

Cum laude regulations

For information:

- The dean will be kept closely informed of the progress of the procedure by the secretary of the Doctorate Committee.
- A 'cum laude' predicate can in no circumstances be awarded unless the complete procedure has been followed.
- It is not possible to convert the predicate to 'cum laude' after the PhD defence ceremony.
- In the event that the PhD defence does not warrant a 'cum laude' predicate, a standard certificate will be available at the ceremony.

Procedure:

	Term to the defence
<input type="checkbox"/> At the proposal of the supervisor or a member of the Doctorate Committee, the dean will be informed that the 'cum laude' procedure will be initiated.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The supervisor(s) must endorse the 'cum laude' proposal	
<input type="checkbox"/> The members of the Doctorate Committee will consult with one another regarding the proposal. All members must approve the proposal. Each of the members submits to the dean, by means of the secretary, a notification of his or her individual, motivated assessment of the proposal. The dean will inform the supervisor of the outcome.	10 weeks
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<input type="checkbox"/> The dean seeks the advice of at least two external experts regarding the dissertation and the 'cum laude' proposal.	8 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> Both – or all – recommendations regarding the proposal must be positive.	4 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> The dean then asks the professors – in confidence – for their advice, in order to form an opinion of the proposal.	3 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving this advice, the dean takes the appropriate action.	1 week
<input type="checkbox"/> After the defence, the Opposition Committee must approve of the proposal, preferably unanimously, but in event by a majority.	