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To the 3rd year PhD students (39th cycle)

Dear Students,

In order to be admitted to the thesis defense to be awarded the PhD degree, you are supposed to fulfill the following administrative duties:

- **By the deadline set by the Academic Board, send to the PhD Coordinator** the following documents:
 - Copy of the thesis;
 - Abstract of the thesis, in English language;
 - Report on the activities carried out during the PhD program, drawn up by you and countersigned by your supervisor;
 - List of publications;
 - Possible request of embargo on the publication of the thesis and/or of omission of part of it ¹;
- If you haven't done it yet, **submit a copy of your thesis to the referees** - appointed by the Academic Board at the time of the resolution approving your admission to the thesis defense – **along with the thesis abstract in English and the report on the activities carried out during the PhD program, including the publications**, according to the procedures established by the Academic Board and communicated by the Coordinator. Should the referees deem it necessary, make the requested corrections and additions, which may require up to six months of additional work. PhD students awaiting the referees' opinion or those asked to modify their thesis are also required to fulfill the obligations set out in the following paragraph:
- **From October 1st to 15th 2026** (if you have any doubt on the end of your PhD program, please see the deadline calendar at <http://phd.unipv.it/thesis-defense/>. **For those of you who requested the extension, the deadline is shifted accordingly; the same applies to those whose PhD course ends in other dates due to a suspension/maternity leave**), fill in the **online application** to be admitted to the final exam, following the instructions made available at <http://phd.unipv.it/thesis-defense/>. The resolution of admission to the thesis defense issued by the Academic Board will have to be uploaded during the online application for the thesis defense. During the online submission, you will have to fill in a mandatory AlmaLaurea questionnaire. Finally,

¹ According to the current laws, upon favorable advice of the Academic Board, PhD students are allowed to ask for an **embargo** on the publication of their thesis for a period no longer than 18 months, after which the thesis is published anyway. In case of industrial secrecy, PhD students can also **omit** some parts of the thesis in the file they will upload in your Personal Area. Discuss this matter with your supervisor and coordinator if necessary.



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please make the payment of € 116 – covering the cost of printing the PhD diploma and the virtual duty stamp – using the provided payment notice.

All PhD students are supposed to take care of the above, including those who are waiting for the referees' report:

- **Once your thesis is completed**, at least 20 days before the date of the thesis defense, which will be communicated by the PhD office and/or the PhD Coordinator, **upload the thesis and the referees' reports in your Personal Area**, following the instructions provided at <http://phd.unipv.it/thesis-defense/>. **Make sure to upload the definitive version of your thesis**; you will no longer be allowed to modify the file once uploaded. The members of the Committee for the thesis defense will be able to download such files from their own Personal Area.

Once your thesis is uploaded in your Personal Area, **the Coordinator of the PhD program will have to validate the file** on their own Personal Area. Make sure that this is done duly in advance of the date of the thesis defense.

The thesis validation allows:

- **The formal admission of the PhD student to the thesis defense;**
- **The download of the thesis by the Committee members.**

Therefore, it is the PhD student's responsibility to ensure that the thesis is uploaded and validated at least 20 days before the date of the thesis defense, an essential condition for taking the final exam.

Please contact us (phd@unipv.it, ph. 0382-985983, 985021) for assistance.

Best regards

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