

MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE
in
GEOGRAPHY AND TERRITORIAL SCIENCES

DEGREE REGULATIONS

The awarding of the Master's Degree in Geography and Territorial Sciences requires the discussion of a thesis, personally prepared by the student, before a special Degree Committee.

The Degree Committee consists of seven members, including the president. The majority of the members must be official professors.

The Master's Degree final examination [*seduta di laurea*] is held three times a year.

The Thesis

The subject of the Master's thesis is assigned by a lecturer of the Master's degree course, or by a lecturer who is an expert in the subject, even if not a member of the degree course, provided that in the latter case he/she is assisted by a co-supervisor within the faculty of the Masters' Degree Programme.

The thesis must be developed by the student in an original manner, on the basis of theoretical and/or empirical research and must relate to a topic of the Master's Degree in Geography and Territorial Sciences. In the thesis work, the student is supervised by a lecturer and one (or two) co-supervisor/s. In addition, a reviewer is appointed by the President of the Master's Degree after consultation with the student's supervisor. The reviewer is chosen from experts (internal or external to the faculty) in the field of the thesis.

The dissertation must be uploaded online, following the procedures indicated on the relevant page of the university website. Simultaneously, candidates must submit a summary of the thesis to the Student Office [*Manager didattico*].

Evaluation

The assessment of the thesis will also take into account the student's ability to clearly and rigorously argue his/her dissertation during the discussion with the Degree Committee.

The Degree Committee can assign a maximum of 8 points to the thesis.

The Committee may decide to award honours (*cum laude*) to candidates whose work is particularly meritorious. A final mark (including the mark for the thesis examination) of at least 110/110 is required for the honours award application and the following is also necessary:

- the supervisor's request;
- the reviewer's favourable opinion;
- a final examination mark of at least 5 points;
- possession of a minimum of one honour mark in the examinations or a total average (examination average + thesis mark) equal to or higher than 112.

In addition to honours, honourable mention [*menzione*] and "worth publishing" [*dignità di stampa*] may be granted unanimously.

The Master's degree is granted if the student has obtained an overall mark (examination average + thesis mark) of sixty-six points.