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**POLITECNICO DI MILANO
SCHOOL OF
ARCHITECTURE URBAN PLANNING
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING**

**FINAL EXAMINATION ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
FOR THE LAUREA MAGISTRALE – LM
(EQUIVALENT TO MASTER OF SCIENCE)
STUDY PROGRAMME
IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of these Additional Regulations is to outline the procedures relating to the Final Examination of the Architecture and Urban Design programme, under the "Additional Regulations for the BSc and MSc Final Examination" of the School of Architecture, Urban Planning Construction Engineering, of which it is an integral part.

CONCLUSION OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

The Architecture and Urban Design Study Programme ends with the Final Examination. The Final Examination consists of the presentation and discussion of a Thesis by the graduating student originally prepared under a Supervisor's guidance.

The Thesis consists of a dissertation on an architectural project that can be developed at different scales, focusing on the theoretical and practical aspects that contribute to the project definition and refer to the architectural tools, town planning and architectural restoration. The Thesis must highlight the applicant's analytical, critical and design skills. The project must be presented using appropriate graphic works and a written report.

The Thesis may be a theoretical-critical paper on disciplinary topics consistent with the Study Programme teaching contents.

The project's point of view and centrality within the study programme must guide its preparation.

Applicants

The Thesis may be developed individually or in a group of no more than three students. The individual contributions of each student must be recognisable within the group.

Co-authors

Co-authors whose Theses have been submitted in a previous session must state: if the Thesis is identical; if the Thesis has been extended or modified. If the Thesis has been extended or modified, the title must be differentiated, and the individual author's personal contribution must be made explicit.



Supervisors and co-supervisors

The Thesis supervisor must meet the requirements set out in the "Additional Regulations for the BSc and MSc final examination" of the School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction Engineering (Art. 5).

If the Thesis requires unique insights, there might be one or more Supervisors. A Discussant is not required.

Agreements between Universities for double degrees

If there are agreements between Politecnico di Milano and other Italian or foreign Universities for the award of a double degree, the applicant must comply with the provisions of the agreement between the involved Universities.

GUIDELINES FOR LM THESIS DRAFTING

Thesis drafting

Theses must be written and discussed in Italian.

For the PSPA in English, the Thesis may be written and discussed in English. Theses written in Italian must include an abstract in English. Those written in English must include an abstract in Italian.

A Thesis written in other languages may be accepted at the graduating student's request, subject to authorisation from the Degree Examination Board Chairman. In this case, the presentation and discussion take place in Italian or English. If the Thesis is written in English or another foreign language, it must contain a summary in Italian.

Thesis contents

The project consists of the following documents which can be summarised as follows:

Report

The report must place the work within the broader architecture field and refer to studies and research. It must be accompanied by a bibliography drawn up based on recognised scientific conventions. The report contents concern: the project's theme and objectives, the relationship with the framework, the reasons for the design choices.

Graphic works

The number and format of tables illustrating the project must be consistent with the topics addressed and group composition. The drawings' format and technique are free and must be prepared with the utmost care for quality and graphic level.

Scale models

The Thesis may be accompanied by one or more models made using free techniques and, on a scale that is appropriate to the project features.

The above information must be taken as a guideline; all the materials that make up the MSc thesis must be agreed upon with the thesis supervisor.



REGISTRATION IN THE FINAL EXAMINATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE MSc THESIS

Final Examination

To be admitted to the MSc Programme final examination, the student must have acquired all the university credits required by the Study Programme Educational Regulations. To take part in the final examination, the applicant must register for the exam through the online services by the deadline set for each session. The Registrar's Office will check each student's eligibility for the examination. If the student does not wish to attend the exam, they must withdraw through the online services. Withdrawal from the exam date is irrevocable until the following session.

The calendar of Graduation exam session dates is published on the University website: www.polimi.it

Thesis submission

The online thesis submission/approval procedure involves:

- The registration for the exam date through "Online Services > Exam date registration/withdrawal."
- The online filing of the final version of the Thesis in PDF format through the BiblioPolimi platform at: <http://www.biblio.polimi.it/>, in: Resources> Thesis> Filing.
- Online approval of the filed Thesis by the supervisor via "Online Services > Thesis Management" within the deadline.

In the period between the filing and the approval deadline, the supervisor may:

- *Approve* the Thesis definitively;
- Temporarily *postpone* the approval of the filed Thesis, in which case the graduating student must file it again, until the final approval by the supervisor within the deadline;
- *Reject* the Thesis, in which case the graduating student cannot sit the graduation examination in the current session.



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A printed copy of all the papers and scale models must be presented personally by the applicant during the discussion of the MSc final examination.

THESIS DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION

Thesis discussion

The final examination consists of a Thesis discussion and usually takes place before the Degree Examination Board, of which the Thesis supervisor is a member. During the discussion, the Board verifies the applicant's ability to reflect and work consciously and autonomously on the theoretical and practical aspects of architecture, the experience of their disciplinary knowledge and ability to summarise and present.

Degree Examination Boards

For the Degree Examination Boards composition, please refer to the AUIC School "Additional Regulations for BSc and MSc final examination", and particularly Art.1
- Degree Examination Boards

Professor responsibilities

For the professor responsibility, please refer to the AUIC School "Additional Regulations for BSc and MSc final examination", and particularly Art. 1.3 - University professor obligations.

Thesis evaluation

The final examination score is between -1 (minus one) point out of 110 and 8 (eight) points out of 110. When added to the weighted average obtained during the two years, it determines the graduation score. The weighted average is calculated based on all scores obtained in the individual examinations, excluding honours. The Degree Examination Board will assess honours in support of any proposal. Honours are only awarded if all Board members agree. Under Art. 6.3 of the AUIC School "Additional Regulations for BSc and MSc Graduation Exams", honours may be only awarded if the score calculated before rounding is greater than or equal to 111 (one hundred and eleven) points out of 110.

AWARDS

For awards, please refer to the AUIC School website and the Study Programme website.

OLDER SYSTEMS

Students belonging to systems before Ministerial Decree 270/04 must comply with these Regulations and the AUIC School Additional Regulations for BSc and MSc final examinations.