



Cum Laude Regulations

1. General provisions

- a. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs c, d and e, an examinee who sits an exam at the Faculty of Humanities and satisfies the specific conditions laid down for that exam (stated in Articles 2 and 3 of these Regulations) will be granted the designation '*cum laude*' for this exam.
- b. The specific conditions established for granting the designation of '*cum laude*' refer to 'the weighted average exam result'. This means: the weighted mathematical average rounded off to one decimal point of the marks or final marks awarded for each exam component, with the number of credits obtained for an exam component applied as the weighting factor. In the case of exam components for which the final mark is determined by taking the average (weighted or unweighted) of partial marks, the final mark registered in SIS will be used as the basis for calculating 'the weighted average exam result'.
- c. If the examinee also passes other exam components on the exam in question in addition to the exam components required for the curriculum, these additional exam components will not be included in the calculation of the weighted average exam result. The components in question are specified in the annex to the certificate in which these exam components are listed as extracurricular subjects.
- d. In exceptional cases the Examinations Board can deviate from these Regulations.
- e. If the '*cum laude*' designation is granted, this is stated on the certificate. In a certificate drawn up in the Dutch language the designation is indicated with the words '*met lof*' and in the official English translation of the certificate with the words 'with honours'.
- f. These Regulations take effect as from 1 March 2015.

2. Specific conditions for the Bachelor's exam

The designation of '*cum laude*' for the Bachelor's exam is subject to the following specific conditions:

- a. The weighted average exam result for all exam components (180 credits) must be 8.1 or higher. Results for which no mark has been awarded will not be included when calculating the weighted average exam result.
- b. An examinee may be exempted from a maximum of 30 of the 180 credits.
- c. The exam result for the Bachelor's thesis must be 8.0 or higher.

3. Specific conditions for the Master's exam

The designation of '*cum laude*' for the Master's exam is subject to the following specific conditions:

- a. The weighted average exam result for all exam components (60, 90 or 120 credits, as laid down in the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the Master's programme in question) must be 8.5 or higher. Results for which no mark has been awarded will not be included when calculating the weighted average exam result.
- b. An examinee may be exempted from a maximum of 12 of the 60 credits (or 18 of the 90 or 24 of the 120 credits, respectively).
- c. The exam result for the Master's thesis must be 8.5 or higher.
- d. The student must earn the degree within the official duration of the study programme. When a student is enrolled in two or more programmes at the same time, the duration will be calculated taking into account a reasonable extension of the duration in question.

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