



Thesis Assessment Form – With distinction / Cum Laude

Please complete this assessment form within four weeks and send it to the chair of the assessment committee.

Personal information assessor

Title / Full name:

Affiliation(s):

Date of assessment:

Please only include your personal information on this page.

Criteria for the distinction Cum Laude

The distinction *Cum Laude* is only given to theses of exceptional quality. As an indication, a *Cum Laude* is applicable to the top 5% of all theses.

Procedure

- It is **not allowed for members to discuss** the *Cum Laude* assessment of the thesis among each other, or to have any communication regarding the thesis. It is only allowed to communicate about the assessment with the chair of the assessment committee.
- Each member of the assessment committee fills out this form and sends it back within **four weeks** to the chair of the committee
- Each member **approves or disapproves** the award of the designation *Cum Laude*.
- Approval by a member is **unconditional**.

The procedure to reward a thesis the distinction *Cum Laude* includes the following steps:

- Any member of the assessment committee (including the chair) may **propose** that the thesis is eligible for a *Cum Laude* to the chair of the committee.
- The chair **consults** all members of the committee about their judgement. To that end, the members should fill in this assessment form.
- When the members **unanimously** judge that the thesis should be **eligible** for the distinction, the chair informs the principal supervisor accordingly.
- The **supervisors** make their own assessment about the **eligibility**. If they agree, the chair of the assessment committee informs the *Rector Magnificus* about this judgment.
- The *Rector Magnificus*, in consultation with the Dean invites **two independent assessors** to examine the quality of the thesis, regarding the distinction.
- When both assessors agree with the judgment, the proposal is **passed on** to the defence committee to decide on the distinction.
- The **defence committee makes the final assessment**, in which the quality of the defence is taken into account as well. The distinction is rewarded, only when the defence committee unanimously vote for the distinction. This vote is anonymous.

The 'Regulations for obtaining the doctoral degree' of Maastricht University can be downloaded on

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/support/phds>

Thesis information

Name of the doctoral candidate:
Title of the thesis:

Conclusion

I consider the thesis eligible for award of the designation cum laude
click what applies

Yes No

Short motivation (max 100 words) explaining your decision