

How to Graduate

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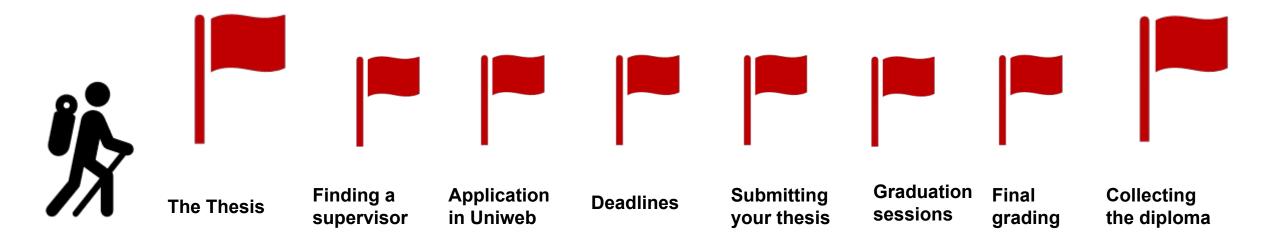
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The road to graduation





The final examination: the thesis

At the end of your studies, you must sit a final examination.

The final examination consists in an original student **thesis work** written under the guidance of a **supervisor**. You will have then to submit your thesis and defend it to the Degree Commission in the Final Dissertation.





The thesis concerns a project, a bibliographic research or experimental activity in which the graduating student shall demonstrate mastery of the topics covered, ability to work independently, attitude for synthesis and communication skills.





You can check the credits (CFU/ECTS) assigned to the final examination in the Study programme of your degree.



The **supervisor** is the person who will oversee the progress of your thesis: he or she must be a professor of the University.



Get information on the research topics of the professors of the School of Engineering or of you degree programme so that you will know more about the research they could be involved in



Once you have gathered information on the research topics of your interest get in contact soon to verify the **availability** of the professor you would like to write your thesis with.

Please keep in mind that each professor can supervise a maximum number of students.



To see the thesis topics currently proposed by your professors, you can consult the dedicated Thesis Proposals page on STEM (update in progress).

To get information on the research topics of the professors, you can start by consulting their **personal page** in the Syllabus.

Access the **Syllabus** of your degree programme

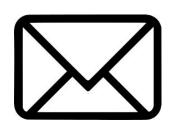
Scroll down on the page to see the courses

Click on the name of the professor on the right ("Teacher in charge" section) to visit the personal page of the professor

In the personal profile of the professor, you can find their CV, research fields and even thesis topics you can apply for!



TIP: to get in touch with the professors you can send them an e-mail and/or go to their office hours!



These are hours scheduled outside of class to meet with students
On the syllabus, which you can find on <u>didattica.unipd</u>,
each professor publishes schedules and modality of their office hours.





EXTRA TIP: Remember to start working on your thesis and looking for a supervisor in advance with regard to the time you are planning to graduate.

It is a long and complex work that takes time!

As a rule of thumb, you should start contacting potential advisors 9-10 months before the desired graduation period or when 2 or 3 exams remain to be taken.



What if...

... I want to work on my thesis abroad?

The first step is always to contact the professor with whom you would like to work on your thesis. To do your **research abroad**, you can apply for the **Erasmus +** programme. You will then need to find a faculty member at the foreign university who will be your **co-supervisor** during your studies abroad.

Consult the dedicated <u>Erasmus+ page</u> for further information.





What if...

... I want to work on my thesis in a company?



It is possible to work on your thesis while doing an **internship in a company**. The first step is always to **contact the professor** with whom you would like to work on your thesis.

The office responsible for internship procedures is the <u>Career Service</u>. It can offer support and guidance during the search for internship opportunities.

Once you have obtained an internship opportunity in a company, you must activate **the internship agreement** with the University before starting your internship. There are specific procedures for <u>internships in Italy</u> and for <u>internships abroad</u>. For further information, see the dedicated <u>Internships page</u>.



In order to graduate you must **register for graduation on Uniweb** by the deadline set for each graduation period.

Before registering for graduation, review the available graduation periods online:

https://www.unipd.it/en/graduation

Keep in mind to check the <u>deadlines</u> of your School!

You must follow the **registration procedure** which is available in the section '*Diploma attainment*' on Uniweb.



Don't miss the deadline



Each academic year, the University establishes **four** graduation periods.

	1st period 5 Feb 2024 - 30 Apr 2024	2nd period 3 Jun 2024 - 20 Jul 2024	3rd period A 2 Sep 2024 - 26 Oct 2024	3rd period B 28 Oct 2024 - 14 Dec 2024
Application in Uniweb	The second of th	26 Feb 2024 - 7 May 2024	3 Jun 2024 - 16 Jul 2024	19 Aug 2024 - 8 Oct 2024

Note: *third period A and third period B* are two different periods and therefore require two different applications to graduate.

Always check for updated information regarding exact dates. You can find the deadlines published here.



The procedure is broken down into the following steps:

1. insert your dissertation information: title, title in English, keywords and supervisor

<u>Note</u>: if your dissertation is written in English you must insert the same title twice, both in the field 'dissertation title' and in the field 'dissertation title in English'

- 2. fill in the Almalaurea questionnaire
- 3. approval of the dissertation title by the supervisor
- 4. registering for graduation upon choosing when to graduate



- Only at this point your application is correctly submitted and you will find the payment slip of € 16.00 in the section 'Contributions' on Uniweb
- Should you need to change your dissertation information, your supervisor or the graduation session, you can find the instructions here under the section 'How to change your application'

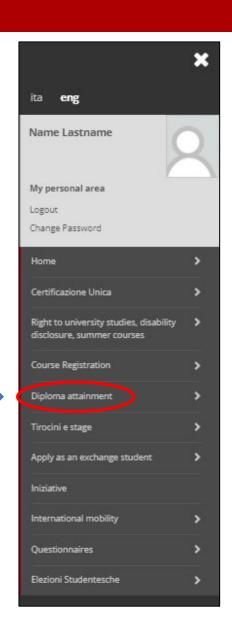
In the following slides, we will show you the procedure on how to register on Uniweb.



First, you log into your **Uniweb account**:

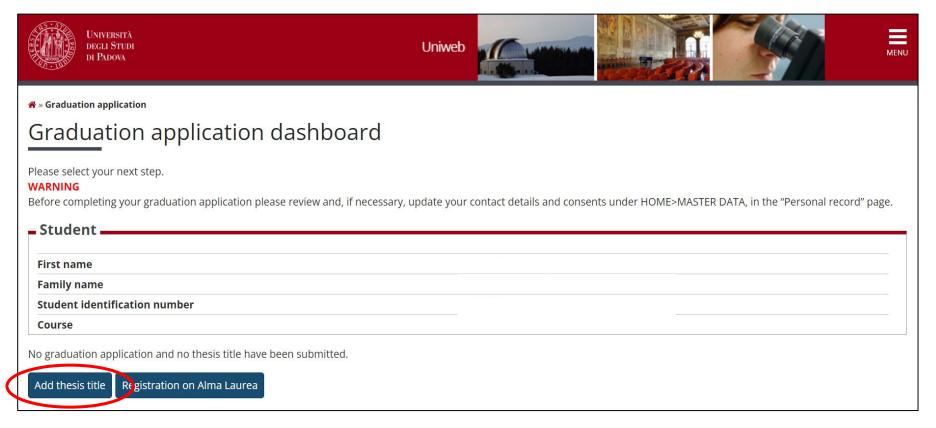


Once logged in, open the menu and click on "Diploma Attainment":





Once you are in the Diploma attainment section, you will find the following overview:



In order to proceed you will have to click on the button on the left, to start inserting your thesis data.



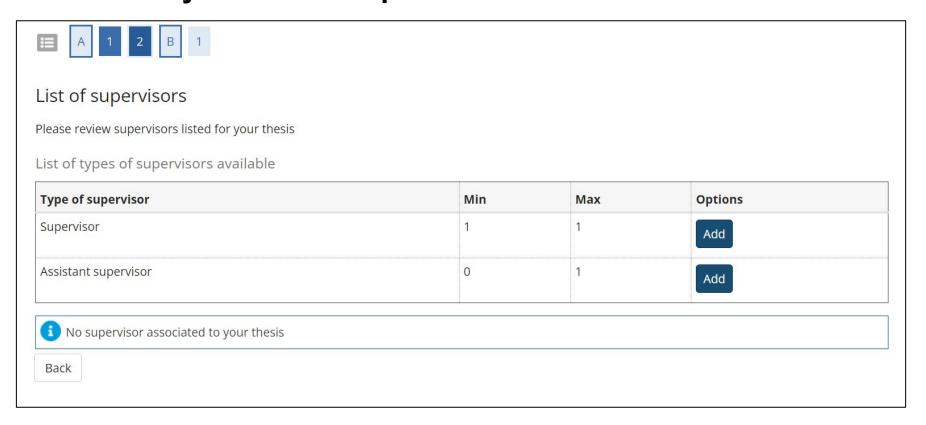
In the form on the right, you will have to fill in the **relevant information for your thesis:**

- thesis title in original and English
- abstract
- keywords
- consent to access your thesis in the thesis archive

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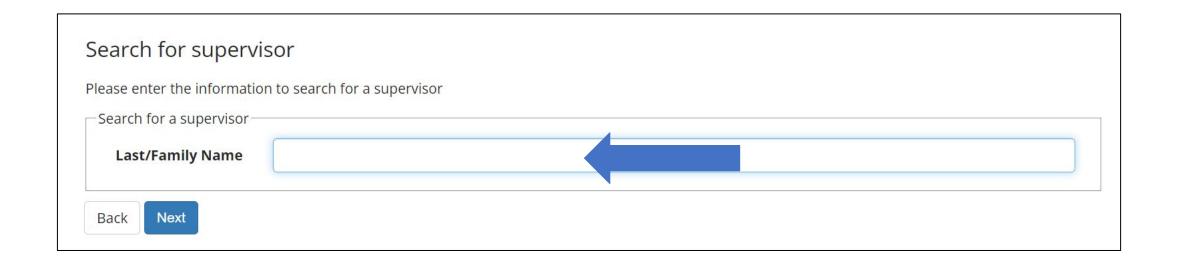
You will have to add your thesis supervisor as well.



Once you have entered the name of your supervisor, you can continue with the procedure.



Type in your supervisor's name in order to add them.





Once you submitted your thesis information, your **supervisor will have to approve it.** He or she will receive a notification from the system. Continue by confirming your thesis information.

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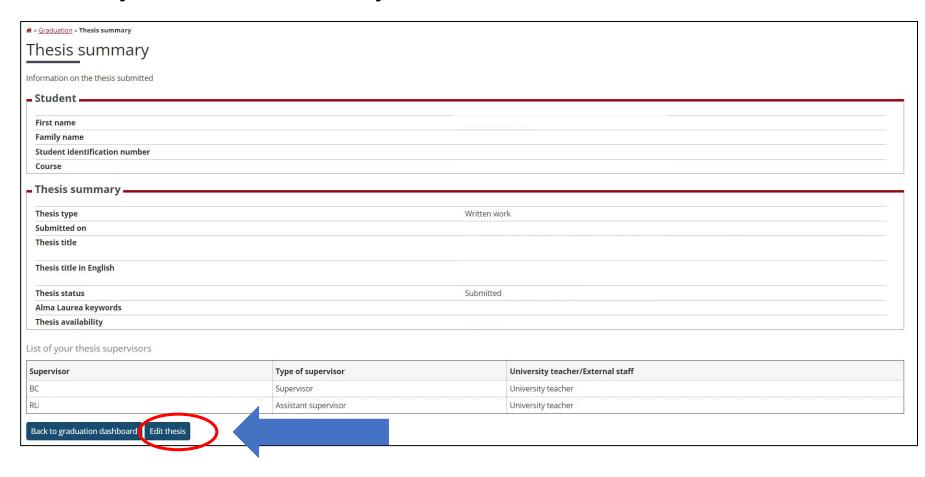
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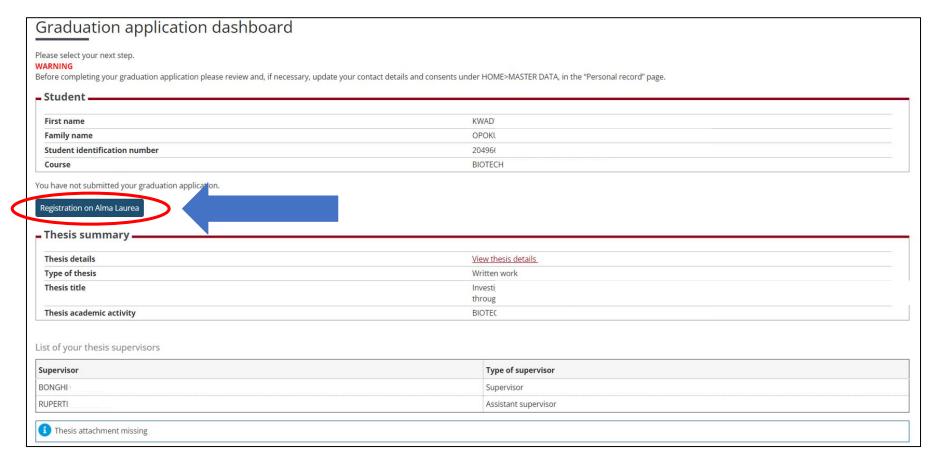
After submission, you will see your thesis summary:

Please note that you can still modify the information at this point!





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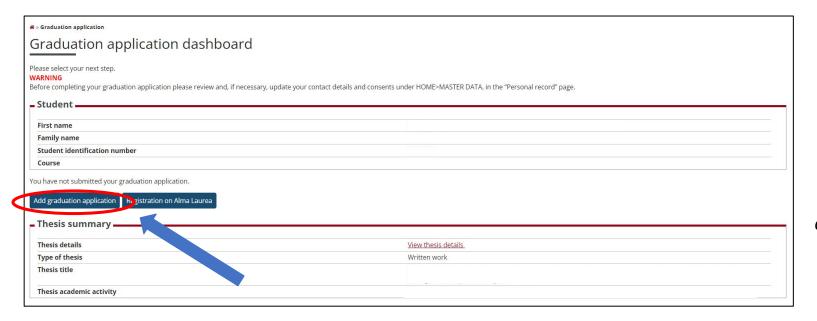


Please note that this is a mandatory step to finalize your registration!



Once your supervisor has confirmed the thesis title, you will be able to finalize your request for graduation.

Continue the procedure to choose your graduation date and conclude the procedure.





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once your Professor confirmed your thesis title.

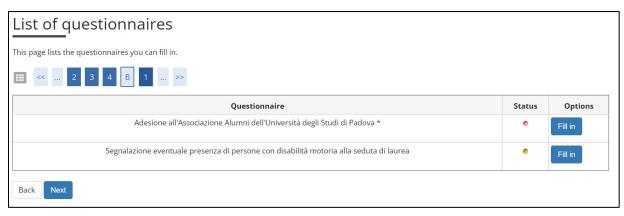


On the following page, you will be able to select the available graduation sessions "appelli" in Italian.

Once you click to proceed, you will see two questionnaires which have to fill too.

Fill in the two questionnaires:



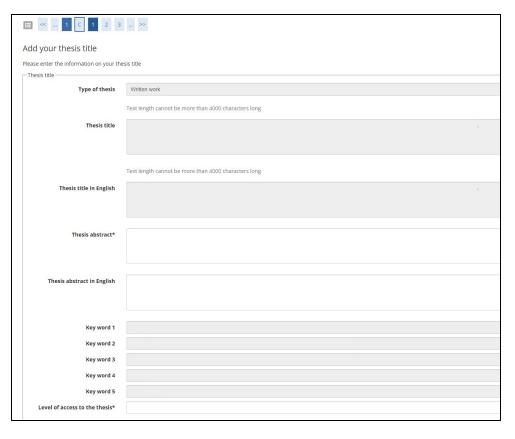


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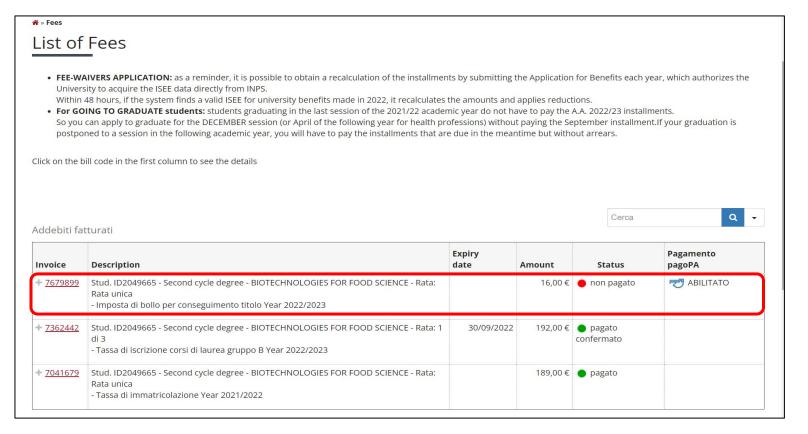


..and to give your consent on whether your thesis can be accessed by other students via the Thesis archive of UniPD.

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At this point, your graduation request was registered and the payment link under "Right to university studies, disability disclosure, summer courses" → "Payments" in the menu will be available.







To be admitted to the graduation session, you must:



- have sat and recorded all the examinations of your study plan at least 15 days before the graduation dates;
- have paid the tuition fees;
- have asked your supervisor to approve your dissertation title and have submitted your dissertation in accordance with the procedure and by the set deadlines;
- have paid the revenue stamp for graduation, otherwise your student's records cannot be approved.



Don't miss the deadline



Keep in mind that, in order to graduate, you must sit and record all examinations before a specific deadline.

You can find this specific deadline on this page. From the top-right corner of the page, select "Primo periodo" or "Secondo periodo", according to the period in which you want to graduate. Then select the School of Engineering.



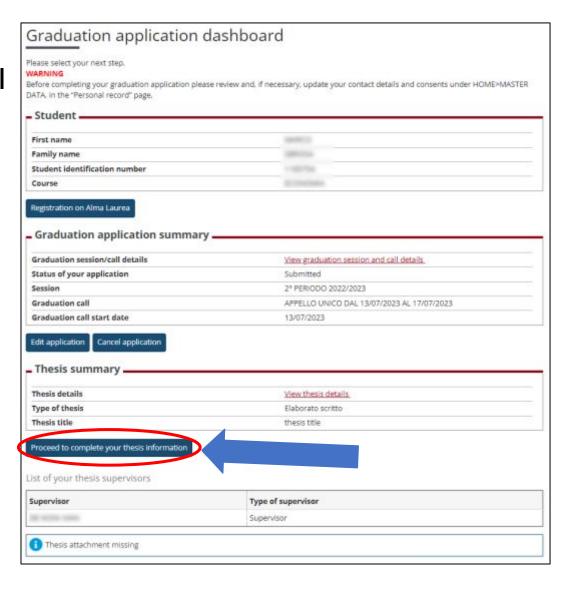
The final step is the **submission of your thesis** (exclusively in digital format). It must be uploaded in UNIWEB <u>within 3 working days before its defense</u>

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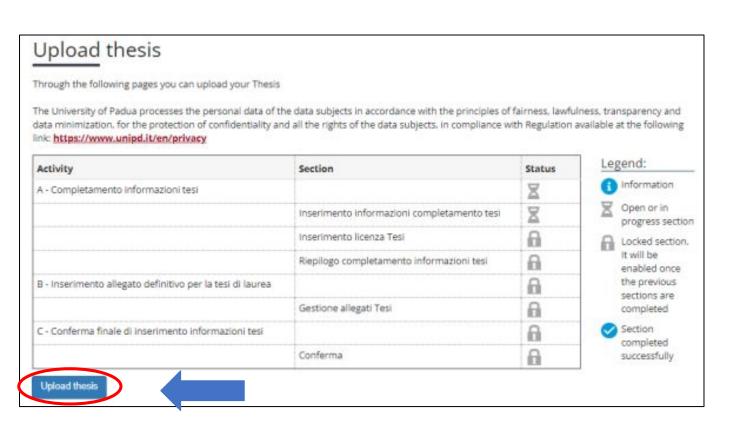


In order to upload your thesis in Uniweb, you will be required to proceed to complete your thesis information.

Click on the corresponding button to begin the process of uploading your thesis.







Click on "Upload thesis".

You will find again the information you provided for your application to graduate:

- thesis title
- keywords

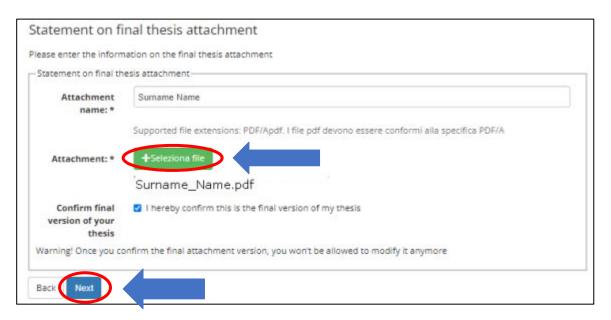
These fields cannot be edited.

You can still edit the following fields:

- Abstract (compulsory)
- Abstract in English (optional)
- Thesis availability



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Click on "Add a new attachment" to open a new screen. Then select your thesis. The thesis must be uploaded in PDFa format. Follow this guide to correctly format your thesis.

The "Attachment name" field should be completed as follows: Surname_Name.

Once you have uploaded your thesis, you will no longer be able to edit it and the status "Submitted" will appear on your dashboard.



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At this point, your supervisor has to approve your thesis upload. Keep in mind that this might take some time, so do not wait until the last day to submit your thesis.

The decision will be displayed on your Graduation application dashboard.

Once the status is "Approved", you have completed the procedure.

The step-by-step procedure on how to upload your graduation work on Uniweb is available at this <u>page</u>.



Thesis practicalities

Thesis guidelines and cover page

There are no specific formatting requirements set by the Department: you can consult your supervisor for further information.

The **cover page** template is available at <u>this</u> <u>page</u>. You can find the template at the bottom of the page: "Frontespizio tesi MAGISTRALE".





The final countdown: Graduation sessions

The graduation session is the last step for graduating.





The discussion of the thesis and the final ceremony take place on the same day.



During the discussion of the thesis, you will **present the thesis** to the Committee including the supervisor, co-supervisor and other professors, and you will **receive a grade for it**.



During the final ceremony you will receive your diploma and final grade.



Graduation sessions

The specific **dates** for each graduation session are published <u>here</u>.

Select "Graduations Master's degree in Water and Geological Risk Engineering" to access the pdf document.



Final Grade

The final exam is considered passed when the candidate has obtained a grade of at least 66/110.

The final Italian graduation grade is expressed in one-hundred-and tenths. The highest grade is 110/110 and it can be attributed **with honour** ("lode").

The final graduation grade is obtained as follows: the average of the exams is the 'starting point' to which the points for the degree are added:

Average of the exams ('starting point') + 'degree points' = final graduation grade.

All information to calculate your final graduation grade are available <u>here</u>.



Final Grade

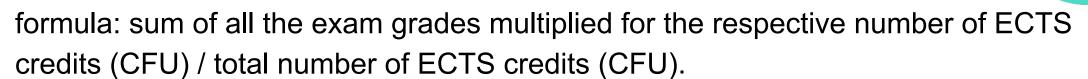
The Graduation Committee will assign the final graduation grade by evaluating the following elements:

- 1. the **weighted average** grades obtained in the examinations listed in the study plan ("starting point");
- 2. the **evaluation** obtained by the student during the **final examination**
- 3. the number of credits of the exams in which the student obtained a 30 with honours (**30 e lode**) grade;
- 4. any other **elements of merit** or demerit in the student's career



1. The weighted average





The weighted average (WA) of the grades is calculated and then reported into one-hundred-and-tenths using the following formula:

WA=(Σ i gi ci / Σ i ci) 110/30

gi = grades of the exams in the study-plan

ci = number of credits.



2. Evaluation of the final examination

The assessment of the final examination is expressed using the following scale: "Sufficient", "fair", "good", "excellent" and is based on the following elements:



- the level of originality displayed in the work done and the results obtained;
- the commitment shown by the undergraduate and the thoroughness with which the thesis was produced;
- the quality of the written thesis itself and its presentation (completeness, correctness, clarity of presentation)
- significance of the theoretical methodologies employed and/or the experimental undertaking.



2. Evaluation of the final examination

According to the overall assessment by the Commission, one of the following percentage increases can be applied on the weighted average grade:



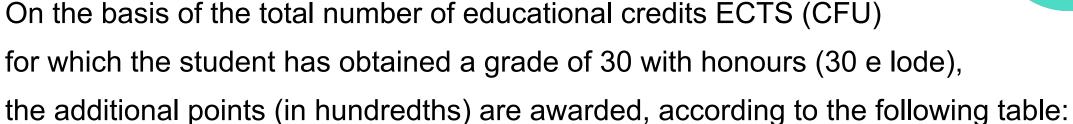
Final examination evaluation	sufficient	fair	good	excellent
Percentage increase	0%	2%	4%	6%

In the event that a student has done particularly outstanding work on his/her thesis, he/she is eligible for an exceptionality procedure. See here for more information.



3. Possible attribution of a career bonus

a. Number of credits with a "30 e lode" grade



Number of ECTS	Points awarded	
fewer than 9 educational credits	0 points	
between 9 and 15 educational credits	0.5 points	
more than 15 educational credits	1 point	





b. Other elements of merit or demerit

The Committee may award **up to a maximum of one point** (in hundredths, and including rounding up) for participation in the TIME project or any other initiatives previously approved for the purposes of the final graduation mark.

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 hundredths, and including rounding down).



Final remark: "with honour" attribution

In order to obtain a Master's Degree "with honours" (**110 e lode**), the 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

For further details on the calculation, carefully consult this document.



How to collect your diploma



The consignment of the diploma takes place on the day of your proclamation.

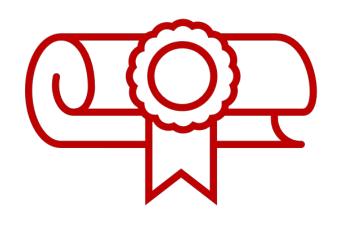
Diplomas are issued in **ITALIAN** and contain:

- The graduate's personal information
- Qualification obtained
- Graduation date

Graduates are also issued with the <u>Diploma Supplement</u>, a digital informative report in two languages (English and Italian), describing the nature, the level, the context, the content, and the status of the studies carried out and successfully completed by the student, according to standards agreed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO.



How to replace your diploma



Replacement of the Degree Diploma

If your original parchment gets lost or destroyed, or if your personal information changes, you can apply for a replacement diploma, by proving the change in your personal information, the loss or destruction of the original. The replacement diploma complies with the layout in force at the time of application.

You can apply:

- via e-mail to: consequimentotitolo.studenti@unipd.it
- or via registered mail to: Ufficio Carriere Studenti, Lungargine del Piovego 2/3 - 35131 Padova



Digital Certificates



Each graduate will automatically receive an email sent from the Bestr platform for the collection of the Open Badge and subsequently for the collection of the Digital Certificate.

The digital certificate will allow you to easily **share** your **educational qualification** via the main social networks and allow those who receive it to verify its authenticity automatically.

For more information:

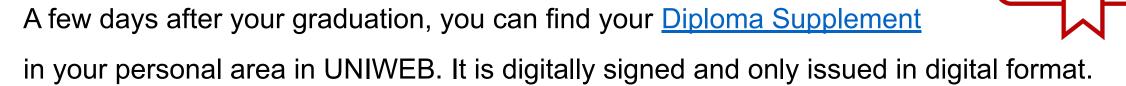
Open Badges: https://www.unipd.it/open-badge

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Diploma Supplement and certificates in English

Diploma Supplement

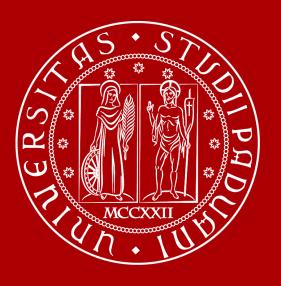


Certificates in English

You can request a **certificate of graduation** in English and/or a **certificate of graduation** with transcript of records in English by following this procedure:

https://www.unipd.it/en/certificates

You can request digital certificates or hard copy certificates. The issue of each document requires the payment of a 16 Euro stamp fee. You can choose to receive the documents in person or have them shipped.



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