



Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

Internship and Final Examination Regulations
Master's Degree Programme in Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials
Master's Degree Class (Classe LM): Materials Science (Scienza dei Materiali)

Article 1.

The Thesis consists in carrying out experimental work on a specific topic assigned to the candidate by the supervisor and approved by the Teaching Committee.

The Thesis entails a Final Examination (18 CFU/ECTS) and a possible Internship (6 CFU/ECTS).

Article 2.

The experimental activity envisaged in the thesis is carried out during an internship.

Two types of internships are possible:

- a) 'Internal' - to be carried out in the laboratories of Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- b) 'External' - to be carried out in an Authority, Research Laboratory, other University or external Company that has entered a specific agreement with Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

In order to be admitted to the internship, students must have earned all the credits from the first year core courses (57 CFU/ECTS) and deliver the relevant application form to the Scientific Campus Secretariat. The Thesis period officially begins on the starting date of the experimental work, which must be indicated in the application.

The Teaching Committee of the Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials Degree Programme approves the Thesis project and assigns to the student a supervisor and, if necessary, a co-supervisor:

- in the case of an 'internal' internship, the supervisor must be a tenured professor in one of the following degree programmes: Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials Master's Degree Programme, Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies Bachelor's Degree Programme, Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies Master's Degree Programme, Engineering Physics Bachelor's Degree Programme, Engineering Physics Master's Degree Programme. The supervisor may be assisted by a second 'external'

supervisor or by an adjunct professor;

- in the case of an 'external' internship, there must be at least two supervisors, one internal (a tenured professor in one of the following programmes: Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials Master's Degree Programme, Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies Bachelor's Degree Programme, Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies Master's Degree Programmes, Engineering Physics Bachelor's Degree Programme, Engineering Physics Master's Degree Programme) and one external, appointed by the Authority, Research Laboratory, other University or external Company.

Regarding the necessary fulfilments for experimental activities carried out outside the University, please refer to the University regulations.

Article 3.

The supervisor is responsible for guiding and coordinating the candidate's work and for promoting compliance with all the requirements of these Regulations, except where otherwise provided.

Article 4.

For each graduating student, the Teaching Committee appoints a Thesis Examination Board, which must include the supervisor(s), two professors or researchers, and an alternate member who replaces the supervisor(s) if they cannot attend.

In the case of an 'external' Thesis, the external supervisor is entitled to be a member of the Thesis Examination Board. The two supervisors will jointly agree on the evaluation and assessment in this case.

The Thesis Examination Board has the task of jointly evaluating the candidate's work through an interview. The interview consists of a presentation and discussion of the work carried out by the candidate during the Thesis period.

Article 5.

If a member of the Thesis Examination Board cannot attend the interview for justified reasons, he/she must arrange to be replaced by a substitute and inform the President of the Teaching Committee.

Article 6.

The dissertation in digital form must be delivered to each member of the Thesis Examination Board at least seven working days before the thesis defence.

Final papers and thesis may also be written in multimedia form and languages other than Italian and English, subject to the approval of the Teaching Committee.

The final exam of the degree programme must be taken before the deadline set by the University for each graduation session.

Article 7.

The Thesis is assessed taking into account the degree of originality of the work and the critical ability of the student to analyse and discuss the results obtained. At the end of the interview, the Thesis Examination Board will formulate a brief evaluation of the work carried out by the candidate on the relevant form. The Thesis evaluation must be attached to the records in order for the Master's Degree grade to be awarded.

The Thesis Examination Board may award a maximum of 8 points. A maximum of 3 out of the overall 8 points may be awarded by the Supervisor, and the remaining points are at the Board's discretion.

Article 8.

In order to take the Final Examination, the student must have earned all the credits envisaged in the regulations of the Master's Degree Programme (102), except those allocated for the Final Examination itself (18).

Article 9.

The Final Examination consists in the presentation to the Final Examination Board of an original dissertation written by the student and submitted exclusively in digital form.

The Final Examination Board is convened by the Scientific Campus Secretariat.

Article 10.

The Final Examination Board is made up of three to seven professors (including researchers), most of whom are chosen among the University's teaching staff (professors holding a contract or entrusted position or experts in the subject may also be members), and is appointed by the Department Director and usually chaired by the President of the Teaching Committee. One or two alternate members are also appointed, and must be present before the beginning of the graduation session to replace members who cannot attend.

Article 11.

Based on the score obtained by expressing in hundred-and-tenths the average of the grades achieved in the exams weighted by the corresponding credits allocated to each course and adding the points awarded by the Thesis Examination Board, the Final Examination Board awards a score out of one hundred and ten.

The Final Examination Board may, at most, round up the final score to the next higher unit on the basis of the candidate's presentation of the thesis.

The Board may award additional points to the candidate in accordance with current University regulations.

Article 12.

The request for honours must be submitted in writing to the Thesis Examination Board by the supervisor. A necessary condition for submitting a request for honours is that the candidate's score, expressed in one-hundredth and tenths and determined by adding the weighted average of the all the exam scores to any additional bonuses and the final Examination score, is equal to or higher than 110/110.

Honours are awarded unanimously by the Final Examination Board on the unanimous proposal of the Thesis Examination Board.

For anything not provided for in these Regulations, reference is made to Article 29 of the University Educational Regulations.

These Regulations were approved by the Board of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems during the meeting held on 17 November 2023.

These Regulations apply to all students enrolled until the 2023/2024 academic year in the Master's Degree Programme in Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials, Italian Ministerial Decree 270/04.