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Art. 1 – Definitions

For the purposes of these regulations, the following definitions are adopted:

1. Final assessment: the concluding educational activity of the degree programme, to which the course's Teaching Regulations assign a specific number of ECTS.
2. Final assessment exam: public defence of the student's thesis before the final assessment commission.
3. Graduating student: a student who has acquired all the credits required by the regulations of the degree programme in which they are enrolled in order to obtain the degree qualification – with the exception of the credits required for the final assessment – and who is registered for a final exam session.
4. Final assessment commission: the commission with responsibility for examining the graduating student.
5. Thesis: academic essay written by the graduating students under the supervision of one or more supervisor(s).
6. Supervisor: a professor who supervises the activity carried out by the student for the preparation of the final assessment.
7. Co-examiner: expert not participating in the supervision of the graduating student, and to whom the Dean of the Department of the Faculty of Law, hereinafter referred to as the Faculty, bestows the role of evaluating the thesis.

Art. 2 – Aims of the final assessment

1. Through the final exam, the graduating student must demonstrate that they have mastered the subjects studied in the Master's degree course. The graduating student is required to write an original and coherent essay (thesis) on a specific topic, written in English under the guidance of a supervisor. Theses must demonstrate the student's capacity to examine the chosen topic from a national, supranational or global perspective.
2. Theses may be written, only partially, as part of an internship, training, or Double Degree programme.
3. With this aim, graduating students are required to write an original, comprehensive, and critical essay showcasing independent research skills, methodological and judgmental maturity, as well as interdisciplinary legal knowledge.



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Art. 3 – Final assessment exam

1. The final assessment exam consists of the discussion of the graduating student's thesis, written under the guidance of a supervisor, before a commission. The discussion is held in English.

Art. 4 – Supervisor and Co-examiner

1. The role of supervisor is assigned to a professor affiliated with the University of Trento or to another professor holding a course, activated by the University of Trento. Students must have taken at least one exam from their supervisor's courses relating to the scientific-disciplinary sector as the subject of the final assessment.
2. Supervisors have the responsibility to guide their students towards the type of thesis most consistent with their possibilities and with the expected graduation times.
3. The Dean shall appoint a co-examiner who has not participated in the supervision of the thesis, with the role of evaluating the thesis written by the graduating student. This role is assigned to a professor of the University of Trento, usually belonging to the Faculty.

Art. 5 – Application for Degree

1. The Faculty annually establishes the number and periods of sessions for the final assessment exam.
2. The registration for the master's degree final exam (thesis defence) must be completed by the deadlines and according to the methods published on the course webpage.
3. Graduating students must send a copy of the thesis and a copy of the abstract in digital format to the Administrative and Student Support Offices (*Ufficio Offerta Formativa e Gestione Studenti*, supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it).
4. The graduating student must also send a digital copy of the thesis to both the supervisor and the co-examiner.
5. The final assessment can be undertaken only after completing the programme necessary for graduation, i.e. passing all exams including those relating to the assessment of linguistic knowledge/skills, and completion of the internship – if present in the student's study plan.
6. In case a graduating student still needs to take one exam (and not more than one) by the deadline for their application to the final examination, they may ask the Administrative and Student Support Offices for conditional admission to the exam by submitting the request via email (supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it). This request is admissible only if the exam takes place within 15 days since the registration for the final exam (thesis defence).



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7. Students must have acquired 120 ECTS – including those related to the final exam – to obtain the master's degree, in accordance with the provisions of the teaching regulations of the master's degree course.
8. In case of withdrawal from studies, students must send a communication from their personal University email address (@studenti.unitn.it) to the Administrative and Student Support Offices (*Ufficio Offerta Formativa e Gestione Studenti - Economia e Management, Giurisprudenza e Scuola Studi Internazionali*, supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it).
9. In case students need to apply for a new final examination session following the one in which they had previously enrolled, they must submit a new application and respect the terms and procedures set out in the above clauses.

Art. 6 – Commission for the final assessment

1. The final assessment commission is composed of five professors and researchers who hold courses consistent with the graduate's study plan in the academic year when the Master's Degree exam takes place. At least three of the five commissioners are chosen from among the professors and researchers affiliated with the Faculty.
2. The commission for the final assessment is appointed by the Dean of the Faculty.
3. The Commission may include additional external professors, experts or tutors. The Dean may grant commissioners the possibility for remote participation in the final examination only in the event of serious and proven reasons that prevent them from being physically present.

Art. 7 – Definition of graduation marks and registration of the degree

1. The Italian final graduation grade is expressed in one-hundred-and tenths (110), and it is assigned by the graduation commission in accordance with the criteria defined in the Annex below.

Art. 8 – Double Degree Programmes

1. Within the framework of Double Degree programmes or other international agreements, the role of supervisor of the final exam may be assigned to a professor or researcher from the Partner University. Further requirements may be regulated by the programmes' agreements.



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2. The commission appointed to evaluate graduating students participating in Double Degree programmes or other international agreements may also include professors affiliated with the partner University.
3. Theses written within the framework of international agreements can be written in English or in the language of the Partner University. If the official language of the Partner University differs from English, the student must provide a synopsis (at least 5 pages) in English and submit it to the Administrative and Student Support Offices (*Ufficio Offerta Formativa e Gestione Studenti*, supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it).
4. Students part of a Double Degree programme must abide by the rules expressed in the previous articles if they write their thesis and take their final examination at the University of Trento.
5. If students part of a Double Degree programme write their thesis and take their final examination at the Partner University, they must comply with the rules expressed in the previous articles, except as otherwise specified in the Double Degree agreement.
6. Students who complete their study programme at the Partner University are required to submit their thesis without taking the final examination at the University of Trento. They need to be present at the *Proclamazione* (Graduation Ceremony), unless otherwise provided in the specific agreements for Double or multiple Degrees. However, attendance may not be required in the event of justified needs of the student, on the grounds of the art. 23, paragraph 5 of the University Teaching Regulations, which allows candidates not to attend the discussion/proclamation at the University of Trento if they complete their degree at the Partner's location.

Art. 9 – Final and transitional rules

1. The present regulations come into force starting from the final assessment examination session of the summer session (June 2026) of the Academic Year 2025/2026.
2. The Regulations governing the final exam and the awarding for the degree can be consulted on the degree's webpage.



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ANNEX – CALCULATION OF THE FINAL MARK

The final graduation grade is calculated in four different steps:

- 1. Calculation of the average**
- 2. Conversion to one hundred and ten**
- 3. Surplus credits and additional marks**
- 4. Final marks and conferment of distinction**

1. Calculation of the average

The Master's degree final grade is calculated by considering the weighted average of the marks of the exams taken, noting that:

- 30 with distinction is equivalent to 31;
- the average is rounded to two decimal places

2. Conversion to one hundred and ten

The conversion of the weighted average of the exams into one hundred and ten is calculated by using a conversion factor of 3.67 and keeping the two decimal places.

The Faculty reserves the right to change the conversion factor for up to one year after the first use of the calculation for the score of the degree mark.

- 0.20 points may be added to the result of the conversion into one hundred and ten, for each of the extra credits¹ to the 120 ECTS required to obtain the degree, up to a maximum of two points.
- Completing the master's degree programme within the prescribed programme deadline grants 1 additional point in the final exam. For students with learning difficulties or disabilities, the completion deadlines may be extended, upon request, up to the 30% of the standard completion time of the Master's degree; or, up to the 50% of the standard

¹ Extra Credits (crediti in esubero) are ECTS that contribute to additional points in the final degree grade calculation, unlike Surplus Credits (crediti sovranumerari), which are always recorded as 0 ECTS credits.



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completion time for students with disabilities. The extension is calculated considering the final examination session in which the graduating student is enrolled.

3. Criteria considered in the final exam

The Commission assigns a score, up to a maximum of 8 points, which takes into account:

- type of thesis;
- quality of the thesis;
- quality of the presentation;
- evaluation of the students' academic performance throughout the Master's Degree;
- evaluation of the supervisor and co-supervisor, if requested by the student while starting the writing of the thesis.

4. Final mark and conferment of "honours" (*cum laude*)

The final grade is obtained by adding together the weighted average of the marks of the exams taken, expressed in in one-hundred-and-tenth, and the grade assigned by the Commission. The resulting grade is rounded to the nearest whole number. If the grade is equal or superior to 110/110, the Commission may award honours by unanimity.