



Regulations for degree theses - students enrolled before the academic year 2023-2024

To be admitted to the thesis defence, students must have earned 294 credits by passing the exams and completing all the internship activities required by the study plan.

The thesis defence is worth 6 credits.

The degree thesis

The thesis, written under the guidance of a supervisor, is based on participation in experimental projects or current, comprehensive and in-depth bibliographic research on topics in Veterinary Medicine; it is structured according to the guidelines for scientific publications and may be written in Italian or English.

It is generally written at a University departmental facility, but there is the possibility that the experimental activity may be carried out at public or private facilities, subject to compliance with the safety and insurance regulations established by the relevant facilities of the University and the host institution.

The supervisor, co-supervisor and second examiner

The supervisor may be a university professor who is an expert in one of the subjects covered by the study plan.

The thesis topic is assigned by the supervisor in agreement with the graduate student. The duties of co-supervisor may be assigned to another professor, researcher, doctoral student or research fellow on the direct recommendation of the supervisor, when deemed appropriate. The assignment of co-supervisor duties to external experts is at the discretion of the supervisor.

Each thesis must have a second examiner, identified from among the official professors of the University. Their role is to determine the candidate's personal contribution to the preparation of the thesis and to express an evaluation of the thesis.

The committee

The committee is composed of no fewer than five and no more than eleven members identified from among the official professors of the University, at least one of whom must be a full professor. The chair of the committee is, as a rule, the full professor with the most seniority.



Final mark

The final degree mark is expressed as a percentage out of 110 and is calculated as the sum of:

- a) the weighted average (WA) of the marks obtained in the examinations, including educational activities chosen independently by the student, weighted by the corresponding credits (ECTS) and converted to a percentage out of 110, according to the following formula: $WA = (\sum \text{exam mark} \times \text{ECTS} / \sum \text{ECTS}) \times 110/30$. The value obtained is rounded down (0-4) or up (5-9).
- b) the mark awarded for the final examination. Generally, the committee distinguishes between the score attributable to a compilation thesis and an experimental thesis: a maximum of 8 points for a compilation thesis and a maximum of 12 points for an experimental thesis. When assigning the mark, the committee takes into consideration the supervisor's assessment of the candidate's personal contribution and commitment to the thesis, the co-supervisor's assessment of the thesis, and evaluates the quality of the presentation and discussion of the thesis.

Honours are awarded on the recommendation of the chair, with the unanimous opinion of the committee, to theses whose final score reaches 110/110.

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