

# FINAL EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines explain the modalities for the final examination of the Single-Cycle Degree Programme in Medicine and Surgery, as established by art.11 of the Degree Programme Regulations.

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## 1. Composition and publication of Final Examination Boards and graduation session calendars.

Pursuant to art. 19 of the University Teaching Regulations and to art. 11 of the Medicine and Surgery Degree Programme Regulations, **Final Examination Boards** are made of at least 3 members among tenured professors and researchers; at least 2 members must be tenured professors. Additionally, pursuant to Italian D.Lgs. 13 September 1946, n. 233, a representative of the relevant Professional Association is also included as a member of the Final Examination Board.

**Graduation session dates** are published via institutional websites at least one week before the beginning of the session.

## 2. Final examination modalities

Final examination candidates must **arrive on time** in the planned place, date, and time of the graduation session. Graduation sessions will be held in compliance with the room/building hygiene and safety regulations; any specific indication (capacity, number of guests, access modality, etc.) will be notified to candidates via institutional websites.

The rooms where final examinations take place are equipped to display **presentations** in .ppt, .pptx e .pdf formats. Candidates who wish to use different multimedia formats must make sure to **check** whether they can be supported by the room multimedia **equipment**.

Theses and multimedia presentations **must not** feature the institutional brand of the University of Bologna.

Thesis presentation should take up to a maximum of 15 minutes (approximately), and should focus on the presentation of methods (if necessary) and results. The presentation must highlight the candidate's skills in illustrating: rationale, goals, discussion, and conclusions of the thesis.

After the discussion, the Final Examination Board determines the number of points attributed to the thesis and the overall final examination grade according to the criteria of art. 3 below; the official proclamation ceremony follows.

### 3. Assessment of the final examination – Elements and score

The final examination is assessed and graded according to the University and the Degree Programme teaching regulations.

In order to determine the final examination grade, the Final Examination Board takes the following elements into account:

#### A. Weighted average grade converted into a grade out of 110

Weighted average of compulsory learning activities with grades (according to the teaching regulations of the Degree Programme), converted into a grade out of 110.

Please note that 'lodi' (honours) do not count towards the weighted average grade calculation; they are however stated on the graduation session documents available to the Final Examination Board.

#### B. Thesis evaluation, illustration, and discussion

Theses are scored by the Final Examination Board according to the thesis type as defined by the 'Regional guidelines about Ethics Committee and Final examination': applied thesis (experimental) or compilation thesis.

##### B.1. Applied thesis (experimental)

Applied theses may be scored up to **8 (eight) points** based the following elements, which the Board will discuss and assess separately:

- Originality of the subject matter;
- Complexity of the study design and methodologies;
- Formal quality of the presentation;
- Effective contribution of the candidate to the execution of the study;
- Candidate's presentation and discussion skills.

In outstanding or deserving cases, the Final Examination Board may assign a score higher than 8 (eight) points.

##### B.2. Compilation thesis

Compilation thesis may be scored up to **5 (five) points** based the following elements, which the Board will discuss and assess separately:

- Formal quality of the presentation;
- Effective contribution of the candidate to the execution of the study;
- Candidate's presentation and discussion skills.

In outstanding or deserving cases, the Final Examination Board may assign a score higher than 5 (five) points.

### 4. Calculation of the overall final examination grade and 'lode' (honours) attribution

The overall final examination grade is determined by the **sum** of [A] + [B1 o B2], as defined in art. 3 above.

In the event that the grade is a decimal number, the grade is:

- Rounded down, if decimals stand between 0,01 and 0,49;
- Rounded up, if decimals stand between 0,50 and 0,99.

The Final Examination Board, with unanimous decision, may attribute the '**lode' (honours)** to candidates who score an overall grade of 110/110.