**Final degree mark**

Master's degree in Quantitative and Computational Biology

**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 Chairperson could be appointed among the Supervisors or the Examiners), the dissertation Supervisor, the Examiner and two members appointed by the director of CIBIO. The committee meets at the end of the public presentation and discussion. 15 credit points (CFU) are awarded for the final exam.

The presentation lasts 20 minutes plus another 10 minutes dedicated to discussion.

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:

- 5 points are awarded for the written work, for which the Examiner 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.
- 10 points are awarded for the presentation, based on its completeness, the clarity and structure of the presentation, the presentation of the data and their interpretation, and the final discussion of (in particular the mastery of the topic and the ability of the candidate to answer the questions of the commission). The mark is determined by the average of the points awarded by each one of the 5 members of the graduation committee.

All graduating students have a "starting score", which is based on the overall mean of the marks received in the exams of the full degree programme (including the dissertation), weighed on the corresponding CFUs. 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 mark 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 Administration and the Student Support Service office are informed about the extension.

- 1 point if the candidate has participated in a double degree or joint degree program with other universities, has participated in an Erasmus + project with the achievement of at least 18 credits for semester (including any internship or thesis activities), has taken a “demanding activity”, in the option of the Delegate for the Internship, of internship outside the University, or in a Department/Center other than the one in which he conducted the research project for the final exam.

- 0 to 5 for the evaluation of the project activity, based on the originality of the thesis, the scientific scope of the contribution, the completeness of the state of the art classification, the quality of the presentation and exposure. The points are awarded by the Commission based on the proposal of the Supervisor, who fills out Form 2 taking into account the feedback from the Co-supervisor, where applicable. The form must be submitted to the Chair of the graduation committee before the graduation session. The average of the scores obtained for each question is calculated (0-pass, 1-sufficient, 2-fair, 3-good, 4-very good, 5-excellent) and rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

Cum Laude (“lode”). The ‘cum laude” option can be proposed by the Supervisor if the graduating student obtains a mark of 110 or above, or it is considered by the commission by default when the final mark is 112 or above. The “cum laude” option must be awarded with the unanimity of the commission.