

**FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATION REGULATIONS**  
**FOR THE SINGLE-CYCLE MASTER'S DEGREE**

**Art. 1. Thesis assignment.**

Each professor selects their own thesis candidates in accordance with pre-established criteria, which are published on the Faculty's official website.

**Art. 2. Types of degree thesis.**

The following types of degree thesis are provided for:

- a) *case study*: the candidate shall prepare a written paper focusing on a practical case or a problematic legal issue, providing an analytical account of all controversial aspects, also in the light of relevant legal and/or economic scholarship and, where applicable, relevant case law. The candidate shall highlight possible alternatives and present a reasoned personal solution.
- b) *monographic dissertation*: the candidate shall carry out a systematic analysis of a complex topic, providing a comprehensive and methodologically rigorous account of the relevant legal and/or economic bibliography and, where applicable, of the relevant legislation and case law, and shall then express their own personal views on the subject.

**Art. 3. Admission score to the final degree examination.**

1. The admission score to the final degree examination is calculated on the basis of the weighted average grade (or, for candidates enrolled under the former system, the arithmetic average) and subsequently rounded (up or down) to the nearest whole number.
2. For the purposes of calculating the average, each grade of '30 cum laude' is counted as 30.
3. One additional point shall be added to the average score:
  - a) if the candidate graduates within the final graduation session of the last academic year included in their study plan; or, alternatively
  - b) if the candidate has completed a period of study abroad under European Union programmes, such as Erasmus Plus or Erasmus Placement, or under international exchange agreements, provided that they have obtained at least 70% of the credits (ECTS) indicated in the Learning Agreement.
4. In any event, the total number of points awarded pursuant to paragraph 3, letters a) and b), may not exceed one.

**Art. 4. Assessment of the final degree examination and final grade**

1. Following the discussion of the thesis, upon proposal of the supervisor, the examination committee may award the candidate up to five points by a majority of its members.

2. Where the thesis and its oral presentation are deemed to be of exceptional quality, also with regard to the originality of the proposed solutions, the innovative nature of the methodological approach, or the drafting of the thesis in a foreign language, upon proposal of the supervisor, the committee may award the candidate up to six points by a majority of its members.

3. The final grade is determined by adding the admission score, calculated in accordance with Article 3, to the score awarded for the final degree examination. If the resulting total exceeds 110, the final grade shall in any case be 110/110.

4. Upon proposal of the supervisor, the examination committee may unanimously decide to award 'cum laude' to a candidate who has obtained a final grade of 110/110 and has received one or more 'cum laude' distinctions in course examinations.

5. In the cases referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 above, no later than seven days prior to the thesis defence, the supervisor shall notify the other committee members of their intention to propose the thesis for the award of more than five points or for the conferral of 'cum laude'.

#### **Art. 5. Entry into force**

These Regulations shall apply as from the first graduation session of Academic Year 2022/2023 (July 2023), without prejudice to the transitional provisions set out in the following Article 6.

#### **Art. 6. Transitional provisions**

1. For the purposes of awarding automatic points, the activities provided for in Article 3, paragraph 4, letters a), b) and c) of the previous regulations, as well as the study activity aimed at the preparation of the master's degree thesis referred to in paragraph 3, letter b), of the same Article, shall not be taken into account if initiated after the approval of these Regulations by the Interdepartmental Teaching Board.

2. Any grade of 30 cum laude obtained after the approval of these Regulations by the Interdepartmental Teaching Board shall be counted as 30.