

Rules for thesis and final exam (LM Data Science @UniPD)

The final exam consists in the presentation of the Master Thesis to the graduation committee (or a pre-committee that will serve to this purpose). The thesis (15 CFU) is usually based on an internship (15-18 CFU) that may take place in an academic institution, including the University of Padova, a research institute or a company (in Italy or abroad). The thesis is to be prepared under the guidance of a representative of the hosting institution (co-supervisor) and a Professor or Researcher from the University of Padova (supervisor). The graduation committee is composed of at least 5 members, chosen among Professors and Researchers of the University of Padova, while a pre-committee is composed of at least 3 members. Co-supervisors are also invited to the Final Exam; however, they are not members of the committee, although the committee takes their evaluation into account.

The final grade is computed summing the following increments to the weighted average of the exams' grades, multiplied by 110/30:

- Up to 6 points for the thesis. These points are assigned by the committee (or pre-committee), taking into account the supervisor's evaluation of the work, and the quality of the presentation.
- 1 point if at least one of the following conditions are verified:
 - the Laurea is obtained within December of the second year;
 - the exams passed "cum laude" amount to at least 18 CFU.
- Up to 2 points for exceptional contributions. If the supervisors evaluate the thesis' contributions as exceptional, they must request a report by an independent referee at least one month before the final exam. The request must be made to the Coordinator of the CCS, who will nominate the referee.

If the total grade is equal or above 111, and the thesis received at least 6 points, the Committee can assign the "laude", provided all members of the Committee agree on the assignment.