



**PhD Course in
Sciences, Technologies and Measurements for Space**

**(previously named *Corso di Dottorato in
“Scienze Tecnologie e Misure Spaziali - STMS”*)**

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**PhD Course Specifications and Program for the 37th cycle
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Foreword

This Document describes the STMS PhD Course composition, activities, structure and resources foreseen for the 37th cycle starting on October 2021.

This Document is yearly updated by the PhD Course Board. It serves as a guide to facilitate professors and doctoral students during the PhD period. Its content is meant to be applied without rigidity, with the only requirement to fully satisfy the main goals of the PhD Course, namely to provide excellence in education and formation. Variations to what here written are possible under acceptance of the PhD Course Board, always staying within the limitations foreseen by the Academy and PhD Course Rules.

Doctoral students follow the indications given in the Document corresponding to the year of enrollment, unless differently stated by the STMS PhD Course Board.

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1 STMS PhD Course Rationale

The main purpose of the Sciences, Technologies and Measurements for Space (STMS) PhD Course (hereafter, the Course) is the formation of Research Doctors able to realize research in disciplines connected with Sciences, Technologies and Measurements for Space with a broad vision of the respective problematics. Doctoral students usually operate within defined programs and experiments of interest for the Course research subjects, acquiring wide and interdisciplinary knowledge, learning methodologies and techniques.

The educational process shall enable students to acquire skills and credits toward a University career, and/or a position in other research institutes, or industries. It should also stimulate the potential capabilities of the doctoral student to induce a fall-out of his/her knowledge in the territory, to stimulate the growth of high tech spin-offs, to improve local industry's ability to compete in the wider national and international scenario. A corollary of the above approach is the formation of Research Doctors capable to raise to leadership levels in scientific and/or industrial programs.

2 Involved institutions

The reference University Institution for the STMS PhD Course is the Center of Studies and Activities for Space (in Italian “Centro di Ateneo di Studi e Attività Spaziali”, hereafter CISAS) “Giuseppe Colombo”, for administration.

The University Departments involved in the STMS PhD Course are:

University of Padova:

Civil and Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Information Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy.

From other Italian Universities:

Engineering (University of Perugia), Engineering (University of Sannio)

From foreign Universities:

Physikalisches Institut (Universität Bern), Institut PPRIME, DPMM-ED, CNRS, Poitiers – France (Université de Poitiers and Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et Aérotechnique - ENSMA), Unitat de Física de les Radiacions (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (Brunel University, UK), Department of Computing (Imperial College, London), Department of Mechanics and Maritime Sciences (Chalmers University of Technology), National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Nuclear Plasma and Radiological Engineering Department, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

Other Institutions involved in the STMS PhD Course are:

CNR Institute of Photonics and Nanotechnologies, Padova; INAF Padova Observatory

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2.1 National and International Agreements

Since December 2010 the STMS PhD Course is included in the international network IDPASC (International Doctorate Network in Particle Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology, <http://www.idpasc.lip.pt/>)

Since February 2021 the STMS PhD course is part of the Italian national network of PhD schools in the Aerospace sector promoted by the AIDAA (Associazione Italiana di Aeronautica e Astronautica).

3 Academic Disciplines and Scientific Areas

The academic disciplines relevant for the STMS PhD Course are (University Ministry codes):

FIS/01:	Experimental Physics
FIS/03:	Matter Physics
FIS/05:	Astronomy and Astrophysics
ICAR/08:	Structural and Geotechnical Engineering
ING-IND/03:	Flight Dynamics
ING-IND/04:	Aerospace Constructions and Structures
ING-IND/05:	Aerospace Plants and Systems
ING-IND/06:	Fluid dynamics
ING-IND/07:	Aerospace Propulsion
ING-IND/12:	Mechanical and Thermal Measurements
ING-INF/04:	Authomatics
ING-INF/07:	Electrical and Electronics Measurements
MAT/07:	Mathematical Physics

The main scientific area relevant for the STMS PhD Course is (University codes):

10: Industrial Engineering

Other scientific areas of interest for the Course are:

- 1: Mathematical Sciences
- 2: Physical Sciences
- 5: Earth Sciences
- 11: Information Technologies
- 17: Psychological Sciences

4 Curricula and Fields of Expertise

In order to provide not only a broad, interdisciplinary vision, but also a specific competence in particular fields, two Curricula have been instituted in the STMS Course:

- Mechanical Measurements for Engineering and Space - MMES (previously named, in Italian, Misure Meccaniche per l'Ingegneria e lo Spazio, MMIS)
- Sciences and Technologies for Aeronautics and Satellite Applications - STASA (previously named, in Italian, Scienze e Tecnologie per Applicazioni Satellitari e Aeronautiche, STASA)

4.1 Fields of Expertise of the MMES Curriculum

- Analysis and definition of measuring methodologies and data processing
- Definition of methods to evaluate the uncertainty
- Design and setup for laboratory experiments simulating harsh environmental conditions
- Design and set up of measuring and testing devices for opto-mechanical and ultrasonic instrumentations
- Functional analysis of instrumentation and representation through general theory
- Industrial installation and equipment testing with the design of optimal measuring system
- Innovative procedures for measuring by means of non-conventional methods
- Measurements of time variable phenomena with on-line data processing and industrial process monitoring
- Measuring techniques in clinical diagnostics
- Methods to validate interpretative models in industrial and clinical diagnostics
- Mechanical system testing; development, acceptance and qualification tests

4.2 Fields of Expertise of the STASA Curriculum

- Astrobiology, origins, early evolution, distribution, and future of life in the universe
- Advanced Robotics; Mechanisms and Tethers in Space
- Aerodynamics of Aerospace Systems, thermo-fluid dynamics and combustion
- Design, verification and test of laboratory simulation in harsh environment
- Dynamics of Space Flights and Attitude Control
- Interaction between Spacecraft and Space Environment
- Mission analysis for Universe and Earth Observations
- Observations and Exploration of Solar System and Universe
- Observation of Earth from Space
- Optics and Scientific Instruments for Space
- Photon Detectors from soft-X rays to near infrared
- Physics of Planets, Moons, Comets, Asteroids
- Propulsion systems
- Space Navigation
- System Engineering and Mission Analysis
- Structural and thermal analysis of Space Systems

5 STMS PhD Course Governing Bodies

According to Art. 8 of the University Regulations for PhD Courses (in Italian, Regolamento di Ateneo per i Corsi di Dottorato di Ricerca), the following Course governing bodies have been instituted:

- a) the Course Coordinator
- b) the PhD Course Board (“Collegio docenti”)

Their composition and capacities are specified by the University Regulations document (Art. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14), and by the specific Course’s Regulations (in Italian, Regolamento dei Corsi di Dottorato).

The present composition of the governing bodies is the following:

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In addition, there are also annually elected doctoral student representatives. The number of doctoral student representatives is given by excess rounding the 15% of the total number of the Board components. Their participation is limited (by the Rules) to questions related to didactical and organization aspects.

6 Training Project

The standard duration of the PhD activity is three years. The PhD title is obtained having overall acquired 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System¹) credits, and having conducted research activities with original contributions. In this document we adopt the equivalence of the Ministry of Education for International Doctorate which foresees 1 ECTS credit = 25 working hours (it is usually considered that there are 1,500 working hours in a year).

It is also assumed, in order to quantify the commitment to training the doctoral students, the equivalence between the ECTS credit and the university credit (CFU).

These credits are allocated according to the following scheme:

- 30 ECTS credits in three years for *educational activities*: this includes lectures, modules, and seminars, plus hours of study, participation to schools, courses and conferences.
- 150 ECTS credits for *research*, culminating in the PhD thesis.

6.1 Education

Training formation is divided into educational activities aiming to provide a common background to all doctoral students (interdisciplinary modules) and in educational activities more specifically dedicated to each Curriculum.

6.1.1 Interdisciplinary education

In the following there is the description of the foreseen interdisciplinary education activities, common to both STASA and MMES Curricula, as well the relative exam procedures.

6.1.1.1 Interdisciplinary modules

The Course is characterized by specific scientific topics, which are at the basis of the interdisciplinary education. To provide an adequate background on these topics to all doctoral students, the Course activates every year

- 30-hour courses (extended courses)
- 20-hour courses (standard courses)
- 10-hour courses (short courses)

Such activities are interdisciplinary modules and are listed; each module is associated to a specific academic discipline.

- Aerospace propulsion (Prof. Pavarin) (ING-IND/07)
- Exploring the solar system and its environment (Prof. Cremonese / Prof. Marzari) (FIS/05)
- Measurement techniques: fundamentals, PC based, visual and thermal image analysis based (Prof. Pertile / Prof. Rossi) (ING-IND/12)
- Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics (Prof. F. Picano, ING-IND/06, 10-hour course)
- Mechanical and thermal properties of material for aerospace constructions (Prof. Galvanetto / Prof. Zaccariotto) (ING-IND/04)
- Space optics and detectors (Prof. Naletto / Prof. Pelizzo/ Prof. A.J. Corso) (FIS/01)
- Space systems and their control (Prof. Francesconi / Prof. Lorenzini) (ING-IND/05)
- Remote sensing instruments for atmospheric transparency: theory, instruments and methods (Prof. M. Doro / Prof. M. Gaug, 10-hour course) (FIS-01)

¹ ECTS is based on the convention that 60 credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one academic year. The workload of a full-time study program in Europe amounts in most cases to 36/40 weeks per year and in those cases one credit stands for workload variation from 24 to 28 hours a week. The workload refers to the time in which it is believed that an average student can achieve the required learning outcomes.

- Durability and Ageing of Organic Matrix Composites for Aircraft Applications (Prof. Gigliotti) (ING-IND/04).

The module syllabi are given in Appendix 8.1.

Students will achieve an interdisciplinary formation, that will be ascertained obtaining ECTS credits in all the academic disciplines specified above. This can be done either attending and passing the exams of these interdisciplinary modules, or passing analogous exams of university courses. It is assumed that students may have already passed university exams on some of these topics during their pre-doctoral formation. In this case, they should not attend the corresponding PhD interdisciplinary modules (i.e. these exams will be granted for the completion of the interdisciplinary formation, even if no credit should be claimed for them). In the case of students which do not have any pre-doctoral formation on these disciplines, exception to this rule can be considered by the Course Coordinator on the basis of the provided formation plan and of the foreseen research project.

For every hour of lecture, 4 hours of study are assumed, so each 20-hour passed module is equivalent to $(20+4*20) / 25 = 4$ ECTS credits. The calendar of the modules is usually provided a couple of months after the official beginning of the PhD cycle. **Attending a module without doing the exam allows the acquisition of a number of credits corresponding to the hours of frequency only and not of study (e.g. 20 hours: $20/25 = 0.8$ ECTS credits).** Students must indicate in their personal training plan (see section 6.1.3) which modules they plan to attend, and on which they intend to make the exams.

Lectures on the same/similar subjects can also be attended in other universities, with permission of the Course Coordinator. **In special cases (for example in case of a prolonged stay abroad), a doctoral student may be exempted from attendance at lectures, or at some of them; however, the doctoral student has anyway to pass the relative exams.** Attendance at any course/module which is not activated by the Course, as well passing the related exam, must be properly documented by the course/module lecturer: the lecturer has to fill in and periodically sign the "Attendance certificate" form in Appendix 8.2 and in case the "Passed exam" form in Appendix 8.3 (the filled forms must be given by the student to the Course Secretary).

In addition to the modules listed above, doctoral students are suggested to attend at seminars on topics of interest for the Course. Attendance at these seminars will be accounted in the calculation of ECTS credits (1-hour seminar equal to 1/25 ECTS credit).

6.1.1.2 Interdisciplinary module exams

The course lecturer informs the student on the way in which the exam will be done (it is suggested to have the exam as either an oral or a written test). The exam of each module has to be done within one month after the end of module lectures; a two-month time is allowed for making the exam when two or more modules concluding within 30 days have been attended.

One of the interdisciplinary module exams, chosen by the student, and finalized to assess the teaching skills of the doctoral student, has to be held in the form of an academic lecture of about 30 minutes. The lecture has to be structured to be addressed to a potential audience of students. The lecture has to be described in an analytical and sequential way, properly detailing several aspects to improve the understanding of the subject, or of any complex logical steps. This exam has to be done by each doctoral student as it is mandatory to be admitted to the final exam. If both doctoral student and professor agree, there is the possibility to have this exam as a real lecture, actually teaching to the first year doctoral student during one of the foreseen modules, under the supervision of the Professor.

After the exams, an evaluation of the student performance is provided: the possible scores are A (excellent), B (very good), C (good), D (acceptable), F (fail) and in between. In the latter case, the test has to be repeated.

Each positively passed exam must be validated by the professor responsible of the module, filling in the “Passed exam” form (see Appendix 8.3); the filled form must be delivered by the student to the Course Secretary.

All the exams on the interdisciplinary modules must be completed within the second year of PhD: this is a necessary condition to be admitted to the third year. Derogations may be granted by the Course Board in special cases such as prolonged staying abroad.

6.1.1.3 Other interdisciplinary activities

Doctoral students may participate, after having informed the Course Board, to the ESA Rexus /Bexus Programs or other similar students' University projects, as this activity is extremely educational. In this case, doctoral students acquire 6 ECTS credits, which can be used as an alternative or complement to other interdisciplinary activity.

The participation to the National School on “Detectors and Electronics for High Energy Physics, Astrophysics, Space Applications and Medical Physics”, which is held every two years at the National Laboratories of Legnaro (http://sirad.pd.infn.it/scuola_legnaro, next one is foreseen in spring 2021) is automatically recognized as interdisciplinary training activity; it is strongly suggested to attend this School. Doctoral students following this National School acquire ECTS credits as indicated in section 6.1.2.4.

The PhD Week, activated yearly by the University of Padova (to be confirmed) is one of the University interdisciplinary activities dedicated to doctoral students. The frequency this activity is useful in terms of credits to be considered in the student credit account.

The following events, to which the students are always expected to attend, are considered part of the interdisciplinary education. For any participation/presentation, students will obtain credits as indicated:

- **Presentations done by the first year doctoral students admitted to the Course of their proposed three-year PhD research program (1/6 ECTS credit for attendance; 1/3 ECTS credit for presentation)**
- **Presentations done by the doctoral students of the activities done during the year (for first and second year students), or of the activities of the three years (for third year students) (0.5 ECTS credits for each event)**

Presentations for admission to the second and third year and to the thesis evaluation procedure must be made in English.

It is required to have obtained a minimum of 10 ECTS credits through interdisciplinary activities for being admitted to the thesis evaluation procedure.

6.1.2 Curriculum oriented educational activities

In the following there is the description of the foreseen curriculum oriented education activities, as well the relative exam procedures.

6.1.2.1 Curriculum oriented seminars

Short seminars

Each year the Course organizes a series of 1.5-hour curriculum oriented seminars (plus a short discussion 0.5-hour) held by professors of the course or external speakers. It is assumed that such seminars will be held twice a month. **For each of these seminars 2/25 ECTS (= 0,08) is recognized.**

Extended seminars

Each year, the Course organizes a series of 2-hour curriculum oriented seminars held by professors of the Course. The speakers will provide the most updated information about some of their research activities, or about a specific topic of potential interest for the PhD Course. Also speakers external to the Course can be invited.

These seminars should have the spirit of an exchange of ideas between the speaker and the audience, a sort of open discussion on the described arguments. On this respect, following the conclusion of the seminar, the doctoral students will prepare a short “summary” (either in the form of a written report, or as a short presentation) where they provide some comments on the discussed topics, needs of clarification, and proposals of in-deep discussion of some specific points. Within two weeks after the seminar, the speaker and the students meet again to discuss all together the points provided in the summaries. At the end of this second meeting, the students will acquire the credits relative to the seminar.

The calendar of the seminars is provided each year a few months after the official beginning of the PhD cycle. **For every hour of these seminars 4 hours of study are assumed, so passing the exam of each curriculum oriented seminar is equivalent to $(2+4*2) / 25 = 0.4$ ECTS credits.** Doctoral students are invited to attend as many curriculum oriented seminars as possible, and to make the relative exams (i.e. participating to the final discussions). **It is mandatory to acquire at least 4 credits ECTS (10 seminars) by means of the curriculum oriented seminars during the three-year Course; exceptions are possible in case of long periods spent abroad.**

6.1.2.2 University courses

For his/her specific training, a doctoral student can also choose other University/PhD courses and/or modules relative to the chosen Curriculum. These courses must be approved by the Course Coordinator.

For University courses the correspondence between CFU and ECTS credits is assumed.

6.1.2.3 Curriculum oriented course exams

The positively passed exam will be validated by the professor responsible of the course, which will fill in the “Passed exam” form (see Appendix 8.3). The form must be delivered to the Course Secretary by the student who has passed the exam.

If a doctoral student attends a university course/module, it is assumed that the student also carries out the relative course exam; in this case, after successfully passing the exam, the course is assigned a number of ECTS credits equivalent to the course CFU’s. The course attendance has to be certified by the lecturer of the course with periodic signatures on the “Attendance certificate” form in Appendix 8.2; exam must be certified by the lecturer of the course filling in the “Passed exam” form (Appendix 8.3). The forms must be delivered by the student to the Course Secretary.

6.1.2.4 Other Curriculum oriented educational activities

Doctoral students can dedicate every year some time on tutoring or on educational support (in Italian, “didattica integrativa”) activities (NB: the latter is limited to maximum 40 hours/year). These activities must be approved by Course Board, following the directions of the Academic Bodies. In Appendix 8.4 there is a template for the request to the Board. Credits related to teaching support are considered within the Curriculum dedicated educational activities, taking one-hour lecture equal to 2/25 ECTS credits, up to a maximum of 4 ECTS credits/year.

Also participating in Schools, Courses and Conferences is considered as Curriculum dedicated formation activity: in this case, one hour of participation is assumed equivalent to 1/25 ECTS credit.

In case a School/Course foresees an evaluation of the courses, for example with a final test/exam, each hour of participation is assumed equivalent to 3/50 ECTS credit.

Presentations held by doctoral students during Schools, Courses and Conferences give 1/3 ECTS. In addition, credits for the conference attendance are also considered (1/25 ECTS*number of attendance hours).

Through this activity, each student can achieve up to 4 ECTS credits per year; the allocation of these ECTS credits is subject to the submission to the Course Coordinator and to the Course Secretary of proper documentation of participation in the School or Conferences. It is assumed the participation to a School/Congress/Conference at least once in three years.

It is required to have obtained a minimum of 10 ECTS credits through curriculum oriented educational activities for being admitted to the thesis evaluation procedure.

6.1.3 Personal training plan

During the presentation of the proposed research program (October first year), first year doctoral students must provide a “personal training plan” with the indication of which modules activated by the Course they wish to follow. They must also include any other educational activity they plan to do, with an indication about the type of activity, the period in which this activity will be carried out and how many ECTS credits could be acquired. The template for the personal training plan can be found in Appendix 8.5.

The personal training plan should then be updated at the end of the first year and then twice a year (end of March and end of August), with the indication of the progress in achievement of ECTS credits in educational activities.

The training plan may be amended, upon approval of the Course Coordinator, until the end of the second year. Any changes to the training plan have to be highlighted in the personal training plan updates, and must be approved by the Course Coordinator.

The recommended distribution of credits achieved for the various educational activities is 50%, 40%, 10% ECTS credits in the first, second and third year respectively. However, the following minimum number of credits have to be obtained: at least 9 and at least 21 ECTS credits must be achieved at the end of August of first and second year, respectively. A smaller number may lead to the not-admission to the following year. Six months before the conclusion of the third year (end of March), all the foreseen ECTS credits for educational activities/training must have been obtained; exceptions can be granted only in case of prolonged suspension justified by the Course, or extended staying abroad.

6.2 Research

Research is the primary instrument of the doctoral training project, to which the student devotes more than 80% of the total workload in the three years of the Course. The research product should be innovative and classified in at least one of the following categories: new tools/equipment, new know-how, new processes, new methods, publications, spin-off. In carrying out his/her research, under the tutoring of a supervisor (and, in the case, by a co-supervisor) assigned by the PhD Course Board, the doctoral student shall contribute original contents.

Doctoral students are strongly encouraged to spend some time in foreign research institutions, where studying in deep the undergoing research activity. To this end the University has a specific allocated budget to increase the basic PhD grant for periods abroad longer than 20 days. Periods longer than six months (even not consecutive) have to be approved by the PhD Course Board. The template for the request to the Board can be found in Appendix 8.6. An invitation (letter or e-mail) by the hosting institution should preferably be attached to the request.

6.3 PhD Thesis

The research realized by the doctoral student is documented by the doctoral thesis. The thesis must describe in an analytical way the research activity, highlighting the original contributions given by the doctoral student.

The supervisor verifies that the thesis is conformal to the foreseen activity program.

6.3.1 Thesis title and research objectives

The research subject of the doctoral thesis is identified since first year, giving it a title and defining its objectives and the international context. Under motivated circumstances, the proposed research may be changed during the first year, even substantially: this has to be agreed with the supervisor and must be approved by the Course Board. In the years following the first, the doctoral thesis can be adjusted with only minor changes, unless exceptional causes arise in which case it must be approved by the Course Board. The final title of the thesis must be determined at the end of the second year; later significant changes to the title must be approved by the Course Board.

6.3.2 Foreign language thesis

The thesis can be written in Italian, in English or other foreign language agreed with the PhD Course Board. Since the topics covered in this Doctoral Course are often devoted to international scientific research that uses almost exclusively the English language, it is strongly suggested to write the thesis in English. Please note that, as required by University regulations, to write the thesis in a foreign (not Italian) language it is in any case necessary to ask the permission of the PhD Course Board: this request must be made at the end of the first year of the PhD, when presenting the documentation for admission to the second year. The thesis, regardless of the language in which it is written, must however contain a section summarizing the work done both in Italian and in English (or in another foreign language indicated by the PhD Course Board).

6.3.3 Summary of the doctoral student work

In order to facilitate the evaluation of the thesis, the doctoral student must include in the introductory part of the thesis a less than 3-page summary also in bullet form indicating what are the actual contributions made by the student in the totality of the described work. This has to be done with references to the relevant sections, highlighting the original/innovative contributions.

6.3.4 Thesis development

The development of the doctoral thesis must start from the first year of PhD, on the basis of the program of the expected research activities.

For admission to the second year, the doctoral student must submit to the PhD Course Board:

- a complete index (content) of the thesis.

For admission to the third year, the student must submit to the PhD Course Board:

- a script of the thesis: the latter consists of a structured index, corresponding to the state of the work and to the prediction of future activities, and, for each section of the index, either a preliminary description of what the student will write in, or a draft of the final document².

For the admission to the thesis evaluation procedure, the student must submit to the PhD Course Board:

- a draft of the thesis: this corresponds to about 50% of the final report, and must include both the summary in the foreseen second language and the summary of the doctoral student work.

In all cases, the supervisor checks that the work adheres to the foreseen program of activities of the student, and ensures that the quality and quantity of the text are appropriate for the current state of research.

6.3.5 Doctor Europaeus

Students who spent at least three months in a European Union country to work on their PhD research activity, may require the obtain the “mention” of Doctor Europaeus.

To achieve this:

² It should be noted that the script of the thesis is not just the complete index presented for the second year admission.

- The thesis must be evaluated by at least two professors from two universities in two countries of the European Union other than the one in which the thesis will be discussed and that are not part of the Final Exam Board; their evaluations have to be forwarded to the members of Final Exam Board together with the PhD thesis;
- At least one member of the Final Exam Board must belong to an EU country other than that in which the thesis is discussed;
- Part of the discussion must take place in one of the official languages of the EU other than the country in which the thesis is discussed.

It is important to note that the need for an external audit of the thesis prior to the delivery of the same to the relevant offices implies that the thesis must be substantially completed well in advance of the delivery deadline (typically at least one month before the official date of delivery).

If a student is interested in obtaining the Doctor Europaeus mention has to request it to the Secretary in due time. In case of no request, it is assumed there is no interest in obtaining the mention.

6.3.6 Other suggestions for the thesis editing

In the dissertation should be highlighted, wherever applicable, the topics covered in the interdisciplinary and curriculum dedicated courses, highlighting the connections between what has been learnt in these courses and the possible applications to the thesis topics.

In case dedicated software has been developed, it is desirable to adhere to European standards for appropriate documentation and usability, as already mentioned.

Note that the writing of the thesis typically requires about 10% of the total commitment for research (i.e. more than 3 months): it is required that the doctoral student provides adequate time for its preparation.

In order to avoid large differences in the layout of the thesis, it is recommended to follow the following standards:

- Font: Times New Roman 11/12 pt (or similar)
- Line spacing: 1 - 1.2 lines
- Margins (A4): 2.5 cm top, 2 cm bottom, 2 cm external, 2/2.5 cm internal

Further information about the thesis format is available at the web page of the final exam, section named "Regole editoriali" (including the official template for the front page of the thesis): <https://www.unipd.it/dottorato/esame-finale-consegna-tesi-dottorati>

Finally, for additional information, Art.s30-33 of the University Rules on Doctoral Thesis are here reported (in Italian) at Appendix 8.7.

7 STMS PhD Course Management

7.1 Doctoral student activity program

The activities of each doctoral student are documented by the “Analytical report of the doctoral activities”. This report, which includes the personal training plan, shall be submitted to the PhD Course Board: at first shortly after admission to the Course for the approval of the training plan and of the proposed research, and then at the end of the academic year for the admission to following years and to the thesis evaluation procedure. The template of the analytical report is given in Appendix 8.8.

To be admitted to the second and the third year as well as to the thesis evaluation procedure, the doctoral student must also describe the ECTS credits acquired in educational activities by updating the personal training plan (end of March and end of August) and the thesis status. In addition, among the criteria to be considered for admission to the next year, also the update by the student of the personal Cineca web site (for creating and accessing it go to <https://loginmiur.cineca.it/front.php/login.html>) will be considered.

For the admission to the thesis evaluation procedure of a doctoral student, the supervisor has to prepare an evaluation form to be approved by the PhD Course Board. The evaluation form template can be found in Appendix 8.9.

7.1.1 Research program guidelines

For better planning of activities, and to form a nowadays necessary managerial way of thinking, it is suggested to adhere to the following planning for the thesis development.

- To formulate a research program indicating both the scientific and technical content, and the foreseen amount of commitment in the form of Work Breakdown Structure (WBS); the WBS has to be developed at least to the first/second level for first year doctoral students, and at least to second/third level for admission to the second year.
- To illustrate the temporal evolution of the program through a Gantt Bar Chart, in agreement with the WBS. In the first year, it is convenient to expand the chart to have visibility on a quarterly basis for the first year, and at least on a six-month basis for the other two years. From the second year, all the chart has to be expanded with at least 3 months of temporal resolution.

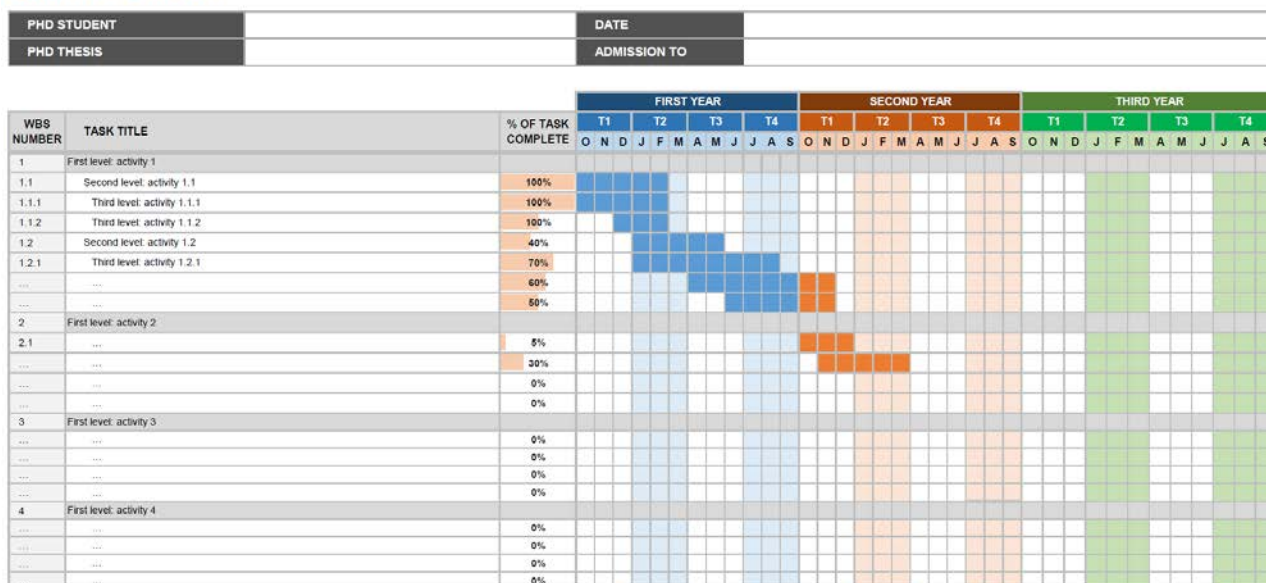
In the following there are examples of WBS and Gantt Chart (the templates used in these examples are available in excel format on the PhD Course web page).

WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

PHD STUDENT						DATE
PHD THESIS						ADMISSION TO
WBS NUMBER	TASK TITLE	START DATE	DUE DATE	DURATION (WEEKS)	WP TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION	
1	First level: activity 1					
1.1	Second level: activity 1.1	01/10/20XX	31/03/20XY	XX		
1.1.1	Third level: activity 1.1.1	01/11/20XX	31/05/20XY	YY		
1.1.2	Third level: activity 1.1.2	01/12/20XX	31/07/20XY	ZZ		
1.2	Second level: activity 1.2					
1.2.1	Third level: activity 1.2.1					
...	...					
...	...					
...	...					
2	First level: activity 2					
2.1	...					
...	...					
...	...					
3	First level: activity 3					
...	...					
...	...					
4	First level: activity 4					
...	...					
...	...					
...	...					

Notes: Students beginning the first year should show an analysis at least to level 1; for admission to second year, an analysis to at least level 3 is requested. For each level 1 WP, describe its characteristic technical content, to justify the sublevels indicated in the WBS.

GANTT CHART



Note: Students entering the first year should present a Gantt chart at least to level 1/2 of the WBS; for admission to second year, a chart at level 2/3 is requested.

7.2 PhD Course program management

The program of the PhD Course is organized in a series of events which involve both doctoral students and professors. The following table provides the calendar (Oct-Sept) of the major events.

Event	Period	Presence of doctoral students	Presence of Professors
Meeting with first year doctoral students	Oct	First year	Coordinator
Doctoral student representative election	Oct	All	Coordinator
Presentation of first year research programs and Course admission	Oct	All	Course Board and Supervisors
Course Board meeting	Oct	Representatives	Course Board and Supervisors
Thesis evaluation*	Oct-Dec	Third year students admitted to the thesis evaluation procedure	Coordinator and Supervisors
Course Board meeting	Dec (TBC)	Representatives	Course Board and Supervisors
Final exam*	Jan-Mar	Third year students admitted to the final exam	Coordinator
Lectures	Jan-Jun	Involved students	Involved lecturers
Training program / Credits update	Mar	Second/third year students	Coordinator

Event	Period	Presence of doctoral students	Presence of Professors
Meeting with first year doctoral students	Oct	First year	Coordinator
Doctoral student representative election	Oct	All	Coordinator
Course Board meeting	Mar	Representatives	Course Board and Supervisors
PhD Course admission exam	Jun/Jul		Admission committee
Training program / Credits update	Sep	All	Coordinator
Admissions to 2 nd , 3 rd year and thesis evaluation*	Sep	All	Course Board and Supervisors
Final exam admission*	Sep	Third year students	Course Board and Supervisors
Course Board meeting	Sep	Representatives	Course Board and Supervisors

7.2.1 Three-years calendar of the doctoral student major events

Event	Period	Description and comments
Introductory meeting	Oct I	Presentation of the STMS PhD Course by the Coordinator
Risk assessment form	Oct I	Submission of the risk assessment form
Approval of personal training plan and research proposal	Oct I	Documents required for the approval of the training plan and of the proposed research have to be provided at least one week before the meeting of the Course Board Presentation of the proposed research program (In case) Request of work offsite and request of affiliations
PhD student representative elections	Oct I	
Safety course	Dec I	Demonstration of having passed the on-line safety course
Lectures	Jan-Jun I	
Admission to second year	Sept I	Documents required for the admission to the second year have to be provided at least one week before the Course Board meeting Presentation of the research activity done during the first year
Doctoral student representative election	Oct II	
First year student presentation	Oct II	Participation is advised
Lectures	Jan-Jun II	Modules not attended during first year
Update of personal training plan	Mar II	
Admission to third year	Sept II	Documents required for the admission to the third year have to be provided at least one week before the Course Board meeting Presentation (in English) of the research activity done during the second year
Doctoral student representative election	Oct III	
First year student presentation	Oct III	Participation is advised

Event	Period	Description and comments
Update of personal training plan	Mar III	The minimum number of ECTS credits in educational activities (30) has to be reached
Possible request of Doctor Europaeus "mention"	Jul III	
Admission to thesis evaluation procedure*	Sep III	Documents required for the admission to the thesis evaluation procedure have to be delivered at least one week before the Course Board meeting Presentation (in English or other agreed foreign language) of the research activity done during the whole PhD period
Delivery of the thesis to the evaluators*	Oct IV	
Delivery of the thesis to the reviewers (for the Doctor Europaeus "mention") *	Oct IV	
Delivery of Course evaluation form*	Oct IV	
Final exam*	Jan-Mar IV	Thesis defense with an external Board

If a doctoral student cannot attend an official event, he/she has to send in advance a justification to the Secretary and the Coordinator for approval. In case of absence due to force majeure, the student is required to notify the Coordinator as soon as possible. In particular, an absence to the event where the presentation for admission to the following year of the doctorate has to be held can be justified only in case of illness or prolonged stay abroad. In these cases, when possible, the presentation can be done remotely by suitable telecom systems. Otherwise, the student supervisor must make a presentation of the activities on behalf of the student. The absence to the event where the presentation for admission to the thesis evaluation procedure has to be held will be considered case by case. The meetings could be held in presence or remotely by suitable telecom systems.

7.2.2 Documentation needed for formal approvals

Doctoral students have to provide the following documentation in electronic format (if not differently stated) to the Course Secretary.

Approval	Required Documentation
Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment form (original) - Analytical report, including personal training plan - Presentation of the proposed research program - (In case) Request to work offsite and request of affiliation
Admission to second year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating of the analytical report, approved by the supervisor; it has to include the personal training plan demonstrating the achievement of at least 9 ECTS credits - Complete index of the thesis - Declaration of having an ORCID and of updating the Cineca personal site - Request to write the thesis in English (or other agreed foreign language) - Presentation of the work done in the first year

Approval	Required Documentation
Admission to third year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating of the analytical report, approved by the supervisor; it has to include the personal training plan demonstrating the achievement of at least 21 ECTS credits and of passing all interdisciplinary course exams; last term for modifications to be approved by the Curriculum Board - Description of thesis structure - Declaration of updating the Cineca personal site - Presentation in English of the work done in the second year
Admission to thesis evaluation procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating of the analytical report, approved by the supervisor; it has to include the personal training plan demonstrating the achievement of at least 30 ECTS credits and of passing all foreseen exams - Draft of the thesis - Declaration of updating the Cineca personal site - Presentation in English of the work done during the PhD

Lack of the required documentation might entail not admission to the thesis evaluation procedure and even expulsion from the Doctoral Course.

7.2.3 Supervisor schedule and list of the documentation

Supervisors also are involved in the Course activities: their tasks follow the doctoral student activities and the main events are summarized in the following table.

Activities	Period	Required documentation
Approval of the research programs proposed by first year doctoral student	Oct I	Approval of analytical report
Non-Disclosure Agreement	Oct I	(Only if required)
Admission of doctoral student to second year	Sept I	Approval of analytical report and of thesis index. Short doctoral student evaluation (max 10 lines by e-mail).
Admission of doctoral student to third year	Sept II	Approval of analytical report and of thesis structure description. Short doctoral student evaluation (max 10 lines e-mail).
Indication of 2+1 thesis evaluators	Jun III	
Admission of doctoral student to thesis evaluation*	Sep III	Approval of analytical report and of thesis draft. Final doctoral student evaluation.
Uploaded thesis validation*	Dec IV	

7.2.4 Coordinator schedule

The Course management foresees periodic activities, listed in the following table.

Event	Period	Activity
Meeting with first year doctoral students	Oct	
Election of doctoral students representatives	Oct	
Annual PhD Report	Oct	
Foreign candidates evaluation committee definition	Oct	
Course Board meeting	Oct	Admission to first year, authorizations to work offsite

Event	Period	Activity
Final exam Committee Proposal*	Oct	Cineca form to fill
Evaluation thesis procedure*	Nov-Dec	
Course Board meeting	Jan	Fund assignment to PhD students
Final exam*	Jan-Mar	
Pre-activation PhD cycle (“Accreditamento”)	Feb	Cineca form to fill
Application to Cariparo PhD grants Call	Feb	Form to fill
Activation of new PhD cycle (“Anagrafe”)	Mar	Cineca form to fill
Proposal of members for next admission exam Committee	Mar	
Course Board meeting	Mar	Admission exam committee
New PhD cycle Call	Apr	Cineca form to fill
Thesis evaluators preliminary definition	Jun	
Admission exams	Jul	
Proposal of evaluators for Doctor Europaeus	Jul	
Delivery to professors of certificates of didactical activity	Jul	
Courses calendar definition	Sep	
Course Board meeting	Sep	Admission to II, III year, thesis evaluation
Thesis evaluators definition*	Sep	Cineca form to fill

7.3 Management of financial resources

All PhD funds are managed by the Coordinator and the Course Board, in accordance with the procedures established by the University: they are mainly dedicated to cover the mobility of doctoral students, of the Coordinator and other educational activities activated by the Course.

In addition to these funds, each doctoral student has available for his research during second and third year a personal fund corresponding to 10% of this annual grant (i.e. 1534 €/year). Following the University Rules, allowed expenses that can be covered with these personal funds are:

- Travel
- Conference/seminar fees
- Consumables for research activities (i.e. where it not possible to put the inventory label)
- Publication expenses
- Specific educational expenses finalized to research (for example, language courses)
- Books and articles in paper and/or electronic format;
- IT supports for research activities (e.g. software licences, ...);
- IT devices for research activities (personal computer, tablet).

The amount of money not spent during the second year (with respect to the total available 1534€) can be spent during the third year. It is strongly suggested to use these personal funds first, and then the PhD ones.

All the expenses have to be authorized by the Coordinator. For all administrative questions and for requesting mission authorization it is requested to contact in advance the CISAS administration.

7.4 Miscellanea

7.4.1 Non-Disclosure Agreement

In case the supervisor considers the subject of the doctoral student research a topic that either needs to be copyright protected or cannot be made totally or partially public, he/she can propose the doctoral student to undersign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (see Appendix 8.10). This has to be clearly stated by the supervisor since the very beginning of the research activity, to avoid any possible misunderstanding.

7.4.2 Safety

All doctoral students are considered as University employees for what concerns their safety at work. As such, they all have to attend the on-line safety course, and to pass the exam. For all information, please look at the <https://elearning.unipd.it/servizioformazione/course/index.php?categoryid=15> web site.

All doctoral students who have access to any laboratory have to be properly instructed by the safety lab appointed (in Italian, "preposto") with dedicated safety courses.

In case the initially foreseen activities change (for example, attendance of new laboratories), it may be necessary to attend new specific safety courses, to be defined by the safety lab appointed ("preposto"); once passed the course, it is necessary to send by email a self-declaration of having passed the new safety course/s to the PhD Secretary.

7.4.3 Risk assessment

All doctoral students have to fill at the beginning of their PhD activities a risk assessment form. This form can be found in Appendix 8.11. The form has to be filled in and sent to the Course Secretary as soon as the PhD activities start.

In case the initially foreseen activities change (for example, attendance of new laboratories), the risk assessment form has to be updated and sent to the PhD Secretary.

7.4.4 Publications

When included in a publication author list, a doctoral student must indicate CISAS (Centro di Ateneo di Studi e Attività Spaziali "Giuseppe Colombo", Via Venezia 15, I-35131 Padova - Italy) as primary affiliation. Other affiliations, for example a hosting department, can then be added. In the case of publications realized after the completion of the PhD period, in case they are relative to an activity performed during the PhD period, CISAS should be considered as a secondary affiliation.

All doctoral students have to get an ORCID (Open Research and Contributor ID), a code that uniquely identifies scientific and other academic authors and contributors. This will be needed to fill in the requested information in the Cineca web page, and is a code now requested by many journals for publishing.

7.4.5 Off-site PhD activity

Doctoral students may have the need to mainly realize their PhD activities out from Padova, for example because that is the place in which they can use the facilities needed for the best development of their research. In all these cases, the PhD Board has to approve the off-site PhD research activity. If approved, the doctoral student cannot ask mission reimbursement for travels to/from Padova and the research activity location. In Appendix 8.12 the template for asking this permission to the Course Board can be found.

7.4.6 External working activities

Doctoral students can make temporary external work activities if they are compatible with the foreseen full time PhD study and research commitments. These activities have to be approved by the Course Board. In Appendix 8.13 the template for asking this permission to the Course Board can be found.

7.4.7 Affiliations

In case a doctoral student is interested in affiliate to a national research institute (i.e. CNR, INFN, INAF, ...) for collaborating to scientific researches of interest for his/her PhD activities, a request has to be sent to the Course Board which has to provide a “nulla osta” statement. In Appendix 8.14 the template for asking this permission to the Course Board can be found.

7.4.8 Evaluation of the Course

At the end of the third year, students fill in the anonymous questionnaire shown in Appendix 8.15, which is made known to the Course Board. This questionnaire is just for internal use of the Course; another official questionnaire will be requested to fill in by the Main PhD Office at the end of the PhD period.

7.4.9 Language support

Doctoral students, if willing, can attend the English Language courses activated by the University Language Centre (<http://cla.unipd.it/claplus/general-english-claplus/>), since it is considered fundamental for a student of this Course an excellent knowledge the English language.

Foreign students can attend the “Italian for foreigners” courses activated by the University Language Centre (<http://cla.unipd.it/en/communicative-italian-courses/>).

In our PhD course it is assumed that doctoral students have already a good knowledge of English language. We suggest, to those interested, to attend language courses, but this cannot be part of the Training Plan of the PhD Course so no ECTS for language courses will be recognized.

7.4.10 Additional information

Students are invited to consult the website of the university (<https://www.unipd.it/en/teaching-and-research/doctoral-degrees-phd-programmes>) for information regarding:

- PhD Courses and doctoral courses active
- Thesis
- Register the teaching of the students
- Forms
- Taxes
- Economic benefits
- Accidents at work and occupational diseases (INAIL)
- Living abroad (authorization and increase the scholarship)
- Scholarship (mode of delivery and social security deductions INPS information)
- Ranking regional grants
- E-mail (any doctoral student will be assigned an e-mail address)

Foreign students are also invited to contact the SAOS university office (<https://www.unipd.it/en/saos-desk>) for all issues relative to their legal stay in Italy.

The main PhD office of Padova University (Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream) prepared a PhD guide, that may be useful for all the doctoral students. It is available in many languages (not only Italian, but also Arabic, Chinese, English and Spanish) at the link <https://www.unipd.it/dottorato/phd-guide>

8 Appendixes

Many of the forms listed in the following are available for download on the Course web site (<http://cisas.unipd.it/phd-course-dottorato/forms>). All the official requests to the Course Board or to the Course Coordinator, can be sent by email to the Secretary.

- 8.1 Syllabi of the courses activated by the STMS PhD Course**
- 8.2 Attendance certificate**
- 8.3 Passed exam form**
- 8.4 Request of authorization for making educational support activity**
- 8.5 Personal training plan**
- 8.6 Request of authorization for making research in a foreign institution**
- 8.7 Extract from the University Regulations on Doctoral Thesis**
- 8.8 Analytical report of the doctoral activities**
- 8.9 Evaluation form for the admission to the final exam**
- 8.10 Non-Disclosure Agreement**
- 8.11 Risk Assessment form**
- 8.12 Request of authorization for carrying out off-site the PhD research activity**
- 8.13 Request of authorization for temporary external job**
- 8.14 Request of authorization for association**
- 8.15 STMS PhD Course evaluation form**
- 8.16 STMS courses evaluation form**

Syllabi of the courses activated by the STMS PhD Course

Aerospace propulsion (Prof. D. Pavarin, 20-hour course)

Description at sub-system level of Chemical propulsion system, Tsiolkovsky equation. Performance parameters, specific impulse, system specific impulse. Characteristic velocity. Nozzle simplified equations, converging diverging nozzles, pressure profile within the nozzle, nozzle performances at different altitude. Solid rocket motors, general description, main components, equilibrium pressure, main operative parameters, erosive combustion. Liquid Rocket Motors, main components, pressurization systems. Electric propulsion, plasma propulsion, low thrust conditions, Tsiolkovsky equations in case of low thrust conditions, electro-thermal, electrostatic and electromagnetic propulsion systems.

Durability and Ageing of Organic Matrix Composites for Aircraft Applications (Prof. M. Gigliotti, 10-hour course)

The Course focuses on durability and ageing of organic matrix composites for aircraft applications, encompassing both experimental and modelling aspects, both at the research and at the industrial level.

The course focuses on:

- Phenomenology and experimental assessment of ageing and durability phenomena in OMC
- Modelling of ageing and durability phenomena in OMC
- Characterization, identification and simulation of ageing and durability phenomena in OMC.

Exploring the solar system and its environment (Prof. G. Cremonese / Prof. F. Marzari, 20-hour course)

The course is divided in two sections, in the first one there will be a technical-scientific approach to the space missions and the payload, while the second one will have a theoretical approach to the physical characteristics of the Solar System.

Introduction to the main physical characteristics of the Solar System planets. Introduction and description of the main space missions that explored or will explore the Solar System, from the scientific objectives to the instruments on board. We will discuss some details of some instruments where Padova is strongly involved, related to the future on the Solar System exploration, as BepiColombo, Exomars and JUICE.

Description and discussion of the model for the formation of planets and its application to the Solar System and the known exoplanetary systems. Overview of the main physical properties of the planets with focus on their magnetic fields and their interaction with the solar wind, formation of the magnetospheres. Brief summary of the non-gravitational forces acting on the minor bodies populating many known planetary systems and related to the absorption and scattering of the solar radiation.

Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics (Prof. F. Picano, 10-hour course)

The course will introduce to the computational description of fluid flows for engineering and aerospace applications. The lectures will review the laws governing fluid dynamics, the main aspects of turbulent flows with related modeling approaches and the fundamental aspects of computational fluid dynamics. Moreover, the last part of the course will be devoted to practice with a commercial solver in order to set-up and run a CFD simulation of an aerodynamic problem.

Measurement techniques: fundamentals, PC based, visual and thermal image analysis based. (Prof. M. Pertile / Prof. G. Rossi, 20-hour course)

Elements of statistics and inference; uncertainty analysis and propagation methods. Analog-to-digital conversion of time-varying signals and related problems. Programming fundamentals of PC-based acquisition systems. Measurement techniques based on visible and infrared imaging systems. Contactless shape, stress and strain measurements.

Mechanical and thermal properties of material for aerospace constructions (Prof. U. Galvanetto / Prof. M. Zaccariotto, 20-hour course)

Composite materials are finding an increasing use in the engineering fields where high specific properties (strength/weight, stiffness/weight) are required. Airplanes and spacecraft are typical structures in which the need of weight reduction makes composite materials very convenient.

The lecture course is more concerned with the structural aspects of the use of composites and therefore it provides the preliminary elements for the structural design of structures made with heterogeneous materials and for the evaluation of their strength and stiffness.

The second part of the lectures will cover the structural design of instruments for space applications, definition and identification of main external /internal loads, resistance criteria for metallic, optical glasses; study of the expected thermal and mechanical disturbances during a space mission, methods of thermo-mechanical optimization for the reduction of disturbance effects.

Remote sensing instruments for atmospheric transparency: theory, instruments and methods (Prof. M. Doro / Prof. M. Gaug, 10-hour course)

The Earth's atmosphere is the medium through which electromagnetic signals emitted by or received by ground-based or space-based human-made devices travel. The molecular and aerosol composition alter the transmission properties in a peculiar wavelength-dependent way. Several instruments allow to monitor the integral or the height-resolved transparency of the atmosphere, the scattering and absorption properties of the suspended particles, at different wavelengths and with different characteristics in terms of exposure (day/night), acceptance, resolution, etc. This course will cover the theoretical background needed for discussing instruments and methods for atmospheric measurements. The goal is to familiarise students with these active fields of research, which count with a great variety of applications, among which for the assessment of the Earth's greenhouse effect and hence its climate change.

Space optics and detectors (Prof. G. Naletto / Prof. M.-G. Pelizzo / Prof. A.J. Corso, 30-hour course)

Propagation models of light. Geometrical optics and wave optics. Reflection and refraction laws. Image formation. Diffraction limited system and Airy Disk. Paraxial optics. Lens and mirrors components in paraxial optics. Apertures and diaphragms, Field of view and f-number. Optical path, chromatic aberration and first order aberrations. Wavefront aberrations. Point Spread Function. Resolution of an imaging system. Telescopes: Gregorian, Galileian, Cassegrain, Smith Camera.

Photoemission detectors: Photoelectric effect; Quantum efficiency; Photocathode, photomultiplier, channeltron, MCP; MCP detectors, single anode and multi-anode readout. Semiconductor detectors: Atomic theory, semiconductors; Photodiodes and HCT; CCD operation and configurations; Passive and active CMOS (APS); Hybrid detectors; Noise; MTF.

Introduction to ray-tracing and to the use of Zemax. Design of a single lens, layout of the system, spot diagram analysis and Seidel coefficients. Optical materials and optimization of an achromatic doublet. Merit Function, design and optimization of a Smith camera and study of its performance. Even-polynomial plate and Maksutov meniscus for spherical aberration correction. Field flattener and its optimization.

Space systems and their control (Prof. A. Francesconi / Prof. E. Lorenzini, 20-hour course)

In orbit relative motion during proximity maneuvers. Various two-satellite in-orbit rendezvous strategies. Examples of rendezvous between the International Space Station and approaching vehicles. Common sensors for attitude measurement which make use of external targets. Satellite attitude determination techniques.

In-orbit satellite attitude motion and main control techniques: gravitational gradient, gyroscopic rigidity, and "null momentum" systems. Examples of relative attitude control with small satellites, finalized to docking operations.



Attendance Certificate

The undersigned Prof. certifies that the doctoral student
....., student code (matricola)
has been attending the course of..... activated by
the University of for the bachelor/master/PhD
Course in

Periodic signatures for stating the course attendance:

Date	Lecturer signature	Date	Lecturer signature



Passed exam form

The undersigned Prof. states that the doctoral student
, student code (matricola)
 has positively passed the exam of the
 course, with a grade (A: excellent, B: very good, C: good, D: acceptable).

Type of exam:

- written test
- colloquium
- project work
- seminar held in foreign language (not Italian)
- academic lecture
- other (please, specify):

The course is:

- activated by the STMS PhD Course
- activated by the doctoral Course of
- activated by the bachelor/master Course of
- other (please, specify):

Having passed this exam, the student acquires credits (either ECTS or CFU).

Date:

Signature.....



Request of authorization for making educational support / tutoring*activity

I undersigned *Name Surname*, doctoral student of *Number* cycle Curriculum *MMES/STASA* ask to the PhD Course Board the authorization to:

- apply to the selection Call for paid educational support /tutoring*activity for the course *Name of the Course* held by Prof. *Name Surname* for the Graduation course in *Name of the Graduation Course*; the foreseen number of hours is *NNN*;
- sign the contract and to do the foreseen activity, in case of successful selection.

My supervisor, Prof. *Name Surname*, approves.

Date: DD MM YYYY

Signature: *Name Surname*

Il/La sottoscritto/a studente/ssa di dottorato *Nome Cognome* del *NNN* ciclo, curriculum *MMES/STASA* chiede al Collegio del Corso l'autorizzazione a:

- presentare domanda al bando di selezione per svolgere attività retribuita di didattica integrativa/ tutorato* per il corso di *Titolo del corso* il cui titolare è il/la Prof./Prof.ssa *Nome Cognome* per il Corso di Laurea / Laurea Magistrale in *Nome del Corso di Laurea*; il numero di ore di attività previsto è *NNN*;
- Sottoscrivere il contratto e svolgere l'attività prevista, nel caso in cui la domanda fosse accettata.

Il mio supervisore, Prof./Prof.ssa *Nome Cognome*, approva.

Data: GG MM AAAA

Firma: *Nome Cognome*

* Please, clearly specify if the activity is either “educational support” (didattica integrativa) or “tutoring” (tutorato), having in mind that the first case is limited to maximum 40 hours/year.



UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA
PhD Course in Sciences, Technologies and Measurements for Space

PERSONAL TRAINING PLAN OF DOCTORAL STUDENT XXX YYY

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ACTIVATED BY THE STMS PHD COURSE							
Interdisciplinary Module/Activity	Lecturer	Expected credits	Frequency (YES/NO)	Exam (YES/NO)*	Date of exam	Attained credits	
Curriculum oriented seminars	Lecturer	Expected credits	Frequency (YES/NO)	Exam (YES/NO)*	Date of exam	Attained credits	
OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES							
Title of the activity (Date/Period/University)	Lecturer	Duration of activity	Expected credits	Frequency (YES/NO)	Exam (YES/NO)	Date of exam	Attained credits
Total of expected ECTS credits attainable in educational activities (>30):					Total of credits attained in educational activities (at date DD MM YYYY):		

* Specify which exam will be done as an academic lecture.



Request of authorization for making research in a foreign institution

The doctoral student Name Surname of NNN cycle MMES/STASA curriculum asks to the PhD Course Board the authorization to spend the period from ... to ... (more than 180 days, including also previously authorized periods of research in foreign institutions) at the Institute/University in City (State) for making research activities under the supervision of Name Surname. The subject of the research during this period will be

The doctoral student supervisor, Prof. Name Surname, supports this request.

[The invitation (letter or e-mail) by the hosting institution is attached.]

Date: DD MM YYYY

Signature: *Name Surname*

Lo/a studente/ssa di dottorato Nome Cognome del NNN ciclo, curriculum MMES/STASA chiede al Collegio del Corso l'autorizzazione a trascorrere il periodo da ... a ... (per più di 180 giorni, inclusi anche di periodi di ricerca all'estero precedentemente autorizzati) presso Istituto/Università a Città (Stato) per svolgere delle attività di ricerca sotto la supervisione di Nome Cognome. L'oggetto della ricerca durante questo periodo sarà

Il supervisore, Prof./Prof.ssa Nome Cognome, approva questa richiesta.

[Si allega la lettera (e-mail) di invito da parte dell'istituto ospitante.]

Data: GG MM AAAA

Firma: *Nome Cognome*

Extract from the University Regulations on Doctoral Thesis

TITOLO IV *Conseguimento del titolo*

Art. 30 - Valutazione della tesi e ammissione all'esame finale

1. I risultati dell'attività di ricerca devono essere esposti in un lavoro finale di tesi che ne evidenzii l'originalità e la rilevanza scientifica.
2. La tesi può essere redatta in lingua italiana o inglese o in altra lingua straniera, previo consenso del Collegio dei docenti. La tesi è corredata da una sintesi che deve essere in italiano o in inglese.
3. Sulla tesi esprimono il loro giudizio due valutatori esterni. Possono assumere la funzione di valutatori:
 - docenti esterni all'Ateneo e agli Atenei convenzionati, che concorrono al rilascio del titolo di Dottorato;
 - esperti di elevata qualificazione appartenenti ad enti di ricerca pubblici o privati non convenzionati con il dottorato;
 - esperti di elevata qualificazione appartenenti ad enti di ricerca pubblici o privati convenzionati con il dottorato, limitatamente alle sedi non oggetto della convenzione.Tutti i valutatori non devono essere membri del Collegio docenti del corso di dottorato.
4. Il Collegio docenti, entro 15 giorni prima della conclusione del corso, valuta l'attività complessiva svolta nel triennio e riassunta nella relazione del dottorando esprimendo il proprio giudizio ai fini dell'ammissione alla valutazione della tesi da parte dei valutatori.
5. Ai valutatori verrà reso disponibile in formato digitale:
 - a) la tesi;
 - b) il giudizio del Collegio dei docenti;
 - c) una relazione del dottorando stesso sulle attività svolte durante il dottorato e sulle eventuali pubblicazioni.
6. Al fine di ottemperare a quanto previsto dall'art. 8 del D.M. 45/2013, il competente Ufficio di Ateneo coordina una procedura atta a raccogliere i corrispondenti giudizi dei due valutatori esterni che possono proporre l'ammissione alla discussione pubblica o il rinvio per un periodo non superiore ai sei mesi se ritengono necessarie significative integrazioni o correzioni. Lo stesso Ufficio provvede ad attivare la successiva valutazione di una commissione di esame finale salvaguardando la possibilità del dottorando di poter riformulare la tesi di dottorato in caso di rinvio richiesto dai valutatori.
7. Comprovate situazioni di carattere eccezionale o di forza maggiore che impediscano, per causa non imputabile al dottorando, lo svolgimento della ricerca, se adeguatamente motivate, potranno comportare un differimento del termine ultimo per la presentazione della domanda di esame finale, nella misura strettamente necessaria. In tal caso il dottorando dovrà sottoporre istanza al Rettore che deciderà in merito con proprio atto, acquisito il parere della Giunta della Consulta dei Coordinatori dei Corsi di dottorato.
8. L'esame finale consiste nella discussione della tesi di dottorato dinanzi alla Commissione di cui all'art. 31.

9. L'eventuale rinvio da parte dei valutatori o il differimento del termine ultimo di presentazione della tesi di cui al comma 7 del presente articolo, non danno titolo alla fruizione della borsa di studio e non comportano alcun onere economico per l'Università degli Studi di Padova, eventuali obblighi di natura assicurativa saranno a carico dell'interessato.

Art. 31 - Commissioni

1. La nomina della Commissione giudicatrice è disposta con decreto del Rettore su proposta del Collegio dei docenti.
2. Il Collegio dei docenti, ove ne ravvisi la necessità, potrà segnalare più Commissioni in considerazione dei diversi percorsi formativi e di ricerca dei candidati. Le Commissioni di norma non potranno comunque essere più di una per curriculum attivato per il ciclo che si conclude.
3. Le dimissioni dei componenti delle Commissioni devono essere motivate.
4. La Commissione giudicatrice è tenuta a concludere le valutazioni entro la fine della sessione per la quale è stata nominata. Decorso i termini suddetti, la Commissione che non abbia concluso i suoi lavori decade e si dovrà procedere nuovamente alla nomina della Commissione con Decreto del Rettore.
5. La Commissione giudicatrice di esame finale sarà composta da un minimo di tre a un massimo di cinque membri effettivi e altrettanti supplenti, scelti tra professori, ricercatori universitari o esperti nelle discipline afferenti alle aree scientifiche cui si riferisce il Corso e appartenenti a Strutture di ricerca pubbliche e private. Dalla Commissione sono esclusi i supervisori e i valutatori dei dottorandi nonché il referente membro del Collegio, nel caso in cui il Supervisore sia esterno, salvo diverse previsioni contenute in specifiche convenzioni relative all'internazionalizzazione. La Commissione non può essere costituita soltanto da componenti del Collegio.
6. La Commissione, con voto unanime, ha facoltà di attribuire la lode in presenza di risultati di particolare rilievo scientifico.
7. La Commissione, su proposta del Collegio dei docenti del Corso di dottorato, può invitare alla discussione i valutatori di cui all'art. 30.

Art. 32 - Esame finale

1. La domanda ammissione all'esame finale deve essere presentata dal dottorando utilizzando l'apposita procedura on line entro i termini e le modalità stabilite dall'Ateneo. Al momento dell'inoltro della domanda di esame finale, i dottorandi dovranno essere in regola con il pagamento delle tasse di iscrizione per i tre anni di corso, pena la mancata ammissione.
2. La domanda di ammissione all'esame finale deve essere corredata:
 - a) da un esemplare della tesi in formato digitale per il deposito presso l'archivio dell'Ateneo che ne garantisce la conservazione e la pubblica consultabilità. Lo stesso deposito è funzionale anche ai fini di adempiere all'obbligo di deposito della tesi presso le biblioteche nazionali di Roma e Firenze. In caso di richiesta di revisioni da parte dei valutatori la tesi definitiva deve essere depositata secondo i tempi e le modalità annualmente stabilite dall'Ateneo;
 - b) da una relazione del dottorando sulle le attività svolte e le eventuali pubblicazioni redatta in lingua italiana o inglese.
4. Al fine del deposito e dell'invio ai Commissari la tesi deve essere confermata nella procedura on line dal Supervisore.
5. La data e il luogo d'esame verranno comunicati per via telematica ai dottorandi.
6. Al dottorando che abbia superato l'esame finale verrà attribuito il titolo di dottore di ricerca e verrà in tal senso rilasciato un diploma che riporterà la dicitura del Corso e dell'eventuale curriculum frequentato.
7. Al termine della discussione la tesi, con motivato giudizio scritto collegiale, è approvata o respinta.
8. La discussione della tesi, su richiesta motivata dei commissari e/o del candidato e autorizzazione del Rettore, può avvenire in video conferenza. Il Presidente e il Segretario devono essere in presenza.

Art.33 - Assenza all'esame finale

1. L'assenza viene considerata giustificata, a fronte di una idonea documentazione, nelle seguenti ipotesi:
 - a) malattia;
 - b) caso fortuito o forza maggiore.
2. In tali casi, i dottorandi interessati possono chiedere al Rettore, entro 30 giorni successivi alla data fissata per l'esame finale, di poter sostenere l'esame in altra data.
3. Il Rettore, su proposta motivata del Collegio dei Docenti, tenuto conto delle particolari circostanze che hanno precluso al dottorando la discussione della tesi di Dottorato, nomina apposita Commissione con le modalità di cui all'articolo 32 oppure ammette lo stesso alle successive sessioni d'esame.



Analytical report of the doctoral activities

RESEARCH TITLE (THESIS):

DOCTORAL STUDENT:

e-mail address:

CURRICULUM

- Mechanical Measurements for Engineering and Space (MMES)
- Sciences and Technologies for Aeronautics and Satellite Applications (STASA)

TYPE OF GRANT

- University grant
- Other funding source, free research project. Specify the funding source:
- Other funding source, specific research project. Specify both the funding source and the research project:
.....
- No grant

SUPERVISOR:

CO-SUPERVISOR:

DEPARTMENT (INSTITUTE) OF REFERENCE:

EVENT:

- Presentation of the proposed research program
- Request of admission to the second year of the PhD Course
- Request of admission to the third year of the PhD Course
- Request of admission to the thesis evaluation procedure

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Description of the objectives of the research and of the international framework (one page maximum)

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (description of what has been done and analysis of what has to be done)

First and second year doctoral students: description of the activities done during the last year (one page maximum).

Third year doctoral students: description of the activities done during the whole three-year period (two pages maximum).

Work Breakdown Structure of the research/educational program done and/or foreseen: **a) level 1 for the presentation of the research program; b) level 2 for admission to the second year; c) level 3 up for other admissions.** Any Work Package (WP) has to be suitably described. Also the time distribution (man-hours, 1500 per year) has to be indicated per each WP and for the educational activities (750 hours total).

GANNT bar-chart of the activities program done and/or foreseen, in agreement with the WBS: **a) for the presentation of the research activity a 3-month time scale at the first year, and 6-month time scale at the following two years is required; b) for the admission to the second and third year, a 3-month time scale is required.**

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

List of the collaborations done and/or foreseen

INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

List of the collaborations with industry done and/or foreseen

PERIODS SPENT ABROAD

List of the period spent outside of Italy related to the research activity. Specify location and duration.

FORESEEN AND ACTUAL RESEARCH PRODUCTS

- [] new equipment
- [] new know-how
- [] publications
- [] new process
- [] new methods
- [] spin-off(s)

PUBLICATION LIST

List of papers published or submitted since the start of the PhD.

PERSONAL TRAINING PLAN

Attach here the personal training plan. Describe in this section how it is planned to recover possible delays with respect to the foreseen plan.

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

The supervisor, Prof. approves this analytical report of the activities program.

[NB: For the presentation of the proposed research program this line has not to be filled in, because the supervisor has not been officially assigned yet]

Signatures:

.....
Doctoral student

.....
Supervisor



**Evaluation of the doctoral student *Name Surname*
for the admission to the thesis evaluation procedure**

(a) Synthesis of PhD activities

Thesis Title:

List of attended educational Course activities and of passed exams:

.....

List of attended Conferences, Schools, International meeting:

.....

Periods spent outside Italy:

.....

List of publications:

.....

Research outputs (i.e. new equipment, processes, know-how, methodologies, spin-offs, ...):

.....

Other scientific/academic/industrial commitments during the PhD period:

.....

**Evaluation of the doctoral student *Name Surname*
for the admission to the thesis evaluation procedure**

(b) Supervisor evaluation and PhD Course Board Approval

(NB to be filled in by the Supervisor)

Evaluation of the Thesis Work:

.....

Evaluation of the doctoral student attitude about possible future activities in an academic or non-academic environment

.....

Other comments:

.....

The Supervisor: Prof. *Name Surname*

The Course Coordinator: Prof. *Name Surname*

Approved by the PhD Course Board on: *(type the date of the Course Board admission meeting)*



**DICHIARAZIONE DI RISERVATEZZA
E
DI RICONOSCIMENTO DEI DIRITTI DI UTILIZZAZIONE DELLA PROPRIETÀ
INTELLETTUALE**

[NB da utilizzare solo nel caso in cui il Supervisore del dottorando lo ritenga necessario]

Al/la Prof./ssa _____ *[indicare il nome del supervisore, destinatario della dichiarazione]*

Il/La sottoscritto/a _____

nato/a a _____ il _____

residente a _____

in Via _____ dottorando/a del _____ ciclo,

dovendo sviluppare una ricerca sull'argomento: _____

sotto la supervisione del/la Prof./ssa _____

SI IMPEGNA

- a garantire in qualunque momento la disponibilità al supervisore dei prodotti della ricerca ottenuti anche grazie alle informazioni e conoscenze rese disponibili dal gruppo di ricerca e altrimenti non reperibili;
- a mantenere la riservatezza su informazioni e conoscenze che gli verranno messe a disposizione dal gruppo di ricerca per lo svolgimento dell'attività di ricerca durante il dottorato e la redazione della tesi di dottorato, qualora gli venga esplicitamente dichiarato che si tratta di informazioni riservate;
- ad utilizzare queste informazioni ai soli fini dell'elaborazione e, se necessario, discussione in pubblica seduta della tesi di dottorato, con modalità definite in accordo con il supervisore che non possano essere comunque di pregiudizio alla proprietà intellettuale delle stesse.

RICONOSCE

- che la proprietà intellettuale degli eventuali prodotti della tesi di dottorato, quali ad esempio possibili sviluppi scientifico/tecnologici e/o applicazioni industriali, ottenuti anche grazie alle informazioni e conoscenze rese disponibili dal gruppo di ricerca e altrimenti non reperibili, nonché i diritti morali e di utilizzazione anche economica dei risultati relativi, sono condivisi con l'Università degli Studi di Padova secondo la normativa vigente.

Padova, _____

Il/La dottorando/a _____

Firma _____

DICHIARO

Ai sensi e per gli effetti delle disposizioni contenute nel D. Lgs. 81/08, che il sig./ra:

Cognome **Nome**.....
Nato a **il** **tel.**
in qualità di: docente/ricercatore/professore - tecnico/amministrativo - dottorando - specializzando -
 assegnista - laureando* - borsista - tirocinante ospite - altro
afferre alla struttura: codice **denominazione**
 (Dip./ Centro /Servizio ecc.)
Data inizio attività:/...../..... **Data di prevista cessazione:**/...../.....

*** in particolare per gli studenti in tesi -**
 Laureando del Corso di Studi in:
 Relatore:.....

INDIVIDUAZIONE DEI LUOGHI E/O DELLE AREE SEDE DI LAVORO

(Per l'identificazione fare riferimento ai codici GEOTEC contenuti nelle planimetrie ufficiali di Ateneo)

Edificio (denominazione): Edificio (Codice): Piano: Locale:
 Locale o Laboratorio (Denominazione):.....
 Struttura: (denominazione): (codice):.....
 (Se diversa da quella di afferenza - Dip./ Centro /Servizio ecc.)
 Responsabile del laboratorio:

GLI SPAZI COMPREDONO (contrassegnare con X):

Ufficio/studio – Biblioteca e/o archivio - Laboratorio meccanico / officina / falegnameria - Laboratorio Chimico -
 Laboratorio biologico - Laboratorio informatico - laboratorio con presenza di apparecchiature radiogene o sostanze
 radioattive - Campi, boschi, terreni – Ambulatorio - Sala Operatoria – Degenza - altro

TIPOLOGIA DI RISCHIO (contrassegnare con X):

Movimentazione manuale dei carichi - Videoterminale (> 20 ore/settimana) – Rumore – Vibrazioni – Campi
 elettromagnetici - Radiazioni ottiche artificiali - Agenti chimici - Agenti cancerogeni e mutageni*** (dati da specificare
 nella tabella allegata) – Agenti biologici gruppo 1 e 2 - Agenti biologici gruppo 3 e 4 ** (dati da specificare nella
 tabella allegata) - MOGM - Rischio Elettrico - Rischi attrezzature – Radiazioni ionizzanti - Altro

****Dati Agenti biologici utilizzati (gruppo 3 e 4)**

Agente Biologico	Attività Svolta (in breve)	Gruppo (3 o 4)

*****Dati Sostanze cancerogene o mutagene utilizzate (R45;R46;R49, H340, H341, H350, H351)**

Sostanza o Miscela	N°CAS	Stato Fisico	Concentrazione

Data _____ Firma Responsabile/Referente _____

Timbro Dipartimento _____ Firma del Direttore _____

Request of authorization for carrying out off-site the PhD research activity

The doctoral student Name Surname of NNN cycle MMES/STASA curriculum asks to the PhD Course Board the authorization to carry out his/her PhD research activity at the Institute/University in City (State).
The motivations for this request are the following:

The doctoral student supervisor, Prof. Name Surname, supports this request.

Date: DD MM YYYY

Signature: *Name Surname*

Richiesta di autorizzazione allo svolgimento di attività di ricerca fuori sede

Lo/a studente/ssa di dottorato Nome Cognome del NNN ciclo, curriculum MMES/STASA chiede al Collegio del Corso l'autorizzazione a svolgere la propria attività di ricerca di dottorato presso Istituto/Università a Città (Stato).
Le motivazioni di questa richiesta sono le seguenti:

Il supervisore, Prof./Prof.ssa Nome Cognome, approva questa richiesta.

Data: GG MM AAAA

Firma: *Nome Cognome*

Request of authorization for temporary external job

Doctoral student *Name Surname* of *Number* cycle Curriculum *MMES/STASA* asks to the PhD Course Board the authorization to carry out a temporary job external to the PhD Course. The company interested in this activity is *XXX* that would initiate a contract *YYY* (specify the contract type). It is foreseen that this activity will start on ... to be concluded on ...

I also declare that:

- my supervisor, Prof. *ZZZ*, approves this temporary job;
- the PhD remains my main full time activity, and that this temporary job will be done out of the timeframe foreseen for the PhD, without any consequence on the regular execution of the PhD activities;
- the payment agreed for this temporary job *respects/does not respect* the limitation set in the admission Call for having access to the PhD grants.

In addition to this request of authorization, the doctoral student has to send to the PhD Course Board also the approval of this activity by the Supervisor.

Il/la sottoscritto/a *Nome Cognome*, studente di dottorato del *NNN* ciclo, curriculum *MMES/STASA* chiede al Collegio del Corso l'autorizzazione a svolgere una attività lavorativa temporanea esterna al Corso di Dottorato. L'azienda interessata a questa attività è *XXX* che attiverrebbe un contratto *YYY* (*specificare la tipologia del contratto*). Si prevede che questa attività abbia inizio il ... per concludersi il ...

Dichiaro inoltre che:

- il mio supervisore Prof./Prof.ssa *ZZZ* approva questa attività lavorativa temporanea;
- il dottorato rimane l'attività primaria a tempo pieno, e questa attività lavorativa temporanea sarà svolta nelle ore esterne alla schedula oraria del dottorato senza alcuna ripercussione sul regolare svolgimento delle attività del dottorato;
- il compenso pattuito per questa attività lavorativa temporanea *rispetta/non rispetta* i limiti imposti nel bando di ammissione per la fruizione della borsa di studio.

In aggiunta alla richiesta, il/la dottorando/a deve inviare al Collegio del Corso anche l'approvazione di questa attività da parte del supervisore.



Request of authorization for association

I undersigned *Name Surname*, doctoral student of *Number* cycle Curriculum *MMES/STASA*, ask to the PhD Course Board the authorization to get associated to The motivations for this request of association are the following:

My supervisor, Prof. *Name Surname*, approves.

Date: DD MM YYYY

Signature: *Name Surname*

Il/La sottoscritto/a dottorando/a *Nome Cognome* del *NNN* ciclo, curriculum *MMES/STASA* chiede al Collegio del Corso l'autorizzazione ad associarsi aLe motivazioni per questa richiesta di associazione sono le seguenti:

Il mio supervisore, Prof./Prof.ssa *Nome Cognome*, approva.

Data: GG MM AAAA

Firma: *Nome Cognome*



Evaluation of the STMS PhD Course

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. What was the relevance of the PhD STMS Course imagined when registering for the course for your future career? (Enter a number in the scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means it is a doctorate as others, and 10 indicates extremely relevant)
- 2. Has the Course met your initial expectations? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “not at all”, and 10 means “completely”)
- 3. How would you rate the supervision and/or assistance of your supervisor? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 is “non-existent” and 10 being “excellent”)
- 4. How would you rate the relationship with doctoral students implemented by the Course Coordinator? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “unacceptable” and 10 being “excellent”)
- 5. Having in mind the number of 750 hours in three years to devote to educational training program (number set by the Ministry of Education for a doctoral class), how do you assess the course structure adopted by the Course(mandatory lectures, curriculum dedicated courses, seminars, etc.)? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 is “too rigid and unsustainable” and 10 being “excellent”)
- 6. How do you rate the lessons of Course teachers, on average?(Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “totally useless” and 10 being “excellent”)
- 7. How do you rate the degree of interdisciplinary educational activities offered by the Course? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 is “non-existent” and 10 being “high grade”)
- 8. How do you rate the significance of the course exams? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “irrelevant” and 10 means “very adequate”)
- 9. Have you had difficulty in disposing of tools, equipment and bibliography necessary for the development of the thesis? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “too much” and 10 means “none”)
- 10. What is your level of satisfaction with the mobility funds made available by the research group you belong to? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “completely dissatisfied” and 10 means “very satisfied”)
- 11. Write any comment you feel important to improve the Course (continued on the back, max 1 page)



Evaluation of the Course on

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. What was the expected relevance of the course (Enter a number in the scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means no relevance, and 10 indicates extremely relevant)

- 2. Has the course met your initial expectations? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “not at all”, and 10 means “completely”)

- 3. How do you rate your personal interest for the course? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 is “no interest” and 10 being “extreme interest”)

- 4. How would you globally rate the teacher(s) of the course? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 is “not at all competent” and 10 being “excellent”). Please, provide a comment to your evaluation
Teacher 1:

Teacher 2 (if foreseen):

Teacher 3 (if foreseen):

- 5. Was the provided didactical material (slides, lecture notes, etc.) adequate to the course? (Give a number between 0 and 10 where 0 means “irrelevant” and 10 means “very adequate”)

- 6. Was the course timetable adequate? If not, please justify your answer

- 7. Write any comment you feel important to improve the course
