Master Degree in Cybersecurity
Rules for the thesis and the final exam

The final exam consists in the presentation of the Master Thesis to the Committee of the Final Exam ("Committee" in what follows).

30 credits are dedicated to the final exam, divided into 24 credits for the thesis project and 6 credits for the drafting of the thesis document. The thesis project may take place in a company or other private/public institutions, including the University of Padova, offering to the student the possibility to work on a subject related to Cybersecurity.

The thesis has to be prepared under the guidance of a Professor or Researcher of the University of Padova (supervisor). The Committee is composed of at least 5 members, selected among the faculty members of the University of Padova.

Co-advisors are invited to the Final Exam; they are not members of the Committee, but the Committee takes their evaluation into account.

The final grade is computed summing the following increments to the weighted average of the exams' grades, multiplied by 110/30:
- Up to 7 points for the thesis. These points are assigned by the Committee, on the basis of the supervisor's evaluation.
- 1 point if at least one of the following conditions are verified:
    - the Laurea is obtained within December of the second year;
    - at least 18 credits of exams passed "cum laude".
- Up to 3 points for exceptional contributions if the thesis.
  In the case the supervisor evaluates the thesis contributions as exceptional, she/he must request a report by a referee at least one month before the final exam.
  The supervisor sends the request for exceptional contribution, proposing a referee, to the chair of the master programme, who approves (or not) the request and nominates either the suggested referee or another one.

In the case the total grade is above 112 and at least 12 credits of exams passed "cum laude", the Committee can assign the "laude", provided ⅚ of members of the Committee agree on the assignment.