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The Graduate Program in Law at UFPB\* has modified the main features of its Master's degree course, including its six subfields of research. The modifications should be available to candidates, as well as the general public, at the end of this year. With a goal of creating a closer connection between the concerns of faculty and the design of the Master's degree, reforms of the admission process were undertaken by the Coordinator and the Board with the collaboration from the faculty members. Legal History becomes one of the new fields of study with plans to link it to Economic Law for students admitted in 2016 (edital). Although discussion on the modifications lasted many months, new questions concerning the procedures were recently raised when the final proposal was presented to the program's faculty members. Hence, there is no guarantee the new features will be approved at the next meeting of the Superior Board of Research and Education (CONSEPE in its original Portuguese). Modifications might wait for the year 2017 to be implemented. The two general areas of study, however, remain the same: Economic Law and Human Rights.

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\* - The PPGCJ (*Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ciências Jurídicas*) is located in João Pessoa, in the state of Paraíba. The Program was given a rank of 5 by CAPES along with the Law Program in Fortaleza, Ceará. They are the only two programs in Law of that ranking in the entire northeast region of Brazil.

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