

PhD program in Computer and Control engineering

Rules for admission to the following year/final exam

When deciding about the admission of a doctorate student to the next year (or to the final exam) the PhD Academic Board (PhDAB) will first check whether the following minimum requirements are fulfilled.

1. Requirements on Learning Activities:

There are no minimum requirements . Nevertheless, the PhDAB will evaluate, at the end of each year, that an acceptable number of activities (focusing on subjects that are congruous with the student's research topic) have been performed.

2. Requirements on Scientific Productivity:

a. The doctorate student must produce at least one paper (accepted for publication in an international conference with peer review or in an international journal belonging to the ISI catalog or to the Scopus database) for **every year**.

b. The doctorate student at the end of his/her third year will be allowed to access the final defense if and only if he/she has produced in his/her three-year activity at least two papers accepted for publication in international conferences with peer review and one paper accepted for publication in an international journal belonging to the ISI catalog or to the SCOPUS database. From the XXXIV cycle, the journal publication will have to be ranked as Q1 or Q2 by Scopus or WoS.

If the above requirements have been fulfilled, the PhDAB will then assess the whole activity performed by the student, based also on the quality and content of a presentation he/she will make to an evaluation committee and on the comments received from a set of reviewers appointed by the PhDAB, and judge about his/her admission.

The PhDAB may decide the admission to the following year of a doctorate student that has not fulfilled the requirements stated above only in exceptional cases. This one-time-only conditioned admission is filed on the student curriculum, and his/her activity will be more strictly monitored: during the following year, the student will have to present a progress report of his/her activity every six months.

The conditioned admission will not be issued a second time, e.g., if the strict monitoring and/or the check for the admission requirements do not lead to a positive evaluation.

No conditioned admission will be possible at the end of the third year. A student who has not fulfilled the required conditions will not be admitted to the final defense and will immediately quit the PhD program.