

Addendum 2021

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Why this document?

This document is required due to the changes made to the Application and Registration Regulations 2021-2022, the Pre-Master's Regulations 2021-2022 and the Teaching and Examination Regulations format 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, which were made as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. These changes apply to the 2021-2022 academic year and are intended to accommodate students during this exceptional period.

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is therefore to establish an addendum to the Application and Registration Regulations 2021-2022 and the Pre-Master's Regulations 2021-2022. The document also includes the addendum to the Teaching and Examination Regulations 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 in the light of changes to the regulations regarding the application and registration procedure, compared to the regular procedure. The changes apply to the binding recommendation on

continuation of studies (BSA) for the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, the admission requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year and tuition fees for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Reading guide

In order to preserve the integrity of the existing documents, it has been decided to add this addendum, which means that the regular regulations remain otherwise unchanged. The addendum describes the additions and changes to the Application and Registration Regulations 2021-2022 of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Pre-Master's regulations 2021-2022. In addition, the addendum to the Teaching and Examination Regulations format 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam has been added as an appendix, as well as further details regarding faculty and student participation. You can find the relevant regulations on the university website: [Important regulations - More about - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam \(vu.nl\)](#) and [Format Teaching and Examination Regulations \(vu.nl\)](#)

Pertaining to the Application and Registration Regulations 2021-2022

II Admission requirements

Article 3 Admission requirements for Bachelor's programmes

Prospective students who, due to the coronavirus pandemic, fail to complete the first year of HBO on the basis of which they would ordinarily be entitled to admission before 1 September 2021, will be admitted to a Bachelor's programme under the following conditions:

1. No more than one subject has not yet been completed, or in the case of multiple subjects that have not yet been passed, a total of no more than 6 EC still need to be obtained in order to complete the first year.
2. The prospective student submits an application for admission to the Bachelor's programme without having completed the first year of HBO by 1 August 2021 at the latest. For this, the prospective student must in all cases provide a positive recommendation regarding completion from the relevant HBO institution, a statement concerning the missing EC and a transcript of the EC earned. For programmes with limited enrolment (B Medicine, B Dentistry, B Psychology and B Criminology), the deadline for submission is 15 July 2021.
3. The prospective student submits a request for re-registration to their HBO institution and a request for registration for the Bachelor's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam via Studielink.
4. The prospective student has not registered for the relevant Bachelor's programme previously, and has not previously made use of the option of registering for a university Bachelor's programme without having completed the first year phase of HBO on the basis of which he or she would ordinarily be entitled to admission.

The prospective student concerned must complete the first year of HBO before 1 January 2022. The registration will be terminated by VU Amsterdam if the student has not completed the first year of HBO by 1 January 2022.

Article 3.2 Language requirements for Bachelor's programmes

1. Prospective students who, due to the coronavirus pandemic, have been unable to take the Dutch as a second language (NT2 II) State Examination in order to demonstrate that they have an adequate command of the Dutch language prior to the start of the academic year on 1 September 2021, may be admitted to the Bachelor's programme. In such cases,

admission is granted on the condition that the student successfully completes the NT2 II State Examination by no later than 1 January 2022 and can demonstrate, upon registration for the Bachelor's degree programme, that he or she has registered for the aforementioned examination and will take the examination no later than 17 November 2021. If the student cannot demonstrate that he or she has passed the NT2 II State Examination by 1 January 2022, that student will be deregistered.

Article 4 Admission requirements for Master's programmes

1. Prospective students who, due to the coronavirus pandemic, fail to complete the HBO Bachelor's programme or pre-Master's programme on the basis of which they would ordinarily be entitled to admission before 1 September 2021 (or 1 February 2022 for a February start), will be admitted to a Master's programme under the following conditions:
 - a. The prospective student submits an application for admission to the Master's programme (without having completed a Bachelor's programme or pre-Master's programme) by 1 August 2021 at the latest (to start in September 2021) or 3 January 2022 at the latest (to start in February 2022).
 - b. The prospective student submits a request for re-registration to the Bachelor's programme or pre-Master's programme and a request for registration for the Master's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam via Studielink.
 - c. The prospective student satisfies the requirements that the faculty has specified at the programme level, as indicated in the Addendum to the 2021-2022 Teaching and Examination Regulations and the programme website masters.vu.nl.
 - d. A positive decision on admission has been issued with respect to the prospective student concerned by the relevant Admissions Committee at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
 - e. The prospective student has not registered for the relevant Master's programme previously, and has not previously made use of the option of registering for a university Master's programme without having completed the first year phase of HBO on the basis of which he or she would ordinarily be entitled to admission.

The Bachelor's degree must still be obtained / the pre-Master's programme must still be completed before 1 September 2022 or (if earlier) before the Master's degree is awarded. If this requirement is not met, the student will not be able to continue or complete the Master's programme.

III Tuition fees and charges

Article 5 Statutory tuition fees for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes

1. Unchanged.
2. The statutory tuition fees for
 - a. Full-time, part-time or work-study programmes are: €1,084.
 - b. Individuals who are registering for a programme in higher education for the first time and who meet all the criteria for the reduced rate of statutory tuition fees will pay the reduced rate of €542.
3. The statutory tuition fees for
 - a. The joint-degree Bachelor's programme in Liberal Arts and Sciences (AUC) are: €3,476
 - b. Individuals who are registering for higher education for the first time for the joint-degree Bachelor's programme in Liberal Arts and Sciences (AUC), and who meet all the criteria for the reduced rate of statutory tuition fees will pay the reduced rate of €2,934.
4. The statutory tuition fees for

- c. The Bachelor's programme in Philosophy, Politics and Economics are: €3,136.
- d. Individuals who are registering for higher education for the first time for the Bachelor's programme in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and who meet all the criteria for the reduced rate of statutory tuition fees will pay the reduced tuition fees of €2,594.

Institutional tuition fees for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes

1. Individuals who do not meet all of the criteria for the statutory tuition fees will pay the institutional tuition fees, as included in [Appendix 1](#) (Institutional Tuition Fees). A contribution of €1,084 is applicable for these fees (non-EEA and 2nd Degree).
2. The institutional tuition fees for students whose tuition fees are paid for by the UAF, are €1,084.
3. The institutional rate for non-EEA students participating in an Erasmus Mundus Programme (Neurasmus, Atosim or Imabee) is €1,084.

For students who make use of the option of starting a Bachelor's or Master's programme without having completed the relevant prior education that would ordinarily entitle them to admission, as described articles 3 and 4 of these regulations, and who are required to pay institutional tuition fees for both the Bachelor's and Master's programme, the following applies:

1. For students who are enrolled in both a Bachelor's programme and a Master's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, one set of tuition fees will be collected: the fees for the Master's programme.
2. If the student needs to complete the Bachelor's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam but starts the Master's programme at another university in the Netherlands, the student should contact Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. In such cases, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will collect institutional tuition fees for the Bachelor's programme at the equivalent rate to the statutory tuition fees.

Students who make use of the option of starting a Master's programme without having completed the relevant pre-Master's programme, or the option of starting a pre-Master's programme without having completed the relevant Bachelor's programme, and who are required to pay institutional tuition fees for 2021-2022, will be exempt from paying the pre-Master's fees.

Appendix 1

Institutional tuition fees

ABBREVIATIONS USED

- a. AUC: Amsterdam University College
- b. FRT: Faculty of Religion and Theology
- c. EEA: European Economic Area
- d. jd: Joint degree
- e. DEN: Faculty of Dentistry
- f. SCI: Faculty of Science
- g. BMS: Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences
- h. HUM: Faculty of Humanities
- i. LAW: Faculty of Law
- j. MED: Faculty of Medicine
- k. FSS: Faculty of Social Sciences

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- A. Institutional tuition fees: Tuition fees set by the Executive Board for all individuals who are not eligible for the statutory tuition fees.

- B. Second degree: Tuition fees charged after a student has already completed a Bachelor's or Master's degree in the higher education system AND in case of registration for a second Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree.
- C. Non-EEA rate: Tuition fees for individuals who do not hold EEA nationality.

INSTITUTIONAL TUITION FEES

Faculty	Degree programme	Non-EEA	2nd degree
AUC	B Liberal Arts and sciences	€11,376	€11,376
SCI	Bachelor's degree programmes	€11,426	€10,566
SCI	M Chemistry (jd); M Physics & Astronomy (jd); M Computational Science (jd); M Computer Science (jd); M Bioinformatics and Systems Biology (jd)	€14,026	€12,756
SCI	Master's programmes (60 EC)	€15,446	€12,966
SCI	Master's programmes (120 EC)	€14,236	€12,966
BMS	B Human Movement Sciences	€11,426	€10,566
BMS	B Psychology; B Educational Sciences	€7,786	€6,926
BMS	M Movement Sciences; M Psychology; M Educational Sciences	€15,546	€12,966
BMS	M Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health (research)	€14,336	€12,966
BMS	Research Master's programmes (120 EC)	€11,606	€10,336
BMS	M Pre-university Sciences teaching programme; M Pre-university Human and Social Sciences teaching programme; M Pre-university Language and Cultural Sciences teaching programme	€7,536	€5,056
BMS	M Education in Human and Social Sciences; M Education in Language and Cultural Sciences	€6,326	€5,056
FRT	Bachelor's degree programmes	€7,786	€6,926
FRT	M Theology and Religious Studies (60 EC)	€15,546	€12,966
FRT	M Theology and Religious Studies (120 EC)	€11,606	€10,336
FRT	M Theology and Religious Studies (180 EC)	€9,696	€8,836
HUM	B Philosophy, Politics and Economics	€11,426	€10,566
HUM	B Archaeology; B Greek and Latin Languages and Cultures; B Ancient Cultures	€8,046	€7,216
HUM	Other Bachelor's degree programmes	€7,786	€6,926
HUM	M Archaeology; M Ancient Studies	€15,546	€12,966
HUM	M Ancient Studies	€10,356	€9,316
HUM	Research Master's programmes (120 EC)	€11,606	€10,336
HUM	Other Master's programmes	€15,546	€13,066
FSS	Bachelor's degree programmes	€7,786	€6,926
FSS	Research Master's Programmes (120 EC)	€11,606	€10,336
FSS	Other Master's programmes	€15,546	€13,066
MED	B Medicine	€19,236	€18,376
MED	M Medicine	€21,413	€20,556
MED	M Oncology; M Cardiovascular Research (research)	€14,236	€12,966
LAW	B Law in Society	€8,636	€7,776
LAW	Other Bachelor's degree programmes	€7,786	€6,926
LAW	Master's programmes	€15,546	€13,066
SBE	B International Business Administration	€8,636	€7,776

SBE	Other Bachelor's degree programmes	€7,786	€6,926
SBE	M Entrepreneurship (jd)	€16,006	€13,516
SBE	M Business in Society (jd)	€11,606	€10,336
SBE	M Tinbergen; M Business Data Science (jd)	€14,616	€14,616
SBE	Master's programmes (60 EC)	€15,546	€10,336
DEN:	B Dentistry	€21,686	€19,616
DEN:	M Dentistry	€23,996	€21,716

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FEES 2020

Faculty	Degree programme	EEA	Non-EEA
FRT	B Theology (jd)	€3,972	€3,972
DEN:	B Dentistry	€17,621	€19,492
DEN:	M Dentistry	€19,748	€21,767

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FEES 2021

Faculty	Degree programme	Non-EEA	2nd degree
SCI	Master's programmes (60 EC)	n/a	€14,002
BMS	M Psychology; M Educational Sciences	n/a	€14,106
BMS	Theology and Religious Studies (1 year)	n/a	€14,106
FRT	ACASA Bachelor's programmes (Archaeology; Greek and Latin Languages and Cultures; Ancient Cultures)	€6,927	n/a
HUM	Master's programmes (60 EC)	n/a	€14,106
HUM	ACASA Master's programmes (Archaeology; Greek and Latin Languages and Cultures; Ancient Cultures)	€13,066	€14,106
FSS	Master's programmes (60 EC)	n/a	€14,106
LAW	Master's programmes (60 EC)	n/a	€14,106
SBE	Master's programmes (60 EC)	n/a	€14,106
SBE	M Entrepreneurship (jd)	n/a	€14,866

Pertaining to VU-wide provisions for pre-Master's regulations 2021-2022

Article 3 Admission to a pre-Master's programme

Admission to a pre-Master's programme without having completed an (HBO) Bachelor's programme

Prospective students who, due to the coronavirus pandemic, fail to complete the (HBO) Bachelor's programme on the basis of which they would ordinarily be entitled to admission before 1 September 2021, will be admitted to a pre-Master's programme under the following conditions:

- a. The prospective pre-Master's student submits an application for admission to the pre-Master's programme without having completed a Bachelor's programme by 1 August 2021 at the latest.
- b. The prospective student submits a request for re-registration to the (HBO) Bachelor's programme and a request for registration for the pre-Master's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam via Studielink.
- c. The prospective student satisfies the requirements that the faculty has set at the programme level, as indicated in the Addendum to the 2021-2022 Teaching and Examination Regulations.
- d. A positive decision on admission has been issued with respect to the prospective student concerned by the relevant Admissions Committee at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
- e. The prospective student has not registered for the relevant pre-Master's programme previously, and has not previously made use of the option of registering for a pre-Master's programme at VU Amsterdam without having completed the (HBO) Bachelor's programme on the basis of which he or she would ordinarily be entitled to admission.

The (HBO) Bachelor's examinations must still be successfully completed before 1 September 2022, or before the completion of the pre-Master's programme, whichever comes first. If this condition is not met, the student will not be able to complete or continue the programme.

Article 5 Pre-Master's programme fees

Pre-Master's students will be required to pay a fee that does not exceed the pro-rata portion of the statutory tuition fees – up to a maximum of the statutory tuition fees. The rate set for 2021-2022 is €18.07 per EC and €542.00 for a programme of 30 EC.

Appendix 2

The addenda to the Teaching and Examination Regulations format below are included for informational purposes.

The format addendum to the Teaching and Examination Regulations is not part of the decision-making process regarding the Application and Registration Regulations and Pre-Master's regulations, but it does form a coherent package of measures that Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is taking as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Once an official decision has been taken, the formats will be sent to the faculties for confirmation.

Addendum pertaining to the 2020-2021 Teaching and Examination Regulations

Teaching and Examination Regulations for Bachelor's students, Section B2: Programme-specific section

Article 14 Binding recommendation on continuation of studies (BSA)

<p>In order to obtain a positive recommendation on continuation of studies, the student must have obtained:</p> <p>a. at least 36 [PPE: 48; Acasa: 42; Business Administration: 42; International Business Administration: 42] EC credits by the end of the first year of enrolment (2020-2021).</p> <p>b. [optional]: and have met the following quality requirement:</p>	<p>Advice of the OLC; See explanatory notes.</p>
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Addendum pertaining to the 2021-2022 Teaching and Examination Regulations

Teaching and Examination Regulations for Bachelor's students, Section B1: Programme-specific section

Article 8.1 Additional prior education requirements

<p>Supplementary to paragraph 4, students from institutes of higher professional education (HBO) who are preparing for the first-year examination will be admitted to the Bachelor's programme, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student can provide a positive advisory on completion from his/her HBO institution, which must be provided to Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) by no later than 1 August 2021. • The student must still pass no more than one teaching unit of the first year of HBO, or in the case that more than one teaching unit must still be passed, these must be worth no more than 6 EC credits. <p>If the student has not passed the first-year examination of an HBO Bachelor's programme at the latest by 31 December 2021, the student's registration for a Bachelor's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will be terminated.</p>	<p>Based on amended Section 7:37c WHW</p> <p>University Student Council's advice on policy (9:33a WHW, second paragraph)</p> <p>Advice of the OLC on each programme via the Teaching and Examination Regulations</p>
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Teaching and Examination Regulations for Master's students, Section B1: Programme-specific section

Article 7.2 Admission requirements

<p>Supplementary to Article 7.2.1, students* are also admissible for the 2021-2022 academic year [admission in September 2021/February 2022] if, by 31 August 2021 at the latest,</p> <p>they have earned at least [specify number of EC here] EC credits from the Bachelor's programme, under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bachelor's degree certificate must still be obtained before 1 September 2022 or before the Master's degree certificate is obtained, whichever comes first. If this condition is not met, the student will not be able to continue or complete the Master's programme. • [Options for additional requirements:] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Bachelor's thesis (or other final project) must be completed before the student starts working on their Master's thesis, or other final project. ○ fill in: any additional requirements in terms of knowledge and skills/specific subjects <p>[options for a pre-Master's programme]</p> <p>also admissible, students* who, by no later than 31 August 2021, have earned at least [specify number of EC here] EC credits from the bridging or pre-Master's programme, under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bridging or pre-Master's programme must still be completed successfully before 1 September 2022 or before the Master's examinations can be passed, whichever comes first. If this condition is not met, the student will not be able to continue or complete the Master's programme. • [Options for additional requirements:] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The final project of the bridging or pre-Master's programme must be completed before the student starts working on their Master's thesis (or other final project). ○ Fill in: any additional requirements in terms of knowledge and skills/specific subjects <p>*The above supplementary requirements do not apply to non-EEA students who must complete a Bachelor's programme outside of the Netherlands.</p>	<p>Based on amended Section 7:37c WHW</p> <p>University Student Council's advice on policy (9:33a Higher Education and Research Act, second paragraph)</p> <p>Advice of the OLC on each programme via the Teaching and Examination Regulations</p>
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Article 7.3 [Choice] Selection criteria

<p>In derogation from Article 7.3.1, the following additional methods are used to demonstrate that students fulfil the selection requirements:</p> <p>1. ...</p>	<p>Based on amended Section 7:37c WHW</p>
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<p>2. ...</p>	<p>University Student Council's advice on policy (9:33a Higher Education and Research Act, second paragraph)</p> <p>Advice of the OLC on each programme via the Teaching and Examination Regulations</p>
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Article 7.4 Bridging or pre-Master's programme

<p>Supplementary to Article 7.4.1, students* are also admissible for the 2021-2022 academic year [admission in September 2021] if, by 31 August 2021 at the latest,</p> <p>they have earned at least [specify number of EC here] EC credits from the designated [HBO/university (WO)] Bachelor's programme, under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The [HBO/WO] Bachelor's examinations must still be passed before 1 September 2022, or before the bridging or pre-Master's programme is completed, whichever comes first. If this condition is not met, the student will not be able to complete or continue the programme. • [Options for additional requirements:] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Bachelor's thesis (or other final project) must be completed before the student starts working on the final project for the pre-Master's programme. ○ Fill in: any additional requirements in terms of knowledge and skills/specific subjects <p>*The above supplementary requirements do not apply to non-EEA students who must complete a Bachelor's programme outside of the Netherlands.</p>	<p>Based on amended Section 7:37c WHW</p> <p>University Student Council's advice on policy (9:33a Higher Education and Research Act, second paragraph)</p> <p>Advice of the OLC on each programme via the Teaching and Examination Regulations</p>
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Explanatory notes

Explanatory notes on faculty and student participation

No faculty and student participation is applicable to the Application and Registration Regulations. No faculty and student participation is applicable to the pre-Master's programme regulations (part A).

The institutional tuition fees policy (see Appendix 1) is determined by the Executive Board; the University Student Council's right of advice is applicable to this. A change in the policy on

institutional tuition fees is based on Section 7:46, WHW. The USC issues advice on this, as set out in 9:33a WHW second paragraph.

The changes to admission requirements are made on the basis of the expected amendment of Section 7:37c, WHW. The faculty and student participation that applies to this is as follows:

- Advice from the USC on the policy in accordance with 9:33a, WHW, second paragraph declared applicable; and
- Advice from the relevant OLC regarding the specifics for each degree programme, via the Teaching and Examination Regulations.

There is no need to involve the relevant Faculty Student Council, since the USC has already issued advice on the policy.

On the proposed decision to lower the standard for the binding recommendation on continuation of studies (as referred to in Section 7:8b, WHW), the advice of the relevant OLCs must be sought (as referred to in Section 9:18, WHW, paragraph 2). The step-by-step plan that must be followed in order to be able to issue a binding recommendation on continuation of studies at the end of this academic year is already underway and is now at such an advanced stage that it is not possible to return to the original BSA standard. Our choice is to inform the OLCs about this decision.

[Explanatory notes on Teaching and Examination Regulations for Bachelor's degree programmes](#)

Article 8.1 Additional prior education requirements

A supplement applies to Article 8.1. The aim is to prevent students from being unable to commence their university Bachelor's programme next academic year because, as a result of the coronavirus crisis, they have not had the opportunity to complete their first year of HBO before 1 September 2021 due to having been unable to complete one or more subjects.

This provision applies to Dutch and other EEA students who, during the 2020-2021 academic year, were unable to complete their first year of HBO before 1 September 2021 and who have not previously registered for the relevant degree programme.

Article 14 Binding (negative) recommendation on continuation of studies

Universities are continuing to apply the BSA, but in this exceptional year (2020-2021) are lowering the standard for current first-year students by 6 EC. For Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, this effectively means a reduction of the BSA standard from 42 to 36 EC, with the exception of some degree programmes (including PPE, ACASA and some courses at SBE) which apply a different standard, but which will also reduce the required number of EC proportionately.

[Explanatory notes on Teaching and Examination Regulations for Master's degree programmes](#)

Article 7.2 Admission requirements

Until 1 September 2021/1 February 2022, admission to the Master's programme by means of the 'exceptional admission provision' has been added to Article 7.2. This provision applies to Dutch and

other EEA¹ students who are pursuing a Bachelor's programme or a bridging/pre-Master's programme in the 2020-2021 academic year and who have not previously registered for the relevant Master's programme.

The exceptional admission provision gives universities of applied sciences and research universities the flexibility to deviate from the requirement that a Bachelor's programme must be completed prior to participation in a Master's programme, in the way that is best suited to the specific features of the Master's programme. Students must complete their Bachelor's programme or pre-Master's programme by 31 August 2022 at the latest. If the student does not meet this requirement, he or she will not be able to continue or complete the Master's programme.

With respect to each Master's programme, the Faculty Board will determine under what conditions the student is to be admitted to the Master's programme within the parameters of VU Amsterdam's 2021 exceptional admission provision, if the student does not yet hold a Bachelor's degree or has not yet completed a bridging/pre-Master's programme or in any other respect does not yet satisfy the admission requirements for the programme referred to in Article 7.2. These conditions are set out at the degree programme level in the addendum to the Teaching and Examination Regulations. In all cases, those conditions will indicate the minimum number of EC that must be obtained. Subsequently and where applicable, it will be specified whether the final project must be completed before the student can begin working on the final project for the Master's programme (a common requirement at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam). Where applicable, additional substantive requirements may be specified with regard to the knowledge and skills that the student must have or educational units that the student must have completed before they can be admitted to the Master's programme.

Article 7.3 Selection requirements

The method used to assess whether the selection requirements have been satisfied can be modified here as required. This may be necessary when no grade is yet available for the Bachelor's thesis, for instance.

Article 7.4 Bridging or pre-Master's programme

See the explanatory notes to Article 7.2, subject to the proviso that the bridging/pre-Master's programme must be completed within one year and that the HBO/university Bachelor's programme must be successfully completed before completing the bridging/pre-Master's programme.

¹ EEA students are students who have an educational background from a country that belongs to the European Economic Area or Liechtenstein, Norway or Iceland. More information can be found at: [European Economic Area - Wikipedia](#)