

Mafia lifer gets top marks for degree on life imprisonment

'Ndrangheta man, 65, presents thesis on survival strategies

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(ANSA) - CATANZARO, JUL 21 - A Mafia lifer got the maximum '110 cum laude' score in his degree Tuesday after presenting a thesis on survival strategies for life imprisonment, his teacher said Wednesday.

Salvatore Curatolo, 65, serving life for crimes linked to the Calabria-based 'Ndrangheta mafia, Italy's richest and most powerful organised crime group, "recounted himself putting the searchlight on what enabled him to survive, in a psychological and physical sense, a detention consisting of 28 straight years of incarceration including 12 under the (tough anti-mafia) 41 bis (regime)," said Professor Charlie Barnao, a sociology lecturer at Catanzaro's 'Magna Graecia' University and delegate to the dean of the local university for prison inmates. (ANSA).