

School of Design

Extract from the Degree Programme in

Communication Design

Laurea Magistrale (Equivalent To Master Of Science)

Milano Campus Bovisa

7.5 Degree examination

The exam consists in the discussion of a Final work, written under the guidance of the Supervisor.

The Final work will be discussed in one of the Operational Commissions (CO) established by the reference Study Programme of the student.

For presentation of final work, the candidate can use the digital, audio/video and paper tools, necessary to effectively present the work performed.

The Final work is strictly individual. It is possible to present a group of final work, with an introduction in common, and different core of the work.

There is only one Supervisor, and s/he must be a member of the Single Commission and related to the Disciplinary Scientific Sectors (SSD), elective or supplementary SSD of the Study Programmes to which the Commission is referred or to other SSD explicitly specified in the Regulation of the School. It can be supported by one or more Co-supervisors, even those not belonging to the CU or by experts on specific subjects, even not from the School.

The student can present to the Laura Commission a Final Work that may consists:

- in an **Innovative research thesis** (experimental, project, theoretical or historic kind) - that comprehends a text contribution equal to 100 pages - consists in a statement that emerges from a detailed research proposition of scientific interest.

The Thesis has to:

- study in detail the project in its technical-specific and/or system-related aspects, according to the educational objectives of the Study Programme. The discussion must include a detailed theoretical/critical, methodological and/or historical presentation and/or an experimental study;

- provide a substantial propaedeutic part dedicated to research conducted with appropriate scientific and bibliographic references;

- propose to broaden the knowledge related to a less consolidated topic and its potential applications; or a greater contribution in the advancement of knowledge compared to a specific research area;

it entitles to the assignment of a maximum score of 8 points during the evaluation of the thesis and its presentation.

Or

- a **Consolidation Thesis** to refine the knowledge already acquired.

it consists of an experimental paper of 50/60 folders (minimum) and has a goal of application-design and/or systematization and organization of documental or bibliographic contents starting from pre-existing analytical grids. The final work must:

- show in detail the project, by improving its technical-specific and/or system-related aspects, according to the educational objectives of the Study Programme.

The discussion must provide a detailed methodological explanation, historical aspects, theoretical/critical elements;

- focus on well-known topics of scientific research and project applications;

- provide a part of the research that is functional to project development and to a simple explanation of the basic assumptions and

main hypotheses on which the proposed project application is based;

- be primarily focused on potential design applications;

- require a minimum time of 2 months; it entitles to a maximum score of 4 points, for the evaluation of final work and its presentation.

Students can request the assignment of one of them, the innovative research or the final work to improve knowledge.

The work must show the preparation and critical skills developed by the graduating student in the areas of project in relation to the contents of the Study Programme.

The Final works are usually made up of a report that contains the steps of the work, the objectives, the bibliography and the documentary sources; the technical project tables, the physical and/or virtual model where required.

The Final work is usually written in Italian or English. With a justified reason of the Graduating student, it is also possible to accept a written Final work in other languages, with the approval of the CU President. Even in this case, presentation and discussion is carried out in Italian or English. Regardless of the writing language of the final work (Italian, English or other

foreign language), it must, in any case, contain a copy in Italian and English.

The final evaluation takes into account of the student's career in the two-year LM study Programme, as well as of the final work. The score is expressed in hundred-tenths. (/110). It consists of the sum of:

- the average obtained by the graduating student in the courses, weighted on credits, expressed as hundred-tenths and hundredths of hundred-tenths (without considering any as extra activity and cum laude)

2. and the increase awarded by the Operational Commission expressed as hundred-tenths and hundredths of hundred-tenths. This sum must be rounded to the closer

whole number (0.50 is rounded to 1.00) and limited to 110. The Operational Commission can also award the “honours”.

The "honours" has the meaning of a particular appreciation by the Operational Commission for the preparation and skills reached by the Graduating student, for his excellent curriculum studiorum and the quality and originality of the Graduation work.

In particular, for this study programme the graduation work must have original characteristics and may consist in development of a theoretical, design, experimental or innovative research final work, or development of a final work to strengthen and improve knowledge already acquired. In both cases, graduation work must contain a methodological foreword illustrating its disciplinary foundations, arguments and the knowledge framework within which the research in it has been carried out and show which elements constitute original contributions.

The thesis must complete the student's educational course of study. It must be an individual work which can, however, be based on structured activities carried out together with other students. The individual candidate's contribution must, however, be clearly recognisable in the final outcome.

Further information can be found in the Graduation exam regulations available on the School Web site.

Guide to the Final Examination of Laurea Magistrale

<http://www.design.polimi.it/it/studiare-design/guide-alla-carriera/>

Information concerning general rules and regulations, session calendars, registration and consignment of theses is available at

https://aunicalogin.polimi.it/aunicalogin/getservizio.xml?id_servizio=204&idApp=1&idLink=3128