

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 SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN**  
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**1. Introduction**

The purpose of these Additional Regulations is to define the procedures for the Final Examination of the Sustainable Architecture and Landscape Design Study Programme, without prejudice to what is outlined in the AUIC School Final Examination Additional Regulations for the BSc and MSc final examination, of which it is an integral part.

**2. Final Examination**

The MSc Programme in Sustainable Architecture and Landscape Design ends with the final examination in which a thesis is presented and discussed. This thesis is developed under the guidance of a School professor who approves its content. The thesis may only be discussed with the approval of the Supervisor, who is identified as outlined in point 3.

**3. Supervisor choice**

The student wishing to begin the graduation process arranges an interview with one or more of the School's professors. In the initial interview, the professors assess the student's proposals and orient them on thesis topics and methods, declaring their availability or suggesting the colleagues they consider most suitable. The thesis preparation must start at least six months before the thesis discussion date. At the start of the thesis preparation, the student must forward a communication to the Departmental Secretary of the Piacenza Campus ([didattica-piacenza@polimi.it](mailto:didattica-piacenza@polimi.it)), copying the identified supervisor who must confirm the information contained in the communication. The student must indicate:

- student(s) (maximum three if it is a group project) name and identification number
- supervisor's name
- first suggestion for the thesis title (which may be modified)
- estimated date for the final discussion.

**4. Final examinations and graduation**

To be admitted to the Graduation exam, students must have obtained the credits included in the approved study plan. It is necessary to be enrolled in the academic year related to the Graduation exam.

**5. Final Examination registration**

The graduating student must apply for the final examination according to the procedures and deadlines established by the University and AUIC School.

## **6. Final Examination**

The thesis selects and develops a subject that is consistent with the educational content of the study programme and, in its drafting and discussion, expresses the analytical, critical and design skills acquired by the graduating student throughout their studies.

The thesis may be a design or theoretical/experimental work.

- The design thesis must be original and will be presented by the applicant using graphic works on the appropriate scale, accompanied by a supporting theoretical report and, if deemed appropriate, other means of formal expression (powerpoint, video). In the design thesis, analogue or digital models and scale models are recommended, prepared using the materials considered most suitable for the work explanation.

- The theoretical/experimental thesis must be based on a significant and innovative topic and an original component of analysis, evaluation and criticism, and an appropriate bibliography system. The theoretical thesis may be accompanied by graphic and iconographic works and be presented in powerpoint.

## **7. Authors**

The thesis may be written individually or by a group of a maximum of three authors, belonging to the same study programme. For group theses, the contribution of each author must be declared and made explicit.

Co-authors whose thesis was submitted in a previous session must declare:

- if the thesis is identical
- if the thesis is an extended or modified version

If the Thesis has been extended or modified, the title must be differentiated, and the individual author's personal contribution must be made explicit.

## **8. Supervisors**

The supervisor must be chosen from among the School's tenured professors and researchers, University professors who have already taught at the School in the previous five academic years or professors under a contract holding teaching duties at the School.

If the Thesis requires unique insights, there might be one or more Supervisors. If the professor is not a member of the MSc Sustainable Architecture and Landscape Design Study Programme Board, the presence of a co-supervisor belonging to that Board is required. A Discussant is not required.

## **9. Thesis language**

Theses may be written and discussed in Italian or English at the applicant's choice, who must notify the Degree Examination Board Secretarial Office when registering for the exam session.

## **10. Agreements between Universities for double degrees**

If there are agreements between Politecnico di Milano and other Universities for the awarding of a Double Degree, the applicant must comply with the agreement provisions for the supervisor choice, thesis drafting, presentation, and discussion.

## **11. Conduct of the final examination - Final assessment**

The thesis is presented and discussed in public in front of the Degree Examination Board through the presentation of the papers produced. The discussion must be in Italian or English.

The score calculation is outlined in the AUIC School Additional Regulations for BSc and MSc final

examinations, Art. 6.2 and Art. 6.3

**12. Submission and delivery of papers**

For the Thesis discussion, the applicant may use drawings and prints on paper, models and digital, and audio/video media.

The maximum time available for the presentation and discussion of the paper is approximately 20 minutes for individual applicants and 30 minutes for groups and must include a brief introduction by the supervisor and any Board questions. When there are many participants in the session, the Board may set different times to allow the best possible work progress.

During the discussion, the applicant must provide the Board members with at least two copies of the thesis file.