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## **CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CUM LAUDE AND MAGNA CUM LAUDE DIPLOMAS**

### **CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CUM LAUDE DIPLOMAS**

#### *Issuance of Cum Laude diplomas for graduates of first cycle studies*

Cum Laude diplomas are issued for students who completed their studies exceptionally well (with the highest weighted average) and who are among the 10% of the best performing graduates of each first cycle study programme, if the assessment grade of their final thesis and / or the achievements of their final examinations is 10 (excellent). If several graduates have equal weighted averages, priority shall be given to the graduate with a higher weighted average of mandatory course units.

#### *Issuance of Cum Laude diplomas for graduates of integrated and second cycle studies*

Cum Laude diplomas are issued for students who completed their studies exceptionally well (with the highest weighted average) and who are among the 10% of the best performing graduates of integrated or related second cycle study programme groups, if the assessment grade of their final thesis and / or the achievements of their final examinations is 10 (excellent). Related Master's degree study programme groups are comprised of the Council of faculties implementing these study programmes, and approved by the Rector.

If several graduates have equal weighted averages, priority shall be given to the graduate with a higher weighted average of mandatory course units.

### **CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MAGNA CUM LAUDE DIPLOMAS**

Magna Cum Laude diplomas are issued under the resolution of the Senate for graduates who completed their second cycle and integrated study programmes exceptionally well, who comply with the criteria for the issuance of a Cum Laude diploma, and who have distinguished themselves in their field of research. It shall be considered that a graduate distinguished himself in his field of research if his research results were published in at least one article of a peer-reviewed scientific journal or presented in a report of a scientific conference with international prestige, or (only for graduates of social and humanitarian science study programmes) two reports in national scientific conferences; reports may be presented by persons other than the student. Information about the scientific activities of graduates who are candidates for Magna Cum Laude diplomas shall be provided to the Senate by the head of a core academic unit (application form is attached as Appendix 1). The Senate shall have the right to, in exceptional cases, pass a decision to grant Magna Cum Laude diplomas to graduates who produced scientific works that are not listed in these Regulations, but whose scientific value is obviously significant. The Senate shall also have the right to pass a decision to grant Magna Cum Laude diplomas to more than 10% of the best performing graduates of integrated or related second cycle study programme groups.

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