Master degree course in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies - Biotecnologie Farmaceutiche

Regulations for the thesis internship and final examination

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1. The thesis internship for the Master degree course in **Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies - Biotecnologie Farmaceutiche (PharmBiotec)** must last no less than seven (7) months carried out in a research laboratory at the University of Padua or at other Italian/International Universities, as well as other public and private research laboratories, or at industries, companies and external bodies, based on established agreements. Final thesis is an experimental project. The thesis must be written and discussed in English and must be supported by an abstract in Italian.
2. All the professors belonging and/or teaching in a degree course of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences can be **Thesis Supervisor**. The Supervisor can appoint a co-supervisor.
3. The application form of thesis internship must be submitted duly filled and signed to the Didactics Office, for approval by the Didactics Board and/or the President of the Master Degree Course in PharmBiotec. Students must have been awarded at least 50 credit points in order to submit their thesis internship application and it must be submitted at least 15 days before the expected beginning date of the thesis internship.
4. The Examiner is appointed by a Thesis Project Degree Board (*Commissione Progetto tesi*) within two months from the beginning of thesis internship. All students must provide the Standard Operative Procedures (SOP) for the preparation of master thesis to Thesis Project Degree Board. The examiner must be frequently informed by the student on the degree of progress of the thesis work
5. The Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences by a proposal Degree Course Professors' Council sets out 3 final exam sessions according to the terms provided by the University Educational Regulation (http://www.unipd.it/laurearsi). The student must deliver 2 copies of the thesis to the Didactics Office duly signed by the Supervisor within the deadlines set out by the Student Office. The student must deliver also two forms: Library form (*Deposito di copia della tesi per i servizi del Sistema Bibliotecario di Ateneo*) and Contacts form (*Recapito per eventuali comunicazioni*). At least five days before the discussion, the student must deliver the thesis (pdf version) to the Thesis Discussion Degree Board (Commissione di discussione tesi).
6. The discussion of the thesis takes place at the University of Padua in front of a Thesis Discussion Degree Board *(Commissione di discussione tesi)*, consisting of three members: the Supervisor, the Chair of the Board and the Examiner. The chair of the Board is appointed by the Chair of the Degree Course among the professors belonging and/or teaching in a degree course of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences. The Thesis Discussion Degree Board draws up a report that will be acquired by the Exam Thesis Degree Board, appointed by the Director of the Department and formed by 5 members.
7. The final mark of the second cycle degree is expressed on a scale of one hundred and ten. The final mark of the second cycle degree is expressed as a percentage and is the sum: of the weighted average of the marks weighed with the related credits, of the increase/decrease of the mark, expressed in 110, achieved on the final exam and from an eventual increase of marks linked to the awarding of the degree. The Educational regulation of the second cycle degree course in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies foresees that*: The educational activities freely chosen by the student, provided they are consistent with the educational project and are approved by the DCTC, might be selected among the basic, core and related activities provided by the University, or pursuant to special conventions, in other Universities and other Academic Institutions. They are recorded with the mark and the most beneficial*

University Educational Credits (CFUs). The mark contributes to the determination of the second cycle degree mark referred to in article 6, paragraph 2 of the current Regulation.

8. The final degree grade is established by the Thesis Degree Board (10 points), based on the Supervisor's proposal (max 5 points) and the Examiner and the Chair of the Board (max 5 points). When appropriate, the Thesis Discussion Degree Board can propose the student for honors.
9. The score of the Thesis Degree Board (five members) is the sum: 1 point final examination within the official end of the degree course; 0,2 points for every "lode". The "cum laude" proposal can only be advanced when the weighted average of the grades is not lower than 113/110. To award the honors the proposal must be accepted by 3 members of the Degree Board.
10. The student must also comply with all other deadlines set out by the University regulation issued by the Student Office.