

## **GUIDELINES THESIS NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES**

The final exam involves carrying out an original thesis work, experimental or compiling, on a topic pertinent to the Scientific-Disciplinary Sectors (SSD) envisaged in the Didactic Regulations of the Study Course. The thesis, written under the responsibility of a Professor or Researcher of the Department of Pharmacy and Health and Nutrition Sciences of the University of Calabria, can be carried out in a University Department, non-university institutions or companies affiliated with the University of Calabria.

The paper and the dissertation can be presented in English. Passing the final test entails the recognition of 15 university credits.

The final exam involves carrying out an experimental or compiling thesis work which can precede or follow the university teaching internship period. The thesis must concern a topic pertinent to the scientific-disciplinary sectors (SSD) envisaged in the didactic regulations of the degree course. The compilation thesis summarizes and elaborates the recent acquisitions of international scientific literature in particular topics. The experimental thesis involves the acquisition and processing of scientific data deriving from laboratory or research activities pertinent to the SSDs envisaged in the didactic regulations of the Degree Course and can be carried out both in laboratory structures belonging to UNICAL and in private organizations or companies. The thesis application can be made when the student has gained 54 credits in his career.

The compilation of the thesis must be carried out in a period of no less than 3 months; the experimental thesis in a period of at least 6 months. The student can carry out the thesis research in international mobility, acquiring 14 credits, among those foreseen for the final exam, for a period of not less than 3 months. The student chooses the Supervisor among the teachers who carry out teaching activities in the CDS of the Department. The theses can be supervised by a co-supervisor external to Unical, without prejudice to the responsibility of a professor of the Department, who assumes the role of supervisor. Any co-supervisors must be indicated by the supervisor to the CdS when submitting the thesis application.

The final test consists of an exhibition, open to the public, in Italian (or with authorization in English pursuant to Article 25 paragraph 12 of the Teaching Regulations of the CdS in SNM) of an original paper relating to the cultural and professional contents of the Course of Study. For the curriculum in English 'Nutritional Sciences' it must be written and exhibited in English. To take the final exam, the student must have acquired all the credits required by their study plan except those relating to the final exam itself (15 credits).

The candidate can use audio-visual tools for the presentation of the work.

The dates for the Graduation sessions are established in the Academic Calendar. Any extraordinary graduation sessions can be fixed by the Department Council and appropriately authorized by the Academic Senate. The exam calendars for the final assessment are made public by the Department at least one week before the exams.

The responsibility for publicizing the dates lies with the Department Director. In order to participate in the graduation session, the student must complete and submit the application for graduation, countersigned by the Supervisor, at the Department's Student Secretariat Office only after having taken all the exams of his/her study plan and in any case within 20 days before the start of the graduation session. The delivery of copies of the thesis must be made without fail within 7 days before the start of the graduation session. The thesis work is evaluated by a Commission appointed by the Director of the Department on the proposal of the Coordinator of the CDS. The commission for the evaluation of the final exam is made

up of 7 (seven) members, professors of the University, of which at least three tenured are responsible for one or more courses entrusted to them by the Department. The President of the Commission, as a rule, is the Coordinator of the CDS or the full professor with the greatest seniority among the members of the Commission. The verbalization is entrusted to the President of the Graduation Commission. The dissertation of the thesis work and the proclamation are public.

The Graduation Commission evaluates the candidate's final test after presentation and discussion of the thesis work and passing the test allows the acquisition of the credits necessary to reach the total number of 120 credits required to obtain the degree.

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The student is assigned a standard score, determined by the grades of the exams, to which is added a score that takes into account the presentation and any discussion carried out in the final exam, as well as any further contributions as reported below. The basic score is determined by the weighted average (expressed in 110-mi) of the marks obtained in the verification tests relating to training activities that require a mark, assuming as weight the number of credits associated with the single training activity and attributing the numerical value of 33 exams obtained with honours. The student can request the application of the calculation methods in force in the A.A. degree attainment, if more favourable.

For the work and discussion of the experimental theses, the Supervisor may propose from 0 to 4 points and the Commission from 0 to 6 points. For the work and discussion of the compilation theses, the Supervisor may propose from 0 to 2 points and the Commission from 0 to 4 points.

To this score will be added 1 (one) point in the case of a degree obtained during the normal duration of the study programme, 0.25 points for at least 3 months spent abroad, 0.5 for a period of 6 months and 1 point for a period of 12 months (passing exams, carrying out internship/thesis).

The final value is rounded to the nearest whole number, rounding up if the first decimal is equal to five.