

# UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

## MASTER DEGREE COURSE IN

### MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGIES

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE THESIS INTERNSHIP AND FINAL EXAMINATION

1. The final examination consists in the preparation and discussion of a report ("thesis") on an experimental project carried out in a research laboratory at the University of Padua (**internal internship**) or at other Italian/International Universities, as well as other public and private research laboratories, or at industries, companies and external bodies, based on established agreements (**external internship**). The **thesis must be written and discussed in English** and can be supported by an abstract in Italian and/or German.
2. The **thesis internship must last no less than six (6) months**.
3. The thesis internship and the final examination add 31 credit points (ECTS) to the student's curriculum.
4. The **discussion of the thesis** is to take place at the University of Padua in front of a Degree Board appointed by the Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine or at the University of Ulm (Germany) for the students enrolled at the Molecular Medicine curriculum who carry out their thesis work there.
5. The **final degree grade** is established by the Degree Board, based on the Supervisor's proposal, by adding the grade of the final examination to the weighted average of the study course exams (this grade resulting from the average of the exams, weighted by the relative credit points expressed on a scale of one hundred and ten). The grade of the final examination, also expressed in one hundred and ten, consists in a range of values between 0 and 6 points, to which 2 points may be added if proposed by the External examiner. An additional point is awarded to students enrolled in their second year taking their degree in the July-September- December graduation sessions.
6. When appropriate, the Supervisor shall inform the Degree Board, before the discussion of the thesis, of his/her intention to propose the student for honors. The "**cum laude**" proposal can only be advanced when the weighted average of the grades is not lower than 103/110 or when the weighted average is equal to 101/110 and the student has reported at least two honors in the exams included in the study plan. To award the

honors the proposal must be accepted unanimously by the Degree Board.

**Rules for the submission of the thesis internship application and for the admission to the final examination:**

1. The **application form of thesis internship** (*Annex no. 1*) must be submitted duly signed to the Didactics Office of the Master Degree, for approval by the Didactics Board and/or the President of the Master Degree Course in Medical Biotechnologies.
2. Students must have been awarded **at least 30 credit points** in order to submit their thesis internship application.
3. The **thesis internship application must be submitted** for evaluation and approval or rejection by the Didactics Board and/or the President of the Master Degree Course **at least one month before the expected beginning date of the thesis internship**. The application must be filled in with the topic intended to be investigated and signed by the Supervisor (a Professor of the Master Degree Course in Medical Biotechnologies who will supervise the thesis work) and by the External examiner appointed by the Supervisor. The student must also comply with all other deadlines set out by the University regulation issued by the Student Office.
4. **At least ten days before the discussion**, the student must deliver the thesis (or a draft version of the same) to the external Examiner.
5. The dissertation of the thesis is to be discussed at the University of Padova (or at the University of Ulm for the students enrolled in the Molecular Medicine curriculum who carry out their thesis work there). The student must send **a progress report every three months** to the External examiner, to be discussed (possibly also via Skype, in case of internship abroad) and also to the Supervisor.

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