

REGULATION

MASTER'S DEGREE EXAMS IN DATA SCIENCE (LM-data) UNICT

(Approved by the CdLM in Data Science on 02/19/2025)

The Final Exam for obtaining the title of Master of Science in Data Science consists in the discussion of a thesis prepared by the student whose contents are agreed with the supervisor.

The Thesis must be written in English.

All teachers must guarantee assistance to a suitable number of students for each academic year, in accordance with the provisions of the art. 32 c.10 of the RDA;

The student chooses, among the holders of the courses included in the individual study plan, the teacher with whom to carry out the thesis **at least four months** before the presumed date of the degree exam.

Timings for carrying out thesis activities

Start of thesis work

- Complete the online request for thesis assignment within four months before the graduation session.
- Wait for the acceptance of the request by the indicated supervisor.
- Within 2 months before the opening of the exam session, but after acceptance of the thesis request by the supervisor, complete the online graduation application and proceed with the payment of the fees due.

Conclusion of the thesis work

In the period between 1 month and 12 days before the graduation session:

1. Confirm the data on the degree application, possibly updating the thesis title;

2. Fill in the Almalaurea questionnaire;

3. Send the thesis file in PDF. It is not necessary to print the paper thesis for delivery to the Secretariat, the uploaded PDF is authentic.

4. Pass the last exams at least 12 days before the graduation exam date.

The supervisor professor must confirm the thesis file at least 10 days before the date of the graduation exam.

After uploading the PDF of the thesis, the Registrar office will proceed with booking the degree exam on the student portal.

Final grade

The final grade is made up of the sum (to the nearest integer) of the following addends:

- **Weighted career average grades** converted into one hundred and tenths.
- **Thesis evaluation**, according to the supervisor's indications within the limits indicated below:
 - For students with a weighted average less than or equal to 22/30 – max 4 points
 - For students with a weighted average lower than 27/30 – max 6 points
 - For students with a weighted average greater than or equal to 27/30 – max 8 points

- Bonus for career completion in the two foreseen years – 1 points.

This bonus is attributed to students with DSA or disabilities followed by CINAP if the degree is obtained within the session following two years.

- Points deriving from 'honours' in curricular exams: for each honors - 0.33 points
This bonus is valid up to a maximum of 1 points.

- Bonus for the candidate's Erasmus activities abroad - 1 point

- Bonus for particularly valuable theses and/or high level internships: -1 points

This bonus must be proposed by the supervisor and requires the unanimity of the Graduation Commission.

Graduation with honors

Honors are attributable to candidates who have obtained a score of 110/110.

To be awarded honors, the following conditions must be met:

- a) explicit proposal from the Thesis Supervisor;
- b) unanimous consent from the Graduation Commission;

c) minimum score of 102/110 resulting from the weighted average and honors.

Graduation sessions

The Graduation sessions are set annually by the Study Course Council in the teaching calendar.

The student must take the degree exam, consisting of the defense of the thesis in front of a special commission.

The evaluation commission for the final exam for obtaining the degree is appointed by the President of the Study Course and is made up of no less than five teachers.

Conducting the degree exam

All examination operations are carried out in English.

The exam consists of a short oral presentation by the candidate of the contents of the thesis, making use of any aid deemed appropriate.

The presentation can be preceded, upon request, by a short presentation by the speaker or a co-supervisor.

At the end of the candidate's presentation, upon request, the speaker can briefly integrate the candidate's presentation.

Finally, Commissioners can ask questions and requests for clarification.

The final vote is assigned by the Commission in a confidential session.

The proclamation of the achievement of the title is entrusted to the President of the Graduation Commission.

Transitional rules

a) These Regulations are valid from the date of approval by the Data Science Master's Degree Course Council.

b) This Regulation also applies to candidates for the Master's Degree in Data Science for Management (subject to availability).