

DOCTORADOS . UDP . CL

Engineering Sciences



INTRODUCTION

The Doctoral Program in Engineering Sciences aims to train researchers with the ability to develop, apply, and transfer advanced knowledge in engineering sciences through scientific and technological research.

The Doctor in Engineering Sciences from UDP will be a highly skilled researcher and expert in their field of specialization, capable of conducting original, autonomous, and rigorous research in the field of engineering sciences, within an ethical framework and integrating scientific and technological knowledge.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- 1.** To prepare researchers with the ability to develop, apply, and transfer advanced knowledge in engineering sciences through scientific and technological research.
- 2.** To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in engineering sciences through research and the application of methodologies and technologies that address needs and challenges in the fields of science, technology, knowledge, and innovation (STKI).
- 3.** To promote a multidisciplinary approach to doctoral training, enabling candidates to apply the knowledge acquired in academic and/or industrial contexts.
- 4.** To foster an academic culture oriented toward rigorous scientific production, collaborative work, and participation in national and international research networks.

The program is structured around three priority research lines:



- **Intelligent systems, analytics, and operations management**

Focuses on the convergence of data science, machine learning, operations management, and information and communication technologies (ICT) for the creation of intelligent systems that contribute to the effective and efficient development of society.

- **Climate, energy, and infrastructure resilience**

Focuses on the study, development, and application of advanced solutions aimed at strengthening the structural, energy, and water resilience of infrastructures and critical systems in the face of natural hazards, environmental demands, and demanding operational conditions in sectors such as urban, rural, agricultural, and/or mining.

- **Advanced materials**

This line is dedicated to the development, characterization, and optimization of advanced materials, which are fundamental for contemporary technological development.

CURRICULUM

INITIAL COURSEWORK PHASE				
1st SEMESTER	2nd SEMESTER	3rd SEMESTER	4th SEMESTER	QUALIFICATION EXAM
Mandatory research line course (8 credits)	Advanced Statistical Data Analysis (4 credits)	Elective 3 (5 credits)	Elective 5 (5 credits)	
Methodology and Ethics in Doctoral Research (6 credits)	Elective 1 (5 credits)	Elective 4 (5 credits)	Research Seminar IV (18 credits)	
Research Seminar I (16 credits)	Elective 2 (5 credits)	Academic Dissemination I* (2 credits)		
	Research Seminar II (16 credits)	Research Seminar III (18 credits)		

* **Academic Dissemination I:** Activities involving conference presentations and publications in WoS-indexed journals

THESIS DEVELOPMENT PHASE

5th SEMESTER	6th SEMESTER	7th SEMESTER	8th SEMESTER	
Doctoral Thesis I (30 credits)	Doctoral Thesis II (30 credits)	Doctoral Thesis III (30 credits)	Doctoral Thesis IV (30 credits)	THESIS DEFENSE
		Academic Dissemination II* (2 credits)		
International Research Stay**	International Research Stay**	International Research Stay**		

** International Research Stay: Mandatory international mobility period (according to program regulations).

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PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

The program is aimed at individuals with a background in engineering or related disciplines with a scientific and technological foundation, who wish to further their studies to pursue a research career in the field of engineering sciences.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, applicants must submit the following documents to
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- Currículum Vitae.
- Statement of purpose for entering the doctoral program (maximum two pages).
- Research proposal specifying the research problem, justification, and methodological approach (2,000 words). In addition, a potential advisor from the doctoral faculty must be identified.
- Official transcripts of undergraduate and postgraduate studies, if applicable.
- Certificate of undergraduate graduation ranking.
- Degree certificates of Bachelor's and Master's (if applicable).
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Two letters of recommendation.

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APPLICATIONS FROM MAY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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