



PhD student's evaluation Procedures and deadlines

Important note: the deadlines are changing in relation to the new starting date of the PhD program. The exact deadlines will be communicated by the Program Secretariat.

1st and 2nd year

Beginning of September:

- Submission by the students of the 1st or 2nd year Report (see template available in the LERH web site).
- Submission by the Supervisors of the evaluation of the PhD students' activities of the 1st or 2nd year (see template).

After some days from the delivery of the Report, all PhD students will be asked to give a presentation (15-20 minutes + discussion) to the PhD Program Council. Only for motivated reasons and in special cases the presentation can be organized via Skype conference, if the quality of the communication is acceptable (check before the discussion). After the presentation the Program Council gives a mark (A, B, C, D) to each student. In case of a final mark "D", the enrolment to the following year will not be allowed.

3rd year

The evaluation is organized in 3 steps (more information on the procedure is presented in the Students' Handbook and in the file "Final exam: how it works?"):

- Internal assessment by the PhD Program Council; all PhD students will give a presentation (15-20 minutes + discussion) to the PhD Program Council. After the presentation, a final evaluation of the PhD student's thesis work by the PhD Council is organized, with a written evaluation and a (A, B, C, D) ranking. The Program Council allows the student to go on with the following steps if the mark is A, B or C.
- External review by two scientists, with a specific expertise in the subject of the thesis, selected and appointed for each student by the Program Council. All the procedure is organized on line. The reviewers can suggest to accept the thesis or to revise it (in case with a prolongation of 6 months). The written evaluation by the reviewers will be provided towards the end of the year.
- A three-members Jury is appointed by the Program Council. The three members have to come from other (Italian or foreign) universities or scientific institutions and not form the Program Council. Two-Three defence sessions are organized at the beginning of the new year and in Autumn. The defence is public and the candidate has normally 30-40 minutes to present the thesis. The discussion is not open to the participants to the session but only to the three members of the Jury. At the end of the defence the Jury writes a short final evaluation and the candidate is awarded the PhD degree (not connected to any ranking made public). A formal award ceremony is organized at the Rectorate for all PhD students once a year.