1. The final exam consists of:
   a) the presentation of the results of a theoretical and/or empirical research project to a thesis committee. The research should be conducted by the student under the supervision of a professor teaching one of the study courses included in his study plan. The research project is chosen by the thesis advisor in consultation with the student;
   b) the thesis committee evaluates the presentation and assigns a mark to the final exam taking into account also the student's career, included the time needed to pass all the exams and the marks obtained, as well as any other relevant elements (such as internships, international mobility, disciplinary sanctions, ...) according to the criteria established by the Department.

2. In order to access the final exam the student must:
   a) have registered all the credits foreseen by his study plan and have given back to the University Libraries any borrowed book;
   b) have filled in the online application form via the esse3 system;
   c) have submitted a written report containing the description and the results of the research project to the thesis advisor.

3. The effort required for the preparation of the thesis should be proportional to the credits assigned to this activity in the study plan.

4. The thesis committee is appointed by the Department Director and consists of three professors (not necessarily members of the Department) including the thesis advisor. The committee evaluates both the thesis and the presentation and assigns a mark, including the laude distinction, to the final exam according to the criteria established by the Department Council.

5. For students enrolled in the English-language curricula the final exam is held in English.

6. The bachelor programme committee is appointed by the Department Director and includes at least seven professors teaching a course comprised in the bachelor programme. The committee, applying the criteria set by the Department Council, assigns the final mark to the candidate as well as the laude distinction, without additional discussion of the thesis. The final mark is expressed on a one hundred and ten basis. The bachelor programme committee confers the title to the candidate during an official ceremony which is open to the public.

7. Criteria for awarding the final mark
   a) For the bachelor programme (DM270) the final mark is based on the average mark obtained for the courses included in the study plan, except for foreign language, computer science and the final exam, weighted by the credits assigned to each course. It is rounded to the nearest integer and it is expressed on a one hundred and ten basis.
b) The mark of the final exam, which has to be lower or equal to three, is added to the weighted average.
c) The mark thus obtained can be further increased according to a bonus scheme assigned according to the speed of the student career as summarized below.
d) The laude distinction can be assigned if the student has an average mark of at least 99/110, the final test is evaluated three points and the overall mark, including the bonus for the career speed, is 110.

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The academic career starts the first year of enrolment wherever it occurred.

Students transferred with a maximum of 18 credits from another degree course or university will benefit a reduction of their career of one academic year. The instance has to be submitted by the student to the Director of the Department (of the Department Council10/07/2014).

**8. How to submit the thesis to the thesis advisor**

Starting from the 2014 winter session, the student have to submit a first draft of the thesis to the thesis advisor 3 WEEKS BEFORE the final exam, unless otherwise agreed with the thesis advisor.

The thesis advisor can request a longer term for justified reasons.

The advisor can reject the thesis approval and the request of attending the final exam if the deadline is not met or if the thesis has not been amended according to the requirements made by the advisor. Such decision has to be justified and communicated by the thesis advisor to the Director of the Department at least seven days before the final exam.