3rd-year kit
XXX cycle
1. Indication of 2 External Examiners
The Ph.D. candidate, together with his/her Supervisor, is required to indicate 2 External Examiners.
The Examiner has to be a highly qualified professor, also belonging to foreign institutions, and external to the Politecnico di Milano.
The Examiners’ role is to provide an in-depth evaluation of the thesis.

2. Plagiarism check of the thesis
Before the delivery of the final thesis, the Ph.D. candidate, together with his/her Supervisor, is required to submit the thesis into a plagiarism check service ("Turnitin") provided by the Ph.D. School.

3. Thesis delivery
The Ph.D. candidate is required to send a version of the thesis as close as possible to the final one to the secretariat.

4. Assessment
Final assessment of the Ph.D. thesis through a presentation to a commission composed by members of the Ph.D. Board for the admission to the final exam.

5. External Examiners evaluation
If the final assessment is positive, the thesis and a dossier listing the candidate’s activities, titles (participation to conferences, as both attendee and speaker, or research projects, seminars, workshops, etc.) and his/her scientific publications, are submitted to the 2 External Examiners selected.
The Examiners will provide their evaluation through a form, indicating:
a. general and detailed comments
b. scientific soundness and significance
c. quality of the written document (quality of the abstract and of the properly supported discussion and conclusions, thesis structure, adequacy of the references, clarity)

The Examiners will also suggest an overall assessment and a possible outcome of the evaluation to the Board, among the following choices:
- PhD thesis not ready to be defended
  - suggesting the level of revisions required among
    - minor revisions (up to 1 month)
    - major revisions (up to 3 months)
    - substantial revisions (up to 6 months)
- PhD awardable
- PhD awardable cum laude

6. Send the final version to the Examiner
The Ph.D. candidate is required to send the final version of the thesis (improved on the basis of the evaluation comments) to the Examiners by the time required.
If asked for substantial revisions (6 months), the Ph.D. candidate is admitted to the final exam and the thesis will be supported by a 2nd evaluation by the Examiners.

7. Final thesis delivery
The Ph.D. candidate is required to send the final version of the thesis to the secretariat.

8. Final exam
The presentation lasts 30 minutes + 15/30 minutes of Q&A session.
The commission is composed as described in the "University regulations for doctoral programmes", art.11, comma 5 (www.dottorato.polimi.it > PhD Homepage > Useful information > Download Area)
1. Indication of 2 External Examiners

   by January 2017

2. Plagiarism check* of the thesis**

   September 5th 2017

3. Thesis** delivery

   September 15th 2017

4. Assessment

   Board evaluation for the admission to the final exam

   ~ Sept 18th/22nd 2017

5. External Examiners evaluation

   Sept-Oct 2017

   pass

   6 months for revision

   12 months for revision

   6 months for revision

   1 to 3 months for revision

   up to the candidate and by the time required

6. Final version to the Examiner

   6 months later

7. Final thesis delivery

   January 2018

8. Final exam

   February 2018

   April/May 2018

   May/June 2018

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* Through the Turnitin Software provided by the Ph.D. School

** Version of the thesis as close as possible to the final one

*** After the final year, candidates who have achieved sufficient results but need more time to draw up their thesis, may obtain an extension of up to 12 months