

## **Cum Laude procedure**

If a member of the PhD committee (the (co-)supervisors are members of the PhD committee as well) considers that the thesis merits the distinction cum laude, the supervisor will initiate the request and send a letter stating the arguments to the Rector Magnificus.

The Graduate School for Humanities is not involved in this procedure.

Please find below the article of the PhD Regulations concerning the Cum Laude request.

### PhD Regulations

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#### Article 28

1. If any member of the PhD committee considers that the thesis demonstrates exceptional ability on the part of the PhD candidate to practice independent scholarly research and therefore merits the distinction cum laude, he shall apply to the Rector Magnificus at least six weeks in advance of the date of defense to start the procedure to this end, stating his arguments in writing.
2. In case of a positive decision, the Rector Magnificus shall designate two members of the PhD committee, one of them from outside the University, to evaluate the thesis in this.
3. If the PhD committee does not include any external members, the Rector Magnificus shall ask the Director of the Graduate School to put forward at least one expert from outside the University to be asked by the Rector Magnificus to give an opinion on whether to award the distinction cum laude.
4. The opinion of the members of the PhD committee referred to in paragraph 2, or the expert(s) referred to in paragraph 3, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the Rector Magnificus at least four days in advance of the date of defense, stating the reasons in writing.
5. The award of the distinction cum laude must be agreed unanimously by the votes cast by the members of the PhD committee, with no more than one abstention, at the meeting referred to in Article 26, paragraph 2.