

Final (graduation) grade – Master’s Degree Programmes

The Italian final (graduation) grade is expressed in one-hundred-and-tenths.

The highest grade students can obtain is 110/110, while the minimum grade is 66/110.

The highest grade (110) can be attributed *with honours* (“*cum laude*”).

In case a student obtains a grade below 66/110, the graduation exam is deemed not to have been passed.

The final grade is calculated as follows:

$$\text{weighted average of the student's exams' grades (= "starting point")} + \text{additional points} + \text{"graduation" points} = \text{final grade}$$

The final (graduation) grade will be assigned by a Graduation Committee in accordance with the following guidelines:

Evaluation elements

The Graduation Committee will assign the final grade by evaluating the following elements:

1. weighted average grades obtained in the examinations listed in a student’s study plan (“starting point”);
2. grade obtained by the student during his/her final examination;
3. number of credits of the exams in which the student obtained a 30/30 with honours (*30 e lode*) grade;
4. any other element of merit or demerit in the student’s career.

From the weighted average grades in point 1, additional points are awarded for each element in points 2, 3 and 4. The percentage increase obtained cannot exceed 8% of the weighted average grade.

Calculating your final graduation grade

1) Weighted average of exams’ grades

The weighted average (WA) of the grades is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{WA} = (\sum_i g_i c_i / \sum_i c_i) 110/30$$

g_i = grades of the exams in the study-plan

c_i = number of credits.

The weighted average of the grades of the exams is calculated and then reported into one-hundred-and-tenths:

$$\text{weighted average} \times 110 / 30$$

2) Evaluation of the final examination

The grade awarded for the final examination is the sum of the evaluation of the following elements:

- the candidate’s contribution to the work carried out and critical analysis of the results obtained;
- the commitment shown by the candidate and the thoroughness with which the thesis was produced;
- the quality of the written thesis itself and its presentation (completeness, correctness, clarity of presentation)
- the significance of the theoretical methodologies employed and/or the experimental undertaking.

The Committee will consider these aspects individually and will give each one a rating of between 0 and 3 on the basis of the following scale:

0 = sufficient, 1 = fair, 2 = good, 3 = excellent

The average of the scores obtained is then calculated and, based on this, a percentage increment is assigned to the weighted average grade referred to in point 1. The maximum percentage increase for each assessment is given in the following table.

Final examination evaluation	sufficient	fair	good	excellent
Percentage increase	0%	2%	4%	6%

Note: In the event that a student has done particularly outstanding work on his/her thesis, he/she is eligible for an **exceptionality procedure**.

To initiate this procedure, the thesis supervisor must send a written request to the Co-ordinator of the Degree Programme, justifying such a request. The request must be sent at the same time as the candidate’s application for graduation.

The Co-ordinator of the Degree Programme then appoints a counterpart to whom the candidate must submit his/her thesis in its final form at least 15 days before the graduation date. The counterpart draws up an analytical assessment and submits it to the Graduation Committee.

If the exceptional work on the Master’s Thesis is recognized, the final examination is awarded the “exceptional” grade and the maximum percentage increase is 8% of the weighted average grade.

3) Number of ECTS credits (CFU) in examinations with a grade of 30/30 with honours (30 e lode)

On the basis of the total number of ECTS credits (CFU) for which the student has obtained a grade of 30 with honours (30 e lode), the additional points (in one-hundred-and-tenths), as provided for in the table below, are awarded:

Number of ECTS with honours	Points awarded
< 9	0 points
[9 - 15]	0.5 points
> 15	1 point

Example: Sofia received a grade of 30 with honours in a 6-credit exam and a 9-credit exam, for a total of 15 educational credits with honours. An additional point is then added to her average grade.

4) Any other element of merit or demerit in a student's career

The Graduation Committee may award up to a maximum of **one point** (in one-hundred-and-tenths, and including rounding up) for a student's participation in the T.I.M.E. programme.

In the event that the candidate received demerits or was subject to disciplinary measures, the mark may be reduced by up to a maximum of **two points** (in one-hundred-and-tenths, and including rounding down).

110 with honours ("cum laude") graduation grade

In order to obtain a Master's Degree with honours, a student must:

- receive the favourable assessment of at least 4/5 of the members of the Graduation Committee;
- obtain a final grade of at least 113/110 at the end of the evaluations referred to in points 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- have an average examination grade of not less than 28/30.