POLITECNICO DI MILANO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE URBAN PLANNING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

FINAL EXAMINATION ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FOR THE LAUREA MAGISTRALE - LM (EQUIVALENT TO MASTER OF SCIENCE) STUDY PROGRAMME IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND HISTORY

Introduction

These provisions supplement the AUIC School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction Engineering Final Examination Regulations, approved by the School Council on 7 April 2021. Reference should be made to these regulations and Additional Regulations (available on the School's website).

Art. 1.1- Nature, composition and appointment of the Degree Examination Boards

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The Degree Examination Boards are formed by the Course Coordinator or their delegate in their capacity as Graduate reference person for each exam session, in an adequate number to guarantee regular activity. Each Degree Examination Board is composed of a minimum of three members. For each Degree Examination Board at least one substitute member is identified.

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The Graduate reference person will identify the Board Chairman and Secretary among the Board members. The Board may be supplemented by additional members such as supervisors, co-supervisors and external experts.

These additional members may be:

- Emeritus Professors, with a former position at the University.
- Professors who have been retired for no more than five years, already in office at the University.
- Adjunct Professors in the current or previous academic year.
- Other University tenured Professors.
- External experts of recognised value, including representatives of Professional and Sector Associations.
- Research Fellows.

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Art. 1.2 - Degree Examination Board Chairman and Secretary

The Degree Examination Board Chairman shall be a full professor who holds an official teaching position in the Study Programme during the current academic year.

The Chairman is responsible for:

- ensuring the regular conduct of the degree exam session and correctly drafting the minutes
- ascertaining the graduating students' identity
- announcing the graduates
- digitally signing the Degree Examination Board minutes.

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Art. 1.3 - University Professor Obligations

University professors with official teaching duties must participate in the Degree Examination Boards sessions under Art. 2 section 4 of the Regulations for External Assignments for Professors and Researchers of 26 July 2019, since attendance at degree exam sessions is one aspect of their institutional service.

They must attend all sessions scheduled in the Academic Calendar.

According to the timeframe defined for each degree exam session, any unavailability must be reported in advance before the Boards are appointed.

Art. 3.2 - Laurea Magistrale - LM (equivalent to Master of Science) Programme final examination: type

The final examination for the conferment of the Laurea Magistrale - LM (Master of Science) consists of the presentation and discussion of a theoretical or design Thesis by the graduating student originally prepared under the guidance of a Supervisor (Ministerial Decree 270/04, Art. 11 paragraph 5), which selects and develops a theme examined in the study programme and expresses the analytical, critical or design skills developed by the graduating student in Thesis drafting and discussion.

The MSc thesis consists of a design or theoretical paper consisting of a volume. In both cases, the Thesis must be presented by displaying graphic tables - A1 or larger and no less than ten - that summarise its contents in expository form.

Since the MSc in Architectural Design and History, is a study programme taught in English, papers may be written in English or Italian. A complete English translation must accompany written parts of Italian papers. If the paper is written in English, it must contain an Italian abstract. ...omitted.

Art. 4.2 – Theses with more than one author

The Thesis is individual. Design papers can be written by a maximum of two authors, even if enrolled in different MSc Programmes, with a recognisable individual contribution. ...omitted.

Art. 5.1 - The supervisor

There is only one Supervisor, and they must be a University Full Professor or Researcher (in the current or previous academic year). They can be a member of the Degree Examination Board.

One or more Co-Supervisors may assist the Supervisor.

The Additional Regulations of the Architectural Design and History Study Programme does not require a Supervisor report or a prior proposal for a score after the graduating student has filed the Thesis.

Art. 5.2 – The Discussant

Given the nature of the fourth-semester course, which involves the cross-curricular contribution of several professors and external contributions, the MSc Programme in Architectural Design and History does not require a Discussant or a report on the Thesis or a proposed score.

The activation of boards to support the thesis pre-assessment is not required.

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Art. 6.1 - Final Examination: Thesis presentation and discussion

Following a presentation by the Supervisor, the graduating student illustrates the work done, the results obtained and answers questions from members of the Degree Examination Board and Supervisor.

The MSc Programme in Architectural Design and History requires that the Thesis presented by the graduating student and its discussion by the Board occur in English. Exceptions may be requested by the Supervisor and granted by the Course Coordinator.

The presentation and discussion include:

- _ a brief introduction by the Supervisor (and/or Co-supervisor);
- _the thesis presentation (15-20 minutes) by the graduating student(s);
- _subsequent questions from the Board members and graduating student(s) answers.

The Board Chairman must ensure that the maximum time limit of 30 minutes is respected for the entire thesis presentation and discussion.

For a Double Degree, when the thesis is discussed at the University where the applicant obtains the other MSc Degree, or in other exceptional cases, at the Dean's sole discretion, it is possible to hold the Final Examination even when the student is not physically present. This involves a remote video link with computer systems, ascertaining the graduating student identity.

Art. 6.3 – Awarding honours

Honours may be suggested by the Supervisor and are a special appreciation by the Degree Examination Board for the preparation and maturity achieved by the graduating student, for their brilliant academic record and Thesis quality and originality.

For this purpose, the Board may consider any "cum laude" obtained during the academic career to support any proposal for Honours.

Honours may be awarded if the score formulated as per Art. 6.2 is, before rounding, greater than or equal to 111 (one hundred and eleven) out of 110.

Honours are awarded by unanimous decision of the Degree Examination Board members.

Art. 8.3 - Additional Regulations

The Additional Regulations of the Study Programme Boards first come into force, following their approval by the Study Programme Boards and the School Council, starting from the July degree exam session for the 2020/2021 academic year.