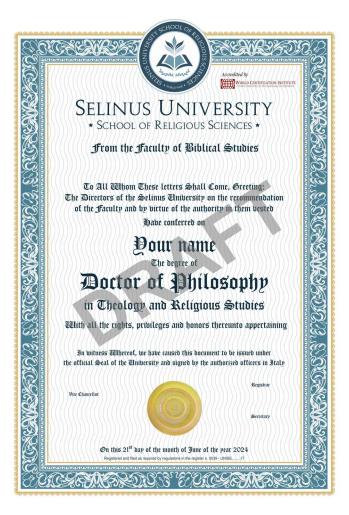


Sometimes, our students - that are managers, professionals or entrepreneurs - need to obtain licenses or to transfer academic credits to/from other institutions. However, in the United States many licensing authorities require accredited degrees as a basis for issuing licenses.

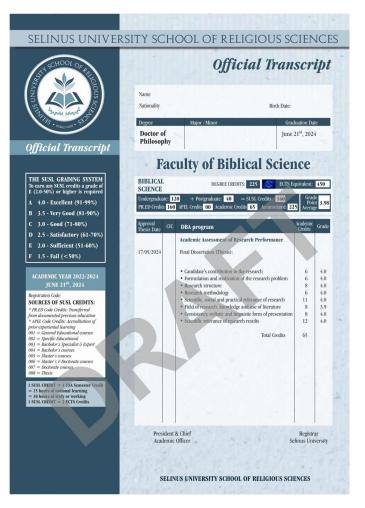
Therefore, the recognition of non-accredited university degrees, either for academic or professional purposes, may be discretional.

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







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