

Master Degree Programme “Food and Health”

FINAL EXAM REGULATION Valid from the enrolment cohort 2021/2022

Art. 1 – Determination of Final Grade

The final Italian graduation grade is expressed in one-hundred-and tenths, and it is obtained by adding up

- the weighted average (WA) of the exam grades including free elective courses chosen by the student, weighted with its credits (ECTS) reported into one-hundred-and tenths, and by applying the following formula:

$$WA = (\sum \text{examination grade} \times \text{ECTS} / \sum \text{ECTS}) \times 110/30$$

- the degree scores, reported into one-hundred-and tenths, according to the following table:

	Maximum scores
Career speed ¹	1
Supervisor assessment	4
Auditor assessment	3
Graduation committee assessment	3
Total	11

For each *cum laude* award, a 0.5 score will be added to the weighted average (WA) expressed in one-hundred-and tenths

The obtained value is rounded up only once if the first digit is equal or higher than 5, otherwise rounded down to the lower number.

¹ For graduations achieved within December of the 2nd academic year after registration. The career speed score of those students who have enrolled with recognition of previous careers will be evaluated by the graduation committee.

Art. 2 - Supervisor

1. The supervisor is chosen by the student according to the criteria established by the Degree Course Board. The supervisor addresses and guides the student in writing the dissertation.
2. The supervisor can be chosen among professors teaching in one of the Study programmes coordinated by the School of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine or in one of the Study programmes in which the professors of the Departments coordinated by the School of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine are involved.
3. The supervisor assigns a score to the dissertation and duly informs the Educational unit in charge in order to transfer this information to the Graduation committee.
4. To assess the dissertation, the supervisor adopts the following table:

	Score ²		
	Passing grade (0 points)	Good (0,5 points)	Excellent (1 points)
Student capability to frame the theme of the dissertation in a proper scientific context			
Student capability and commitment during experimental phase and/or data collection, and work quality			
Student capability and commitment in analysing and interpreting results, and in writing the dissertation			
Student capability in organizing own work flow and being pro-active			
Total (Max 4)			

² Indicate the score by ticking the corresponding column. Final score is obtained by summing the assigned single points.

Example:

	Score ²		
	Passing grade (0 points)	Good (0,5 points)	Excellent (1 point)
Student capability to frame the theme of the dissertation within a proper scientific context		X	
Student capability and commitment during experimental phase and/or data collection, and work quality			X
Student capability and commitment in analysing and interpreting results, and in writing the dissertation			X
Student capability organizing own work flow and being pro-active	X		
Total	0	0,5	2

Total of assigned points: 0 + 0,5 + 2 = 2,5

Art. 3 - Auditor

1. An auditor takes part in the process if explicitly requested by a supervisor. The supervisor, by involving an auditor, implicitly applies for the whole range of grades. The graduate student provides a letter of request for an auditor signed by the supervisor when submitting the final thesis. By doing so this directly certifies, and without litigation, that all deadlines have been kept. From the day after submission, the President of the Degree Course will identify a professor to be auditor, allowing a rotation of professors in charge and according to their competencies. A pdf file of the dissertation will be sent to the auditor. According to the rules and deadlines of the Educational unit, the auditor communicates the intended score for the thesis, and this information will be transferred to the Graduation committee. The auditor's assessment is anonymous and irrevocable.
2. To assess the dissertation, the auditor adopts the following table:

	Score ³		
	Passing grade (0 points)	Good (1 point)	Excellent (2 points)
Presentation of the state-of-the-art, supported by a consistent and up-to-date literature review.			
Soundness of the work structure by taking into consideration objectives, congruency between title and objectives, method, organised logical order of results.			
Clarity and effectiveness in presenting the results, coherence of argumentations and conclusion.			
Clarity of tables and figures			
Total			

Art. 4 - Graduation Committee

³ Indicate the score by ticking the corresponding column. Final score is obtained by summing the assigned single points.

Example:

	Score ³		
	Passing grade (0 points)	Good (0,5 points)	Excellent (1 point)
Presentation of the state-of-the-art, supported by a consistent and up-to-date literature review.	X		
Soundness of the work structure by taking into consideration objectives, congruency between title and objectives, method, organised logical order of results.			X
Clarity and effectiveness in presenting the results, coherence of argumentations and conclusion			X
Clarity of tables and figures		X	
Total	0	1	4

Average of assigned points: $(0+1+4)/4 = 1,25$

1. The Graduation Committee is appointed by the Director of the Department, and consists at least of 5 members. The role of Committee President is usually taken over by the President of the Degree Course.
2. The Graduation Committee, in consideration of the exposition, the command of the subject and of the answers given to questions, may assign an added score between 0-3 points. Further on, the Graduation Committee defines the final grade by taking into consideration the score proposed by the supervisor and the auditor, as well as the presentation and discussion skills of the student.
3. The *cum laude* award can be assigned only if the student surmounts a 110/110 total score, a member of the Committee, other than the supervisor, makes a proposal, and this is unanimously endorsed by the Committee.

Art. 5 – Graduate student

1. The graduate student is in charge of filling in the graduation form according to deadlines, that are yearly defined by the University and the Educational unit.
2. The graduate student delivers the dissertation according to rules and deadlines as defined by the Educational unit.
3. The graduate student attends the final graduation exam according to the dates established by the Educational unit.
4. The graduate student can refer to the website of the School of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in order to check:
 - Deadlines, application, registration and participation procedures for the final dissertation and the final examination;
 - General guidelines and recommendation to write the thesis.

Art. 6 – Transitional provisions

1. This regulation applies to students enrolled in the 2021-2022 cohort.