

General objectives

The main objective of the Graduate Program (Stricto Sensu) in Law and Regulation is to contribute to improving national research concerning regulatory affairs, aiming to be a reference in Brazil and abroad. To this end, the program has been developing studies, and research focused on adequately understanding the different aspects behind the regulatory activities and proposing solutions to deal with general and sectoral regulatory issues. Concerning its students, the program seeks to train consistent researchers capable of developing academic work that will improve Brazilian institutional arrangements and contribute to the development of Brazil as a Regulatory State.

The PPGD offers students a critical perspective on the main related topics:

- the state authority for regulatory intervention in the economy and its impacts;
- the adequate understanding of the principles that should guide the Government; and
- the legal, political, and economic implications of the current Brazilian regulatory model, both in relation to its general guidelines and mechanisms for implementing its objectives and with regard to sectoral regulation, providing students with sufficient conditions for the development of studies and research that demonstrate the mastery of the essential conceptual and methodological instruments in the field, qualifying them as researchers through scientific research and teaching work.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the program are:

- a) to produce knowledge and develop critical thinking about the several aspects of the regulatory phenomenon;
- b) to train researchers capable of idealizing and executing research agendas concerning regulatory affairs; and
- c) to contribute to developing national and international research in Law and Regulation and within the program's lines of research, especially from an empirical perspective.

The richness of the regulatory agenda also requires dealing with several matters and issues, such as those related to:

- a) the role of the State in the economy;
- b) the programs and constitutional limits that affect and should influence the performance of state activities;
- c) the regulatory decision-making and the interpretation of rules;
- d) the control of regulatory activity;
- e) the current institutional arrangements and regulatory model alternatives;
- f) the understanding of the several manners of dialogue between Law and economy;
- g) the relationship between regulatory incentives and the performance of corporate activities;

- h) the several manners of interaction between regulatory bodies and other government branches;
- i) the structure of the rules that implement regulatory options;
- j) the political dimension of regulation and the democratic legitimacy of regulatory action;
- k) the epistemic aspects underlying regulatory choices and the development of theories about the intensity of the control over those choices;
- l) the governance structures that favor the responsiveness of regulatory and regulated agents and regulation's criminal and tax aspects.

These are just examples of subjects that can be part of a research program that is both broad and deep on the several aspects related to regulation.