# POLITECNICO DI MILANO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE URBAN PLANNING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS OF FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND HISTORY

#### **Premise**

These provisions supplement the Final Exam Regulations of the AUIC School of Architecture, Urban Planning, Construction Engineering, approved by the School Board on 7 April 2021, to which reference must be made and from which this Supplementary Regulation derives (available on the School website).

# Art. 1.1- Nature, composition and appointment of the Degree Examination Boards

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The Degree Examination Boards are formed by the Study Programme Coordinator or their Delegate, in their capacity as Graduations reference person, for each exam session, in an adequate number to guarantee regular conduct.

Each Degree Examination Boards is composed of a minimum of three members. For each Degree Examination Boards, at least one substitute member is identified.

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The Graduations reference person will identify the Board Chairman and Secretary among the Board members. The board can include additional members such as supervisors, co-supervisors and external experts.

These additional members may be:

- Emeritus Professors, already in office in the University.
- Professors who have been retired for no more than five years, already in office at the University.
- Adjunct Professors in the current or previous academic year.
- Other University Professors.
- External experts of recognised value, including representatives of Professional and Sector Associations.
- Research Fellows.

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#### Art. 1.2 - Degree Examination Board Chairman and Secretary

The Degree Examination Board Chairman is a Professor who holds official teaching positions in the Study Programme during the academic year.

The Chairman:

- ensures the regular conduct of the Degree Exam session and correct drafting of the minutes
- ascertains the graduating students' identity
- announces the graduates
- digitally signs the Degree Examination Board Minutes.

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## **Art. 1.3 - University Professor Obligations**

The University professors who hold official Study Programmes must participate in the Degree Examination Boards' sessions under art. 2 paragraph 4 of the Regulations for University External Assignments for Professors and Researchers of July 26, 2019, since attendance at Degree sessions is one of the parameters identified for their role.

They must be considered convened for all sessions scheduled in the academic calendar.

According to the rules defined for each Degree Exam session, any unavailability must be reported in advance before the Boards' appointment.

#### Art. 3.2 - Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) Programme final examination: type

The LM Final Examination consists of the graduating student presenting an original Thesis prepared under a Supervisor's guidance. (Ministerial Decree 270/04, art. 11, paragraph 5). This shall be of a theoretical or design

nature that uses and develops a theme practised during the Study Programme. In the drafting and discussion, It must demonstrate the student's analytical, critical or design skills.

The LM Thesis consists of a design paper or a theoretical paper made up of a volume. In both cases, the Thesis must be presented with the display of graphic tables - in a format equal to or greater than A1 and no less than ten - which summarize the contents in an expository form.

For the Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) in *Architectural Design and History*, a study course delivered in English, the papers can be written in English or Italian. In the case of a Thesis in Italian, all written parts must be accompanied by the complete translation into English. In the case of a Thesis in English, it must in any case contain an abstract in Italian.

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# Art. 4.2- Theses with more than one author

The Thesis is individual. In the case of project papers, it can be carried out by a maximum of two authors, even if enrolled in different LM Programmes, with a recognisable individual contribution.

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#### Art. 5.1 - Supervisor

There is only one Supervisor, and they must be a University or Adjunct Professor or Researcher (in the current or previous academic year) and can be a member of the Degree Examination Board.

One or more Co-Supervisors may assist the Supervisor.

The Supplementary Regulations of the LM Program in *Architectural Design and History* do not provide for a report and a preventive score proposal by the Supervisor after the thesis has been filed by the Graduating student.

## Art. 5.2 - Discussant

Given the nature of the didactic path of the fourth semester, which provides for the cross-contribution of several professors and external contributions, the LM Program in *Architectural Design and History* does not include the figure of the Discussant, nor a report on the Thesis and a score proposal of vote.

It also does not provide for the activation of support commissions for the pre-evaluation of the Thesis.

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# Art. 6.1-Final Examination: presentation and discussion of the Thesis

After a presentation by the Supervisor, the graduating student illustrates the work done, the results and answers questions posed by the members of the Degree Examination Board and the Supervisor.

The LM Program in *Architectural Design and History* provides that the presentation of the Thesis by the undergraduate and the related discussion by the Degree Examination Board take place in English.

Any justified exceptions may be requested by the Supervisor and granted by the Degree Program Coordinator. The presentation and discussion include:

- a brief introduction by the Supervisor (and/or the Co-Supervisor);
- \_ the presentation of the Thesis work (15-20 minutes) by the undergraduate student (or undergraduates);
- \_ the subsequent questions from the members of the Commission and the answers of the undergraduate (or undergraduates).

It is the duty of the President of the Commission to enforce the maximum time of thirty minutes for the entire presentation and discussion of the Degree Thesis.

For a Double LM, which is discussed at the University where the candidate obtains the other LM, or in other exceptional cases, at the Dean's sole discretion, it is possible to take the LM Examination even when the student is not physically present. This involves a remote video link with computer systems, ascertaining the graduating student identity.

#### Art. 6.3- Awarding Honours

Honours may be suggested by the Supervisor and are a special appreciation by the Degree Examination Board for the preparation and maturity achieved by the graduating student, for their brilliant Curriculum Studiorum and Thesis quality and originality.

For this purpose, the Board may consider any "cum laude" obtained during the academic career to support any proposal for Honours.

Honours may be awarded if the score formulated as per Art.-6.2 is, before rounding, greater than or equal to 111 (one hundred and eleven) hundred-decimal points.

Honours are awarded by unanimous decision of the Degree Examination Board members.

<u>Art. 8.3 - Supplementary Regulations</u>
The Supplementary Regulations of the Study Programme Boards first come into force, following their approval by the CCS and the School Council, starting from the July degree exam session for the 2020/2021 academic year.