

GUIDELINES

FROM THE CDS REGULATIONS FOR FINAL EXAMS IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES

1. The Final exam for the Master's degree consists of a dissertation written by the candidate under the supervision of a mentor. If necessary, there can be a co-mentor. Both the dissertation and the discussion must show the candidate's full maturity with respect to the course of study, their disciplinary autonomy, and the possession of methodological bases that allow the candidate to analyze the problems they face in a critical and innovative way. The thesis can be written in a foreign language among those included in the Department's study courses, but in any case, with the exception of the MA International Relations, it must be discussed in Italian. The candidate may use IT and/or multimedia tools during the discussion.
2. The candidate must present the **application for conferment** of thesis at least six months before the scheduled sessions (summer, fall, and extraordinary). The application is valid for 12 months and can be renewed only one time. Subsequently, the candidate agrees with the chosen teacher and the co-supervisor if applicable the contents, methods and times of carrying out the thesis which will always be carried out within a discipline included in the Master's degree course in accordance with its Regulations;
3. The final exam takes places before a graduation commission appointed by the Head of Department as permitted by the Chancellor (Rettore). The commission will consist of a minimum of five members who are tenured professors and researchers. At least four members of the commission must be tenured professors. Each commission is chaired by the Head of Department, by the Coordinator of the Degree course, by the most senior of the full professors present, or by the most senior of the associate professors present.
4. The final grade given to the Master's Degree thesis is expressed in one hundred and tenths and is obtained as a sum from:
 - a) Weighted average rounded to the nearest integer;
 - b) For a **value of a maximum of three points** the sum of:
 - 2 points for a period abroad in Erasmus, 2 points for internships and university internships officially recognized and certified by the plan of study for a minimum of 100 hours completed while abroad, 1 point for internships professional and with universities recognized in Italy and certified in the proper plan of study for a minimum duration of at least 150 hours. Curricular, professional, and obligatory internships are excluded. For the Master's Degree Course in Management of Policies and Social Services only, candidates who have carried out civil service, which is not recognized as a curricular internship, will be entitled to 1 point.

An evaluation connected to regularity in studies determined using the following criterion: 1 point for those graduating on track; 0 points in other cases.

- c) A grade expressed by the Commission in a restricted session reached upon by a unanimous evaluation based on the work carried out by the candidate, the content of the thesis, and the discussion that took place. This grade, considering the indications of the supervising professor and possibly the co-supervisor, can vary from 0 to 6. The maximum points can be attributed unanimously, in the case of proven and scientific originality of the work carried out and certified in writing by the supervisor.
- d) By proposal of the supervisor, confirmed by the co-supervisor, the commission may unanimously grant honors.

Honors can be given to candidates only whose final grade is greater than 110/110, by summing a, b.

- 5. Graduation sessions are open to the public.
- 6. These Guidelines/regulations on the degree sessions of the master's degree courses are in effect starting from the academic year. 2020/2021.