



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
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Regulations for the attribution of the final grade of the master's degree in Mechanical Engineering for Sustainability

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Formulation of the final grade

The degree grade, expressed in one hundred and tenths, is assigned by the Degree Committee, which has the right to increase the reference grade by a maximum of four (4) for theses of normal commitment or six (6) points for theses of greater commitment.

The final exam is awarded 15 credits, corresponding to 375 hours of activity.

Reference Rating

The reference grade is calculated according to the following rules:

- The weighted average of the merit marks obtained in the exams is calculated, using the number of credits of the related training activity as weight;
- the weighted average is converted to a score on a basis of 110;
- the value obtained is rounded arithmetically to the whole (in the case of x.500 the rounding is intended upwards) to define the starting (or reference) score of the Candidate.

Finally, the final grade of the Master's Degree is obtained by adding the increase approved by the Degree Committee to the starting score.

In particular: in the case of '**normal commitment**' theses, the Commission may decide on an increase of no more than **four points**, in the case of '**greater commitment**' theses, the Commission may decide on an increase of no more than **six points**.

Furthermore, there is no increase corresponding to the greater speed in obtaining the final degree; there is no influence of previous career (final grade obtained in the three-year degree) in the definition of the degree grade; having obtained the eligibility in the thesis laboratory has no impact on the evaluation of the final grade.

Criteria for defining the most demanding theses

A thesis is defined as more demanding if the two conditions are met at the same time:



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- the thesis is presented by a Supervisor and at least one Co-Supervisor, whose name appears on the title page of the thesis, they must both be present at the time of the graduation exam or must have sent the written evaluation of the thesis.
- The Supervisor sent to the President of the Committee, at least five days before the graduation session, compulsorily in electronic format (E-mail), a detailed and motivated request letter in order to recognize the greater commitment of the Graduation Committee; the letter must include: the name of the student and his/her matriculation number the title of the thesis the names of the co-supervisors the reasons for which the evaluation of theses of greater commitment is requested.

The President will take care of sending this documentation by e-mail to the members of the Graduation Committee.

Award of honours

The Graduation Committee can award honours only unanimously and only if the candidate has reached or exceeded the score of 110/110 (after the application of the increase to the starting score), on the basis of the evaluation of the master's degree career, the quality of the master's degree thesis and the presentation of the thesis project during the degree discussion.

It is understood that the maximum score that can be awarded is 110/110 plus any honours.

Explanatory notes: any awards do not contribute to the calculation of the average. No increase is envisaged corresponding to the greater speed in obtaining the final degree; there is no influence of previous career (example: final grade obtained in the Bachelor's degree) in the definition of the degree grade; having obtained the eligibility in the Internship in Preparation for the Final Examination has no impact on the evaluation of the final grade of the Master's Degree.

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