Section IV how to obtain the title

Art. 29 - Presentation of the thesis

1. The title of Ph.D. (Dr. Ric./Ph.D.) is awarded following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the field of investigation chosen.

The PhD thesis, accompanied by a summary in Italian or English, is written in Italian or English or in another language with the prior authorization of the Teachers' Board.

2. By the end of the last year of the course, the PhD student is required to present a report to the Teachers’ Board on the activity carried out during the last year; the positive evaluation of the Teachers’ Board on the activity of the last year of the course is a condition for admission to the final examination.

3. After a positive evaluation of the activity of the third year of the course, the Teachers’ Board proceeds, in order to each doctoral candidate, after consultation with the tutor, at the appointment of at least two evaluators, and establishes the deadline for the thesis presentation. Evaluators must be highly qualified lecturers, external to the University of Turin and to the Teachers’ Board.

4. The thesis, to which must be attached a report of the PhD student on the activities carried out during the course of the doctorate and any publications, is submitted by the doctoral candidate to the evaluators within the deadline established by the Teachers' Board. The evaluators express an analytical written opinion on the thesis and propose admission to public discussion or postponement for a period not exceeding six months if they consider that significant additions or corrections are necessary. After this period, the thesis is in any case admitted to public discussion, accompanied by a new written opinion of the same evaluators, rendered in the light of any corrections or additions made.

5. The public discussion shall take place before a Selection Board composed of at least three members experts on the subject, the majority of whom are not members of the Teachers’ Board, appointed with their deputies by the Teachers' Board. It is possible to appoint a single Commission for several candidates. The Board of Teachers may allow participation in the public discussion via Internet.

6. The Commission is required to complete its work within 90 days of the rectoral decree of appointment.

7. After the expiry of the period referred to in point 5 above, if the Commission has not completed its work within 90 days of the rectorial decree of appointment, work lapses and the Rector appoints a new Commission, excluding members who have lapsed.

Art. 30 - Final Examination

1. The final test consists of public discussion of the thesis. At the end of the discussion the thesis, with reasoned collegial judgment, is approved or rejected. The Commission, by unanimous vote, has faculty to give praise in the presence of results of particular scientific importance.

2. The title is issued by the Rector who, at the request of the interested party, certifies its achievement.

3. Following the achievement of the title, the candidate shall be responsible for the thesis in the Institutional Archive with open access that will guarantee its preservation and publicity consultability. The University will make the filing of the dissertation in accordance with the law with the National Libraries of Florence, Rome and Turin and in the ministerial database.