



UNIVERSITÀ DI SIENA 1240

Ufficio Organi Collegiali

**11 February 2020 Assembly of the Academic Senate**

Classification: II/6

Proponent structure: Division of First and Second Cycle Degree Courses and Teacher Training

Requesting party: Division of First and Second Cycle Degree Courses and Teacher Training

Order of the day no.: 5.02

Subject: Measures regarding Teaching

**Re: Recognition of credits for first or second cycle degree thesis preparation during outbound mobility.**

The Chair, having verified compliance with requirements for valid assembly set out in article 4 of the *General University Regulations*, invites the Senate to vote.

The members of the Academic Senate are:

<i>name</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>Ast</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Ass</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>Ast</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Ass</i>
Prof. Francesco FRATI	x					Prof. Franco FRANCESCHI	x				
Prof. Nadia MARCHETTINI	x					Prof. Pierluigi PELLINI	x				
Prof. Vincenzo SORRENTINO	x					Prof. Salvatore BIMONTE	x				
Prof. Stefano MOSCADELLI	x					Prof. Stefano PAGLIANTINI	x				
Prof. Roberto DI PIETRA	x					Mrs. Ludovica MAROTTA	x				
Prof. Andrea GARULLI	x					Mr. Claudio SCIORTINO	x				
Prof. Claudio ROSSI	x					Mr. Alessandro DESIDERIO	x				
Prof. Anna COLUCCIA	x					Dott. Alberto BENOCCI	x				
Prof. Luisa BRACCI	x					Dott. Paolo FIORENTINI	x				

(Key: F = in favour, C = against, Ast = abstained, Ag = justified absence, Ass = absent)

- Having regard to Law no. 168 dated 9 May 1989 "Establishment of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research and Technology" and in particular, article 6 containing norms regarding the autonomy of universities;
- Having regard to Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010 concerning the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, and the Government's mandate to improve the quality and efficiency of the university system;
- Having regard to the Statute of the University of Siena issued by Rectoral Decree no. 164/2012 of 7 February 2012, published in the Official Gazette No. 49 of 28 February 2012, as amended and supplemented;
- Having regard to the University Regulations issued by Rectoral Decree no. 1332 dated 26.09.2016, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and in particular art. 36, which establishes that the University shall undertake specific actions to promote the internationalization of academic pathways;



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- Having regard to the need to highlight, for the purpose of the ministry's periodic statistical surveys, the work of outbound mobility students, should they not sit any exams but undertake research and first or second cycle degree thesis preparation;
- Considering the high priority the University's internationalization policy assigns to guaranteeing that all those enrolled in first and second cycle degree programmes have any thesis work undertaken abroad recognized in terms of university credits;
- Pending the specific, precise verification of regulations, the University regulations for first and second cycle degree courses and, where applicable, of regulations governing the final exam, a check that is incumbent on the relevant student and course administrations;
- Having regard to the Technical Report of the Procedure Manager;

**resolves**

1. without prejudice to the fact that credits for the final exam are awarded, and consequently qualification requirements are fulfilled, only when the student passes the final exam itself (defence at UNISI before the final exam committee for the first/second cycle degree), students who carried out research and prepared the first/second cycle degree thesis during outbound mobility for study at an academic and research institution may have this activity recognized through the awarding of part of the credits assigned to the degree course final exam (**up to the number of the credits assigned to the final exam minus 1**);
2. the credits under point 1 are recognized and recorded in the student's academic record as credits acquired abroad;
3. when presenting the Learning Agreement (LA), students must highlight the thesis research and preparation activity that they intend to carry out at the partner institution. They must present, together with the LA, a statement in which their Supervisor declares that the stay abroad is a central and distinctive element of the thesis project, functional to its completion or representing added value;
4. at the end of the mobility period, students must deliver a signed and stamped certificate, issued by the host foreign university, to the appropriate offices of our University, indicating the actual duration of the stay abroad and the completion of the research/thesis preparation activities, as set out in the LA. Together with this certification, the Supervisor prepares a statement on the activities carried out abroad by the student, certifying their full congruity with the project and the final preparation of the thesis. The Supervisor also proposes the number of credits referred to in point 1) that can be recognized. The certificates referred to in this point are forwarded to the Academic Board responsible for approval.

**This resolution, which has been read and approved forthwith, is self-executing.**

*Enforcement*

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