

## THESIS AND FINAL EXAMINATION BYLAWS

- 1) The thesis work should be relevant for the Marine Environment and coherent with a master degree programme in (Marine) Environmental Sciences (LM-75).
- 2) It is the candidate's responsibility to submit an original thesis, written in English, and to defend it at the Final Examination.
- 3) Each student has a supervisor that guides his/her thesis work. It is possible to have one or two thesis co-supervisors. The supervisor must be a member of the CCD having full responsibility of a whole teaching. Permanent members of the CCD have priority of responsibility as thesis supervisors in their academic field. In case of thesis prepared at external laboratories (e.g. international research groups) the foreign reference person is a co-supervisor.
- 4) The supervisor nominates a thesis opponent and communicates his name and contacts to the Secretary at least two weeks prior the final examination.
- 5) The thesis, in electronic format (pdf), must be submitted to the Secretariat at least two weeks prior the final examination and this will be transmitted with the shortest possible delay to the thesis opponent by the Secretary.
- 6) The final examination lasts for 20 minutes for each candidate: the first 15 minutes are devoted to the presentation of the thesis work by the candidate, and the remaining 5 minutes are devoted to the thesis defence, where the Committee members, and the designated opponent in particular, ask questions with the purpose of evaluating the candidate's expertise in the field and capacity to discuss the topic.
- 7) In case the supervisor (and, eventually, the co-supervisor) is not present at the final examination, he/she has to submit a written statement to the Final Examination Committee President, at least one day before the Final Examination, indicating his/her evaluation of the thesis (with a proposal for the points to be assigned for the thesis work).
- 8) In case the opponent is not present at the final examination, he/she has to submit a written statement to the Final Examination Committee President, at least one day before the Final Examination, indicating the evaluation of the thesis and at least one question for the candidate that will be discussed at the thesis defence.
- 9) The Committee evaluates the thesis, the oral presentation, the candidate's defence, and the whole student career, by assigning points in the range 1-8.
- 10) The final grade will be composed by the sum of the candidate career mean grade (expressed on a 110-point scale) and the points assigned by the Committee for the Final Examination. The supervisor can propose the "cum laude" honour, at the Final examination session, or, in case of absence, by submitting a written statement to the President prior the Final Examination. In case the grade obtained at the Final Examination is 110/110, the President will manifest the supervisor proposal and the "cum laude" honour will be given upon agreement of the whole Committee. After the proposal, the "cum laude" honour can be assigned exclusively in the case there is at least one evaluation cum laude in the student's academic career.
- 11) The front page of the thesis should follow the template provided on the e-learning website.