Final degree mark

Master's degree in Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology

Final exam

Students are required to complete a graduation project at one of the Departments or Centres of the University of Trento, at other universities, or at other private or public organizations, in Italy or in another country. As part of the project, graduating students will also write a dissertation, and present and discuss in public the results obtained.

A 5-member graduation committee is established, including: the chairperson, the dissertation supervisor, the co-supervisor and two members appointed by the director of CIBIO. The committee meets at the end of the public presentation and discussion. A maximum 30 credit points (CFU) can be awarded for the final exam.

The final exam is graded on a 30-point scale, and is determined by the average (rounded up or down to the nearest whole number) of marks assigned as follows:

20 points are awarded for the presentation, based on its completeness, the clarity and structure of the presentation, the data processing and analysis. The mark is determined by the average of the points awarded by each one of the 5 members of the graduation committee.

10 points are awarded for the written work, for which the co-supervisor fills out Form 1. The form must be submitted to the chair of the graduation committee before the graduation session. The dissertation is graded on a 30-point scale.

All graduating students have a "starting score", which is based on the overall mean mark they received in the exams of the full degree programme (including the dissertation), considering the CFUs awarded in each case. This average is converted to a 110-point scale and the graduation committee may decide to round it up to the nearest whole number.

Additional points Any additional points are added to the average expressed on the 110-point scale.

1 point (excellent) for graduating students who complete their studies on track and have a grade point average of 28.5 or above. Students with disabilities or special educational needs can benefit from an extension of the normal duration of the programme of study by a period appropriate to their needs; this extension is determined when the disability is recognized by UniTrento, by the Delegate for disability of the department and by the course coordinator based on supporting evidence provided by the student. The Department's Administration and the Education and student services office must be informed about the extension.
0 to 5 points can be awarded as an assessment of the project, considering the scientific quality of the research project, the approach of the candidate, the results achieved. To award additional points, the supervisor, including on advice from the co-supervisor, fills out Form 2. The form must be submitted to the chair of the graduation committee before the graduation session. The supervisor awards full points based on the scale below: 0-pass, 1-sufficient, 2-fair, 3-good, 4-very good, 5-excellent.

Cum Laude (“lode”). Where the graduating student obtains a mark of 110 or above, the committee, on proposal from the supervisor and with unanimous agreement, may award "110 e lode".

The committee discusses the “cum laude” option even when the graduating student, with no support from his or her supervisor, obtains a mark of 112 or above.