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UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

Evaluation criteria for the admission to the PhD MODELS FOR ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, 38th Cycle

1) CV, professional and academic titles (max 40 points)

1A) Master (Laurea magistrale) final degree mark (max 12 points)

Mark	Points
110, 110 cum laude	12
109 -108	10
107 -106	8
105 -104	6
103 -102	4
101 - 100	2
<100	0

Students who obtained their title after the application deadline, are requested to show to the examination board an official document including the final degree mark.

Students who have not obtained their title by the date of the interview, but will obtain the degree before October 31st, will be evaluated on the average grade resulting from the list of the exams, according to the following grid:

Average	Points
29 – 30	12
28 – 28.99	10
27.50 – 27.99	8
27.00 – 27.49	6
26.50 – 26.99	4
26.00 – 26.49	2
<26	0

1A) Bachelor (Laurea triennale) final degree mark (max 10 points)

Mark	Points
110, 110 cum laude	10
109 -105	8
104 - 100	6
99 - 95	4
94 - 90	2
<90	0

Students who did not obtain their titles in an Italian university, must provide in their application all the information that is needed to convert their degree marks to the Italian scale.

1C) Previous research experiences and publication (max 10 points)

The examination board will evaluate the candidate based upon the following information:
- publications authored or co-authored by the candidate;
- research activities conducted in qualified universities or research institutes;
- research grants, contracts, fellowships obtained by the candidate;
- participation in research networks or groups;
- presentations in national or international research conferences;
- prizes and awards obtained by the candidate for his/her research.

1D) Postgraduate training activities (max 4 points)

The examination board will evaluate the candidate's participation to any postgraduate training activity, course or teaching program that is sufficiently advanced and coherent with the PhD.
The evaluation will be based on the content of the activity, the qualification of the providing institute, the final mark (if available), the degree of coherence with the PhD and with the research project presented by the candidate.

1E) Other relevant experiences (max 4 points)
- Studying or internship periods conducted abroad, including those conducted within the Erasmus or similar programs.
- Teaching experiences.
- Working experiences that are coherent and useful for the purposes of the PhD program.
- Participation in activities that are coherent with the so-called university's 'third mission', i.e. aimed at the transfer or use of advanced knowledge to help resolve societal challenges or promote innovation, in cooperation with public or private entities and the civil society.

2) Research project (max 50 points)

The examination board will evaluate the research project based upon the following criteria:
- relevance and originality of the project (max 10 points);
- knowledge of the state-of-the-art of research on the topic (max 10 points);
- quality of the research strategy, and its potential to advance the state-of-the-art (max 10 points);

- quality and appropriateness of the methodology, and feasibility of the research (max 10 points);
- relevance to the educational and scientific objectives of the PhD program (max 10 points).

1) + 2) Minimum score valid: 60/90

3) Interview (max 90 points)

During the interview, the Examination Board will further assess the candidate's preparation with respect to the most relevant themes, theories and methodologies relative to the chosen curriculum [1], with particular reference to the candidate's research project, and will evaluate the candidate's command of the English language.

In particular, the examination board will evaluate the candidate based on the following criteria:
- background knowledge of the most relevant topics relative to the chosen curriculum (max 30 points);
- knowledge of the literature and methodologies that are relevant to the candidate's research project (max 30 points);
- exposure clarity, skills, and appropriate scientific terminology (max 15 points);
- English language (max 15 points).

The minimum final resulting score valid for the admission is 120/180

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[1] A list of themes and suggested readings for the preparation of the admission is available at this link:
https://web.uniroma1.it/memotef/sites/default/files/PhD_readings_admission_2022.pdf