

FINAL EXAMINATION ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE - BUILDING ARCHITECTURE STUDY PROGRAMME

CONCLUSION OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

The MSc Study Programme ends with a Thesis discussion and presentation.

The Thesis develops and deepens the project work carried out in one of the MSc Studios attended and completed by the student. (for the PSPA in Italian *Laboratory of Architecture of Complex Buildings I*; Optional Laboratories for the Preservation of Complex Architectures and Structures and Infrastructures in the Landscape; *Laboratory of Architecture of complex constructions 2*; *Laboratory of Architecture for the preservation of complex constructions*. For the PSPA in English *Architectural Design Studio for complex constructions I*; Optional Laboratories for *Sustainable Architecture construction studio and Architecture preservation studio*; *Architectural Design Studio for complex constructions 2* and *Architectural design studio for built environment preservation and transformation*). It is overseen by professors of the chosen laboratory and formally approved by one of them who becomes a *supervisor* while the others act as *co-supervisors*. The supervisor's approval gives rise to the validation of the credits attributed to the *final examination*.

The Thesis must develop an architectural project focusing on the relationship between form and construction and its theoretical and executive aspects. The Thesis must be an expression of the disciplinary synthesis of the knowledge involved in the chosen studio that has contributed to its architectural and constructional definition.

The Thesis may contain in-depth studies of one of the topics dealt with in the studio.

The Thesis must highlight the applicant's analytical, critical and design skills.

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.

Supervisors and co-supervisors

The supervisor is one of the Studio Professors where the thesis was developed. The other professors belonging to the School involved in the teaching of the Studios act as co-supervisors. Other professors of the School or other Politecnico Schools, or other Italian or foreign Universities, or field experts whose contribution the student and supervisor consider important may act as co-supervisors. The supervisor provides guidance, leaving room for the students' independent work. The supervisor is responsible for guaranteeing the thesis quality. 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 these agreements regarding the supervisor choice, Thesis drafting, presentation, and discussion method.

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 Graduate reference person. In this case, the presentation and discussion will take place in Italian or English, and the written text must include an abstract in Italian.

Thesis contents

The design thesis must be composed of different documents that can be summarised as follows:

- Descriptive report;
- Graphic works;
- Models

Descriptive report

- The descriptive report must identify a title that defines the chosen theme and must place the work within a broader architecture field, and refer to studies and research the student has drawn on. It must be accompanied by a bibliography drawn up based on recognised scientific conventions. The report contents concern: the project's theme, the relationship with the framework, and the design choices (type, composition, structural and technical aspects), and the main project quantitative data.

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 highest quality and graphical care. The tables must address and represent the following issues at an appropriate scale: the relationship with the framework, architectural development, the detail level, and three-dimensional representations.

Scale models

- The Thesis may be accompanied by one or more models made using free techniques and, on a scale 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 final examination, the student must have acquired all the university credits required by the Study Programme Educational Regulations. The applicant must register for the chosen 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 final examination 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 POLITesi platform within the deadline published by TEDOC.
- 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, for 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.

The student is required to follow the procedures published in the dedicated section: [http://www.tedoc.polimi.it/Tesi-di-Laurea/Consegna-tesi-di-laurea-\(vecchio-ordinamento-e-specialistica\)](http://www.tedoc.polimi.it/Tesi-di-Laurea/Consegna-tesi-di-laurea-(vecchio-ordinamento-e-specialistica))

A printed copy of all the papers and scale models must be presented 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 in front of the MSc 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. 1.1 and 1.2.

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 point and 8 (eight) points. When added to the weighted average obtained during the two years, it determines the MSc degree score. This sum shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number (0.50 is rounded up to 1.00) and limited to 110.

The weighted average is calculated based on all scores obtained in the individual examinations, excluding honours.

The Degree Examination Board may assess honours in support of any proposal to award honours. Honours reward the Thesis and the entire student's academic career. Honours may only be awarded if the score obtained from the sum of the weighted average and the graduation score is, before rounding off, greater than or equal to 111 (one hundred and eleven) points out of 110, and if the Thesis has obtained at least 7 points in the Board's assessment. The honours proposal must be approved by the Degree Examination Board members unanimously.

AWARDS

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

OLDER SYSTEMS

Students from the pre-270 system must follow the rules published here.

For any matters not covered by these regulations, please refer to the *Final Examination Additional Regulations* of the School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction Engineering and the *General Regulations for BSc and MSc final examinations*.