



Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari

MAI -BARI SPECIFIC RULES OF APPLICATION

of the

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

governing

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

(Approved by the CIHEAM Governing Board on December 16, 2016)

INCLUDING THE NEW 2ND YEAR EVALUATION RULES

II. CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

II.1. ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME

b) The working language of MAI-B is English. Any certificate proving the knowledge of English language is required to be admitted in the MSc programmes.

II.2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCING TO THE 2ND PART OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME

a) At the end of the 1st part of the programme, the student must have obtained an **overall mark equal to or above 80**.

b) The student must have a correct behaviour and must give proof of great assiduity, seriousness and real competence in the field of research.

c) The student must be fluent in English language (speaking and writing).

d) The student has to accept a research proposal defined by the scientific staff of the Institute, which should be part of a research programme carried out by MAIB.

e) MAIB may set a limit to the number of students entitled to receive material and financial support for the second year of the M.Sc. programme, according to the available resources.

f) The final decision on admissions to the second year is made by the MAIB Director, in agreement with the course coordinator, taking also into consideration the total number of students and specific situations.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

III.1 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Evaluation of courses and examination policy at MAI BARI

- Examinations are held at the end of each course unit.
- Each course unit is assigned the corresponding number of credits if the exam is passed with a mark equal or above 50/100 (see the grading system table), otherwise credits are lost.
- Any exam mark is taken into account to calculate the average mark, even the one below 50.
- The final average of all examinations marks is a pondered average obtained as the sum of all the marks multiplied by the corresponding credits, divided by the sum of credits.

Form of examinations

Examinations are usually in the form of a written exam.

Special cases of incomplete course units

- If the student does not attend 50% of the activities organized in the framework of the unit, without a valid reason, he is not admitted to the exam, with the consequent loss of corresponding credits.
- If the student does not attend classes or he is unable to take the exam for valid reasons, he has to justify his absence and apply for permission to retake the exam.

Retake policies

The retake is the possibility of passing the exam a second time. This opportunity is given to:

- 1) **students having a justified absence**, but only twice during the a.y., and only if his application is accepted. The Institute is the final judge of what constitutes a valid reason to justify the absence.
- 2) **Students having obtained a mark between 0-49**, but up to 8 credits during the year.

The final mark of the exam is the average between first and retake exam.

If the final mark is still below 50 after retake, no credit is awarded.

Final examination

In addition to the written examinations, the student will sit a comprehensive oral examination before an external jury, at the end of the academic year.

IV. CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE (120 ECTS)

At the end of the 1st part of the MSc program, students receive the Master of MAIB, delivered under the conditions specified in Section V, and the corresponding Diploma Supplement.

IV.1. To obtain the Master of Science degree the student must satisfy all the requirements set in the General Academic Regulations V.1., a) and b).

c) the student must submit a thesis based on an original research work.

Students have to present the progress of their research work before a Supervising Team twice during the academic year. The two steps are:

- **1st Seminar:** bibliographic search; project proposal (objectives, materials and methods) and related written draft;
- **2nd Seminar:** presentation and scientific value of the research work (laboratory or field activity) and related written draft.

The overall mark at the end of the programme is calculated taking into account the whole work carried out by the student during the year, according to the following schedule :

	VALUE (%)	ECTS	PERIOD
Formal instruction	25	14	ALL OVER THE YEAR
Individual Evaluation	15	10	SEPTEMBER
Oral Examination/ Thesis discussion	60	36	OCTOBER
OVERALL GRADE	100	60	

Formal instruction: it includes the theoretical courses of the 2nd year programme evaluated by each lecturer, the first and the second seminars evaluation before an internal or external examination board, and the mark is the average of all the marks obtained.

Individual evaluation: it is given by the Supervising team: it is a qualitative and global evaluation of the student, taking into account his/her aptitude to research work.

Oral examination/thesis discussion: they are made before an international examination board, composed by external members, each one giving his/her own individual evaluation of the candidate's Master thesis and oral performance.

IV.8. The intellectual property of the MSc research belongs to MAIB. Therefore, any use of research data must be authorized by the MAIB Director.

V. CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING THE MASTER OF MAIB (60 ECTS)

V.1. The **Master of MAIB** is issued upon the successful completion of one of the MAI-Bari specialisation programmes (**60 credits**).

a) To obtain the Master of MAIB the student must:

- satisfy all the requirements of the syllabus;
- submit a final project/supervised work at the end of the programme;
- sit a final oral examination;
- obtain 60 credits for the whole programme;
- obtain an average mark equal to or above 50, no unit graded below 50.

b) The **overall mark obtained by the student** is calculated taking into account that:

- the average mark obtained to exams (**formal instruction**) accounts for **60%** of the total;
- the mark obtained at the **project/supervised work** accounts for **15%** of the total;
- the mark obtained at the **final oral exam** accounts for **25%** of the total.

V.2. The **Master of MAIB** is issued by the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (MAIB). It gives the following indications:

- a) Name of the Master
- b) Distinction obtained, if applicable

V.3. The **Master of MAIB** is signed by the **Director** and the corresponding course coordinator / academic responsible of the co-organizing institution.