
POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM IN JURIDICAL SCIENCES

1. INTRODUCTION AND A SHORT HISTORY

THE POST GRADUATE PROGRAM IN JURIDICAL SCIENCES (PPGCJ) is one of the teaching and research departments of the CENTRO UNIVERSITÁRIO DE MARINGÁ, the maintaining enterprise of Unicesumar, a modern Institute for Higher Education, in the city of Maringá, with approximately 400,000 inhabitants, in the north-eastern region of the state of Paraná, Brazil. Results featuring Score 4 in the General Index of Courses (IGC) for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, ranked the 26-year-old Centro Universitário de Maringá as one of the best private institutions in south Brazil. It lies among the 4% of the best institution of higher education in Brazil, with good results in the ENADE exam. Fifty under-graduate courses are available in all areas of knowledge, making possible higher education to more than 70,000 students divided between presence and DE courses, plus 4 Master's degree courses. In 2015, the teaching staff was made up of 900 professors, 80% of whom with a Masters or Doctoral degree. In 2012, the Brazilian Ministry of Education authorized the installation of the Course of Medicine with 100 vacancies per annum, with a rise to 136 vacancies authorized by the Secretary for the Monitoring of Higher Education in 2014.

In 2008, the Pro-Rector for Research, Post-Graduate Courses and Extension (PRPPGE) integrated the Unicesumar structure, providing all the help required for the development of research, post-graduate and extension activities. The PRPPGE comprises adequate premises and the best infra-structure for all its activities. It is composed of three Directories: Research, Post-Graduation and Extension. Individual rooms are allotted to professors working in the Post-graduate Programs *stricto sensu* and for students. In 2015, the Post-Graduate Programs *lato sensu* made available 45 courses, of which 35 are in activity, featuring 907 students.

The establishment of the Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (ICETI) should be underscored. It is a joint-venture with Unicesumar to finance research projects developed by the institution's professors and by the local community.

Within its strategic planning, the institution aims at attaining University status. The first activities for the implementation of this objective started in 2012. An expansion process began in 2013 with the establishment and implementation of five campuses in the state of Paraná, or rather, in Londrina, Araçongas, Guarapuava, Ponta Grossa and Curitiba. Distance Education started 27 undergraduate courses, 21 post-graduate courses *lato sensu*, of which 8 were MBA courses. DE expanded to 58 centers in 13

Brazilian states. Two more programs in academic Master's courses were recommended in 2013, namely, a Post-graduate course in Clean Technologies and a Post-Graduate Course in Knowledge Administration in Organizations, starting in 2014. During the same year, discussions and the elaboration of projects for the authorization of two more Academic Master's Degree Courses were in progress.

The Post-Graduate Program in Juridical Sciences (PPGCJ) of the Centro Universitário de Maringá (UNICESUMAR) is a program which has been authorized and recommended by CAPES since 2015. Its main aim is the training of Law professionals at post-graduate level so that they could become researchers in the scientific area of Law and have professional qualifications to teach in Law courses in Brazil.

The Course started in 2005 and has awarded a Master's degree to 242 people, with professional activities in several Brazilian states. At present, 78 law professionals are enrolled for the 2016 Course.

The above-mentioned post-graduate course is linked to the UNICESUMAR in Maringá PR Brazil, but has professionals hailing from other states, such as Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, São Paulo and Goiás.

2. AREA DE CONCENTRATION: RIGHTS OF THE PERSONALITY

Research context in the rights of the personality has been subjected to great transformations in the theory that foregrounded it from the 19th century till the mid-20th century. The late 20th century and the start of the 21st century imposed transformations on discussions on the dignity of the human person (human rights, basic rights and rights of the person) due to wars, technological and scientific revolutions and globalization. There is currently a re-signification of the person, the environment, genetic and cultural heritage and their manipulation, the protection of minority and vulnerable groups. Within such a context, the Law has roles and functions for the formation of interests, a tool for implementation, and institutional manager and a mouth-piece for demands. It is also pressed for an epistemic opening towards the promotion of dialogue with other scientific sections that investigate the same objects and the same realities.

The locus for the scientific production in Juridical Sciences at Master's level lies within the great area of the Rights of the Personality, foregrounded on two basic research themes:

The first research theme deals with the **RIGHTS OF THE PERSONALITY AND ITS CURRENT RANGE**. Concepts, the range of its protagonists and the objects that compose the rights of the personality are redefined within the context of contemporary constitutional theory, based on the principle of the dignity of the human person. The theme comprises theoretical studies on the individual, the person, the family, social organizations, coupled to analyses on labor relationships, environment, bio-rights, new technologies that impact the concept of the personality and others. The second research theme deals with **INSTRUMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PERSONALITY**. Employing theoretical approaches and applied research, the theme deals with juridical and extra-juridical mechanisms, public policies and activities on the implementation of the rights of the personality. It also deals with access to justice, juridical tutelage of the rights of the personality, alternative mechanisms for the solution of conflicts, public policies and collective actions for the implementation of the rights of the personality and others.

3. RESEARCH THEMES

3.1. RIGHTS OF THE PERSONALITY AND ITS CURRENT RANGE

The theme discusses the new rights of the personality and the limits of its protection. Investigations developed will be in-depth studies on the new rights in contemporary society and the delimitation of the protection range in so far as they may be a source of conflict with existing traditional and with new developing rights. It also comprises theoretical studies on the new challenges for the full protection of individuals (human rights, fundamental rights and rights of the personality) in their culture or in their transcultural interactions beyond borders, for the dignity of the human person, the person within minorities and vulnerable groups, and the new family modalities, coupled to analyses on the influence of such rights in social organizations, in public and private organizations and in labor, consumption, education, bio-rights, modern technologies and religious relationships that impact concepts on the personality and individual existence.

Research investigates material rights, the maintenance and expansion of the rights of the personality in a capitalist society of individuals or in a modern society that multiplies and renews (and discards) environments, cultures, lifestyles and beliefs. The juridical acknowledgement of these rights in the wake of social conflicts is a landmark for new types of possible existences.

Within the context of this research theme, the epistemic opening towards a dialogue with other sciences will broaden and deepen the approach on the rights of the personality in contemporary society.

3.2. INSTRUMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PERSONALITY

The research theme comprises jurisdictional tools, state and societal, for the implementation of the rights of the personality. The conceptual field of efficiency, efficaciousness and implementation of the investigated tool is investigated with regard to the impact of solutions on people with rights and on the collectivity (society, groups, national and international communities) that provides them with a context. It employs theoretical approaches and applied research in its approach with other field of scientific knowledge. Current research theme also involves studies and research work on access to courts, individual and collective actions on the rights of the personality, self-composed tools for the solution of conflicts or extra-judicial ones, efforts for the expansion and globalization of their employment worldwide and in Brazilian society, and political policies of concretization and enhancement of the rights of the personality of individuals, minorities and vulnerable groups.

Research theme focuses on juridical tools for the implementation of the rights of the personality with an investigation of the efficiency, efficaciousness and implementation of the tools; solutions achieved and the impact on those interested; quality and new instruments in the wake of juridical safety, pacification and democratic ideals.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- New rights of the Brazilian family and its conflicts: juridical and extra-judicial solutions and their legal, doctrinarian and jurisprudential bases at the start of the 21st century;
- the dignity of the worker within the labor milieu.
- controversial aspects derived from Bio-ethics in Law.
- the (de)personalization of the human being in post-modernity: the role of contemporary Law.
- the (in)dignity of the human person in a technological society: the role of Law and routes for emancipation

- The efficaciousness of fundamental rights for the wide implementation of the rights of the personality: the necessary co-relationship.
- The importance of adequate workability of the juridical system for the effectiveness of the rights of the personality.
- Human dignity and the rights of personality in contemporary Law: an analysis on the construction of new rights and a new theory of justice.
- Human dignity and the rights of the personality: a new theory of justice in contemporary Law.
- Fundamental rights in contemporary society.
- The implementation of the rights of the personality in international systems for the protection of human rights.
- Internationalization of law: expansion and effectiveness of the rights of the personality.
- Psychology of the witness and penal proof: reflections on the implementation of the rights of the personality in accused people and victims.
- Implementation instruments of the rights of the personality involving consumers' rights.
- Access to the courts, social rights and the rights of the personality: social inclusion (or exclusion) of minority and vulnerable groups
- Conflict of interests, grave disease and juridical treatment: accessing justice in such circumstances.
- The rights of the personality in contemporary society: the right of schooling and public policies on human promotion.

4. POST-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The post-graduation program in Juridical Sciences (PPGCJ) of the Centro Universitário de Maringá (UNICESUMAR) provides annually a post-doctoral trainee period linked to the area in the Rights of the Personality, funded by CAPES (Brazilian Post-Doctoral Program n. 86/2013), for a 12-month period, which may be renewed up to 60 months, following assessment of the scholarship candidate's performance.

5. SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL PUBLISHED BY THE PROGRAM

The Post-graduate Program in Juridical Sciences of the UNICESUMAR publishes a scientific journal three times a year. The 14-year-old *Revista Cesumar Jurídica* publishes articles on scientific production on the rights of the personality, ranking Qualis B1 by CAPES assessment of publications. ISSN 1677-6402 (print) and ISSN 2176-9184 (on line).

6. CURRICULUM

STRUCTURE	DISCIPLINE/ACTIVITY	Load	CH Int.	CREDITS
I. Obligatory disciplines	Methodology for Research and Teaching	45		3
	Discipline is mandatory for all students – Sub-total		45	3
II. Basic Optional Disciplines for research themes	Contemporary Normativity and the Dignity of the Person	45		3
	Fundaments of the Rights of the Personality in the contemporary period	45		3
	Theory, Ethics and Philosophy of Law	45		3
	Constitutional Theories and the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Access to Courts and Alternative Means for the solution of Conflicts of interest	45		3
	Punlic policies for Human promotion	45		3
	The student must take three disciplines – Sub-Total		135	9
III. Specific optional disciplines for Theme 1	Democracy and Fundamental Rights	45		3
	Challenges within the Rights of the Family and Succession Rights	45		3
	Legal Dimensions of Bioethics	45		3
	Rights of the Personality and Human Development	45		3
	Rights of the Personality within the labor milieu	45		3
	Education, Law and the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Constitutional, Social-juridical and philosophical Fundamentals of the Family	45		3
	Brazilian Trade Union Model and the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Personality and Metaphysics: Law and the Meaning of Life	45		3
	Tutelage of the Rights of the Personality of minority and vulnerable groups	45		3
	Vulnerability, Obligations and Rights of the Personality	45		3

	Seminars	45		3
IV. Specific optional disciplines for Theme 2	Access to Courts within the perspective of the international tutelage of the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Rights of the Personality within the Inter-American Society of Human Rights	45		3
	Psychology of the Witness and its reflections in the implementation of the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Constitutional Actions and the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Tutelage of the Rights of the Personality in International Jurisdiction	45		3
	Collective Jurisdictional Tutelage and the Rights of the Personality	45		3
	Jurisdictional tutelage of the Rights of the Personality in Family Relationships	45		3
	Seminars	45		3
The student should take 4 disciplines, at least 3 from the theme selected – Sub-Total			180	12
V. Complementary activities	1. Publications	60		4
	2. Participation in Scientific Events			
	3. Papers: Scientific Research Works			
	4. Didactic and Research Activities			
	5. Teaching apprenticeship			
Sub-Total			60	4
V. Supervision and viva-voce	1. Preparation and Viva-voce	30		2
	Sub-Total			30
TOTAL			450	30

- According to Art. 40 of the Rules of the Program, proficiency in a modern foreign language is mandatory for all students enrolled in the Post-graduate Program for the Academic Master's degree. The Program accepts proficiency exams in German, Spanish, French, English and Italian.

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8. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

UNICESUMAR maintains agreements with foreign universities for mutual cooperation in several scientific areas of knowledge to improve the qualification of its teaching staff and to give opportunities so that all its undergraduate and post-graduate students may have access to the highest degrees in scientific knowledge. The following Institutions for Higher Education may be mentioned:

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Missouri State University (USA)
Universidad Andres Bello (Chile)
Griffith College (Ireland)
Gordon College (USA)
College of Charleston (USA)

ITESM (Mexico)
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