Frequently Asked Questions –
Master's in Reproductive Biotechnologies

1. How are the courses organized?
Courses are structured as either single-module (e.g., Andrology I, 6 CFU) or two-module subjects (e.g., Structure and Function of the Reproductive System, 10 CFU). Each course typically lasts two to three weeks, combining theoretical lessons and practical activities. This is followed by a one-week break before exams.
Exam sessions are scheduled in June, July, and September. Specific dates can be found on the University of Teramo's website.

2. How can I book an exam?
Exam dates, times, and locations are published in advance on the university's website. To book an exam, students must log in to the **Segreteria Online** platform using their personal account and register at least a few days before the exam date. Only registered students can take the exam.
After completion, an official exam report ("verbale d'esame") is generated, displaying the date, final grade, and acquired credits, which are accessible on the student's profile.

3. How are exams structured, and how is the evaluation done?
Exams assess the knowledge acquired during the course and can be written or oral, depending on the subject and professor. Scores are given on a **30-point scale**, with a passing grade of **18/30** and a maximum score of **30/30 cum laude**. Once an exam is passed, the corresponding **CFUs (university credits)** are awarded.

4. How many credits do I need to graduate, and how can I earn them?
To complete the Master's in Reproductive Biotechnologies, students must obtain **120 CFUs**, distributed as follows:

- **95 CFUs** – Core courses (mandatory exams)
- **8 CFUs** – Elective courses, seminars, workshops
- **5 CFUs** – Mandatory internship (125 hours)
- **12 CFUs** – Final thesis and defense

5. How is the final examination conducted?
The final examination consists of a **thesis defense** before a **board of seven professors** and an audience. Students present their research in a **10-minute PowerPoint presentation**, followed by a **5-minute Q&A session** with the examiners.
After the defense, students are officially declared graduates in **Reproductive Biotechnologies**.

6. How is the final graduation score calculated?
The final score is expressed in **one hundred and tenths** (e.g., 110/110 cum laude). It is calculated as follows:

1. The **average grade** of all exams is computed, excluding the highest and lowest scores.
2. This average is divided by 3 and multiplied by 11 to determine the **base score**.
3. Additional points may be awarded for activities like **Erasmus participation** or other achievements.
4. The thesis defense score is added to determine the final grade.

Example:
A student passes **13 exams** with grades **ranging from 20 to 30**. After removing the highest and lowest grades, the remaining scores are averaged, then divided by 3 and multiplied by 11. Additional points and the thesis score are then added to determine the final grade.

7. Who can I contact for more information?

- **Course Information:** Prof. Nicola Bernabò – **nbernabo@unite.it**
- **Enrollment Procedures:** Dr. Elena Perrotta – eperrotta@unite.it (International Welcome Office)
- Academic Records & Student Services: Segreteria Studenti – Student Office
- Grants & Student Support Services: ADSU – Student Services

Would you like any further refinements or modifications?

8. What are the admission requirements for the Master's in Reproductive Biotechnologies?
Applicants must hold a **bachelor's degree** in biology, biotechnology, veterinary sciences, or a related field. English proficiency at a **B1 level** is required, and students must obtain certification by the end of the first year if not already provided at admission. Additional documents, such as transcripts and a motivation letter, may be required.

9. Is the program taught in English?
Yes, all core courses are taught in **English**, ensuring accessibility for international students. However, some elective courses may be available in **Italian**. Students must have or obtain **at least a B1 English certification** during their studies.

10. What practical experience will I gain during the program?
Around **50% of the coursework** involves **hands-on training** in university research labs, providing direct experience with advanced reproductive biotechnologies. Additionally, students complete a **125-hour internship**, which can take place in affiliated **hospitals, clinics, research centers, or biotech companies**.

11. What career opportunities are available after graduation?
Graduates can work in:

- **Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics** (human and animal fertility labs)
- **Biomedical research centers** and **biotech companies**
- **Pharmaceutical and genetic research institutions**
- **Academia**, continuing into **PhD programs** or research positions

The skills acquired also apply to **livestock reproduction, genetic engineering, and biomedical innovations**.

12. Can international students apply?
Yes! The University of Teramo welcomes international students and provides **support with visas, housing, and academic integration**. The city of **Teramo offers an affordable and student-friendly environment**, making it an excellent choice for those coming from abroad.

13. Are there scholarships or financial aid options?
Yes, students can apply for **scholarships and grants** through the **ADSU student services** (ADSU Teramo). Additionally, Erasmus+ mobility programs and other funding opportunities may be available for eligible students.