

Topic	Question	Answer
Certificate	Will I receive a certificate at the end of the course to validate the hours attended?	No certificate will be issued. However, the hours will be recorded in your academic record. You can download a self-declaration from the Alice Portal and inform your PhD Programme Coordinator.
Certificate for PhD candidates in joint programmes	I am a PhD candidate enrolled at the University of Siena. Will I receive a certificate at the end of the course?	No certificate will be issued. Participation in the course will be communicated by the office to the University that is administratively responsible for your PhD Programme. You may self-certify your participation to your PhD Programme Coordinator, who may request confirmation from our office if necessary.
Credits (CFU)	How many credits is the course worth?	PhD courses are not assigned academic credits. For information regarding possible recognition of credits, please contact your PhD Programme Coordinator.
Courses structured in modules	The course is divided into several modules. Can I attend only some of them or are they all mandatory?	Courses are not mandatory, but they are intended to enhance your skills. You may choose to attend only some modules. Please note that these courses will be recorded in your academic record and certified at the end of your PhD.
Mandatory Courses	Are any transversal training activities mandatory?	Courses are not mandatory, but they contribute to your academic development. For guidance on whether you should attend specific courses, please contact your PhD Programme Coordinator, who can provide advice based on your individual study path. All attended courses will be recorded in your academic record and certified at the end of your PhD.
ERP Course (first-year PhD candidate)	Is the “English for Research Purposes” course mandatory for first-year PhD candidates?	The course is not mandatory. However, some PhD programmes may require it. For detailed information, please contact your PhD Programme Coordinator.
ERP Course (second-year PhD candidate)	I am a second-year PhD candidate. Can I attend the course if I missed it last year?	The course is primarily intended for first-year PhD candidates. For this reason, it is formally reserved for them and may be attended in the second year only in exceptional cases (e.g. officially approved suspension or authorised research period abroad).

ERP Course (PhD candidates in joint programmes)	I am a PhD candidate at the University of Florence. Can I attend the ERP course?	Participation is possible provided that you are enrolled in the first year and have a supervisor affiliated with the University of Pisa.
Period abroad	Can I attend a course if I am currently abroad?	If you are carrying out an authorised study or research period abroad (as provided for in Article 12, paragraph 3 of the University Regulations on PhD programmes), you may report your situation by opening a ticket through the Virtual Help Desk. The possibility of remote participation will then be evaluated.