

Teaching and Examination Regulations

Master of Laws programme Faculty of Law

Academic year 2021-2022

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Section A: Faculty section

1. General provisions

Article 1.1 Applicability of the Regulations

1. These Regulations apply to anyone enrolled in the programme, irrespective of the academic year in which the student was first enrolled in the programme.
2. These Regulations enter into force on 1 September 2021.
3. An amendment to the Teaching and Examination Regulations is only permitted to concern an academic year already in progress if this does not demonstrably damage the interests of students.

Article 1.2 Definitions

The following definitions are used in these Regulations (*in alphabetical order*):

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| a. academic year: | the period beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the following calendar year; |
| b. assessment component: | an assessment of the student's knowledge, understanding and skills by means of a non-scheduled assessment relating to a part of a course component. The assessment is expressed in a partial result, which contributes to the final mark or to other requirements to pass the course. An assessment component which is not compulsory for a course, for example the possibility to obtain a bonus point, does not qualify as an assessment component as described above; |
| c. Canvas: | electronic system intended for the sharing of educational information; |
| d. CvB: | the Executive Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. |
| e. EC (European Credit): | an EC credit with a workload of 28 hours of study; |
| f. educational component: | a unit of study of the programme within the meaning of the WHW; |
| g. examination: | the final examination of the Bachelor's programme; |
| h. examiner: | lecturer authorized by the Examination Board to assess an examination, constituent examination or practical; |
| i. FGV: | Faculty joint assembly – assembly of the faculty student council and faculty staff council; |
| j. interim examination: | an assessment of the student's knowledge, understanding and skills relating to a course component. The assessment is expressed in terms of a final mark. An interim examination may consist of one or more partial examinations. A resit always covers the same material as the original interim examination; |
| k. joint degree: | a degree awarded by an institution together with one or more institutions in the Netherlands or abroad, after the student has completed a study programme (a degree programme, a major or a specific curriculum within a degree programme) for which the collaborating institutions are jointly responsible; |
| l. minor | a predefined coherent set of educational components of 30 EC; |
| m. OLC: | programme committee; |
| n. period: | a part of a semester; |
| o. practical exercise: | the participation in a practical training or other educational learning activity, aimed at acquiring certain (academic) skills. Examples of practical exercises are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ researching and writing a thesis or dissertation |

- o carrying out a research assignment
 - o taking part in fieldwork or an excursion
 - o taking part in another educational learning activity aimed at acquiring specific skills, or
 - o participating in and completing a work placement;
- p. programme: the totality and cohesion of the course components, teaching activities/methods, contact hours, testing and examination methods and recommended literature;
- q. SAP/SLM: the student information system (*Student Lifecycle Management*);
- r. semester: the first (September - January) or second half (February - August) of an academic year;
- s. specialization optional route of study within a degree programme indicating a deepening of the (inter/multi) disciplinary context of the programme;
- t. study guide: the guide for the study programme that provides further details of the courses, provisions and other information specific to that programme. The Study Guide is available electronically at:
<https://www.vu.nl/en/study-guide/>;
- u. study monitor (*studiemonitor*): dashboard for students and academic advisors with data of the student, which provides insight into the student's study progress;
- v. subject see '*educational component*';
- w. track a study pathway within a broader Bachelor's or Master's degree programme, such as a fully English-language study pathway within a Dutch-language Bachelor's or Master's programme;
- x. thesis: a component comprising research into the literature and/or contributing to scientific research, always resulting in a written report;
- y. university: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- z. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*);
- zz. workload: the workload of the unit of study to which an interim examination applies, expressed in terms of credits = EC credits (ECTS = European Credit and Transfer Accumulation System). The workload for 1 year (1,680 hours) is 60 EC credits.

The other terms have the meanings ascribed to them by the WHW.

2. Study programme structure

Article 2.1 Structure of academic year and educational components

1. The study programme will be offered in a year divided into two semesters.
2. Every semester consists of three consecutive periods of eight, eight and four weeks.
3. An educational component comprises 6 EC or a multiple thereof.
4. By way of exception to paragraph 3, the Executive Board may in special cases and on request of the Faculty Board, stipulate that an educational component comprises 3 EC or a multiple thereof.

3. Assessment and Examination

Article 3.1 Signing up for education and interim examinations

1. Every student must sign up to participate in the educational components of the programme, the examinations and resits. The procedure for signing up is described in an annex to the Student Charter.
2. Signing up may only take place in the designated periods.

Article 3.2 Type of examination

1. At the examiner's request, the Examination Board may permit a different form of interim examination than is stipulated in the study guide.

Article 3.3 Oral interim examinations

1. An oral assessment is public unless the Examination Board in special cases determines otherwise.

Article 3.4 Determining and announcing results

1. The examiner determines the result of a written interim examination as soon as possible, but at the latest within fifteen working days. In the event of force majeure, the Examination Board may extend this term at the request of the course coordinator. By way of departure from that stipulated in the first clause, the marking deadline for theses and final assignments is no longer than twenty working days. The examiner will then immediately ensure that the marks are registered and also ensures that the student is immediately notified of the mark, taking due account of the applicable confidentiality standards.
2. The examiner determines the result (i.e. mark) of an oral examination as soon as possible after the examination has finished and informs the student accordingly. The fourth clause of the first paragraph applies.
3. In the case of assessments other than oral or written examinations, the Examination Board determines in advance how and by what deadline the student will be informed of the results.

Article 3.5 Examination opportunities

1.
 - a. Per academic year, two opportunities to take examinations per educational component will be offered.
 - b. By way of exception to a., one opportunity per academic year will be offered if an assessment component either constitutes less than 30% of the final grade or does not need to be completed with a pass.
 - c. By way of exception to a., the options for retaking practical components, work placements and theses are detailed in the relevant work placement manual, teaching regulations or graduation regulations.
2. The most recent mark will apply in the event of a resit. A retake is allowed for both passed and failed educational components.
3. The resit for an interim examination must not take place within ten working days of the announcement of the result of the examination being resat.
4. The Examination Board offers a student on request an extra opportunity to take an examination outside the regular occasions or at another date. Herewith the following requirements are attached:
 - a. the student passed all but one of the examinations necessary to meet the degree requirements; and
 - b. has failed the examination during all the previously offered attempts unless participation in an examination was not possible for compelling reasons; and
 - c. taking part in the next regular examination opportunity leads to disproportionate study delayThe extra opportunity can only be offered once per academic year for educational components that are examined with a scheduled written exam, paper or take-home examination. Educational components that are (partly) examined otherwise are not included. Requests for an additional examination opportunity must be submitted to the Examination Board no later than 1 July. If necessary, the method of examination may deviate from the provisions in the study guide.

5. If an educational component is no longer offered in the academic year following its termination, at least one opportunity will be provided to sit the interim examination(s) or parts thereof and a transitional arrangement will be included in the programme-specific section for the subsequent period.

Article 3.6 Marks

1. Marks are given on a scale from 1 to 10 with no more than one figure after the decimal point.
2. A final mark between 5 and 6 will be rounded to the nearest whole number: up to 5.5, rounded down; higher than 5.5, rounded up. All other final marks will be expressed in whole or half marks.
3. To pass a given course or component, a final mark of 6 or higher is required.
4. The Examination Board can allow to use symbols rather than numbers, for example; v(oldaan), g(oed), n(iet)v(ol)d(aan), etc.)

Article 3.7 Exemption

2. At the written request of the student, the Examination Board may exempt the student from taking one or more examination components, if the student:
 - a) has passed a course component of a university or higher professional education programme that is equivalent in terms of content and level;
 - b) has demonstrated through his/her work and/or professional experience that he/she has sufficient knowledge and skills with regard to the relevant course component.
3. If a student wishes to meet the requirements of a specific examination by studying at a different faculty or university, prior approval from the Examinations Board is required.

Article 3.8 Validity period for results

1. The validity period of interim examinations passed and exemption from interim examinations is unlimited, unless otherwise specified in Section B.
2. The validity period of a partial examination is limited to the academic year in which it was sat or until the end of the educational component concerned, unless otherwise stipulated in the Study Guide, Study manual or transitional provisions.

Article 3.9 Right of inspection and post-examination consultation

1. Within twenty working days after the announcement of the results of a written examination, but at least ten working days before the resit opportunity, there will be a post-examination consultation. Place, date and specified time will be announced on Canvas at least 10 working days before the post-examination consultation.
2. The post-examination consultation is collective, unless otherwise decided by the examiner. The examiner can decide that the individual post-examination consultation will be done by email. If a student is unable to attend the collective consultation due to compelling personal circumstances, the examiner will allow an individual post-examination consultation on request.
3. The student can inspect his/her assessed work as well as the standards applied for marking, if available. On request the examiner will explain the marking.
4. If a student intends to appeal against the way in which his/her work has been marked, a copy of his/her marked work shall be provided to him at his/her request.
5. Regarding article 3.9 the examiner may add restrictions to the right of inspection. These restrictions have to be announced at least ten days before the post-examination consultation.

4. Academic student counselling and study progress

Article 4.1 Administration of study progress and academic student counselling

1. The faculty board is responsible for the correct registration of the students' study results. After the assessment of an educational component has been registered, every student has the right to inspect the result for that component and also has a list of the results achieved at his or her disposal in VUweb.
2. Enrolled students are eligible for academic student counselling. Academic student counselling is in any case provided by
 - a. The Student General Counselling Service
 - b. Student psychologists
 - c. Faculty academic advisors

Article 4.2 Facilities for students with a disability

1. A student with a disability can, at the moment of submission to VUweb, or at a later instance, submit a request to qualify for one or more special facilities with regard to teaching, practical training and interim examinations. These facilities will accommodate the student's individual disability as much as possible, but may not alter the quality or degree of difficulty of an educational component or an examination. In all cases, the student must fulfil the exit qualifications for the study programme.
2. The request referred to in the first paragraph must be accompanied by a statement from a doctor or psychologist. If possible, an estimate should be given of the potential impact on the student's study progress. In case of a chronic disability a single (one time) request suffices.
3. Students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia must provide a statement from a BIG, NIP or NVO registered professional who is qualified to conduct psychological evaluation.
4. The faculty board, or the responsible person on behalf of the faculty board, decides on teaching facilities and facilities regarding logistics. The Examination Board will decide on requests for facilities with regard to examinations.
5. In the event of a positive decision in response to a request as referred to in paragraph 1, the student can make an appointment with the study adviser to discuss the details of the provisions.
6. A request for one or more facilities can be refused if it would place a disproportionate burden on the organization or the resources of the faculty or university were it upheld. Any such refusal will be substantiated.
7. If the disability justifies an extension of the interim examination time, the responsible person on behalf of the Examination Board will register in SAP this entitlement to an extension. If a disability justifies other measures to be taken, the academic adviser can take the necessary measures. The student can consult the study monitor to check which facilities have been granted to him/her.
8. The decision as referred to in paragraph 5 may specify a limited validity of the facilities granted.

5. Hardship clause

Article 5.1 Hardship clause

In instances not regulated by the Teaching and Examination Regulations or in the event of demonstrable extreme unreasonableness and unfairness, the faculty board responsible for the study programme will decide, unless the matter concerned is the responsibility of the Examination Board.

Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

6. General programme information and characteristics

Article 6.1 Study programme information

1. The programme Law CROHO number 60084 is offered on a full-time basis.

Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment

1. The programme uses the teaching formats as specified in the study guide.
2. The modes of assessment used per educational component are specified in the study guide.

Article 6.3 Academic student counselling

1. The programme's faculty offers the following counselling in addition to the student counselling mentioned in Section A:
Career Advisors

7. Further admission requirements

Article 7.1 Intake date(s)

The programme starts twice a year: on 1 September and on 1 February.

Article 7.2 Admission requirements

1. Admission to the Master's programme is possible for an applicant who:
 - a. has obtained an academic Bachelor's degree, in:
 1. Law, or
 2. Notarial Law, or
 3. Tax Law (LL.B), or
 4. in a field other than mentioned under 1, 2 and 3,
 - a) which is relevant in preparation for the programme and the chosen specialization, and
 - b) where knowledge of and insight into at least one sub-area of law relevant to the specialization have been acquired at the level of the Bachelor's degrees' exit qualifications in Law or Notarial Law. To this end, at least 60 EC in legal course components must have been obtained or proportionate knowledge and/or experience in the legal field;
 - b. has a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science in Law (HBO Rechten, CROHO-code 39205 of 30108), variant Dutch Law, and finished the SchakelzoneRecht VU programme (in Dutch) in collaboration with the Open Universiteit or a package of courses with the same content and the same level as the SchakelzoneRecht VU;
 - c. has a Bachelor's degree HBO Rechten (CROHO code 39205), including the Doorstroomprogramma Rechtsgeleerdheid HvA-VU (in Dutch) in collaboration with the Hogeschool van Amsterdam (HvA);
 - d. has completed the pre-Master Transnational Law and Society.

The Admissions Board examines to what extent the applicant meets the requirements.

2. For the English-taught specializations (European and International Law, International Migration and Refugee Law, International Technology Law) students need to have at least level C1 proficiency in English.
3. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree obtained at an institution outside the Netherlands may be asked for additional methods to prove that they meet the admission requirements.

Article 7.3 Selection criteria

n/a

Article 7.4 Bridging or Pre-Master's programme

1. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science in Law (HBO Rechten), CROHO code 39205 or 30108, variant Dutch Law, who wish to enter the programme but do not fulfill the admission requirements as stipulated in Article 7.2 can request admission to the pre-Master's programme SchakelzoneRecht VU (in Dutch) in collaboration with the Open University. The request should be directed to the Open University.
2. Applicants who study HBO Rechten (in Dutch) at the Hogeschool van Amsterdam (HvA) may request to participate in the HvA-VU Pre-Master's programme. The request should be directed to the Hogeschool van Amsterdam.
3. Applicants who hold a residence permit for asylum as referred to in Article 28 of the Aliens Act (Vreemdelingenwet), and who hold an academic Bachelor's degree in Law from the country of origin which has been valued by NUFFIC as the equivalent of two (2) years of a Dutch academic Bachelor, can be admitted to the Pre-Master's programme Transnational Law and Society.

This Pre-Master's programme includes all standard components of the VU University minor Law and Global Society: Internet, Migration and Climate Change.

8. Interim examinations and results

Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations

n/a

Article 8.2 Validity period for results

1. If the exam shows that a student's knowledge is insufficient or outdated, or if the student's skills evaluated in the exam are demonstrably outdated, the Examination Board may impose a supplementary or replacement examination for a course for which an examination was passed more than four 4 years ago.

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

9. Programme objectives, tracks/specializations, exit qualifications and language

Article 9.1 Workload

1. The programme has a workload of 60 EC.

Article 9.2 Tracks and/or specializations

The programme has the following tracks and/or specializations:

1. Jurist en overheid
2. Privaatrecht
3. Strafrecht
4. Internet, intellectuele eigendom en ICT
5. Arbeidsrecht
6. Conflicthantering, rechtspraak en mediation
7. Bouwrecht
8. European and International law
9. International Migration and Refugee Law
10. International Technology Law

Article 9.3 Programme objective

The programme objectives are:

1. Upon completion of the programme the student shall have sufficient knowledge and skills to:
 - a. be admitted to a PhD programme;
 - b. be admitted to post-initial masters at an (inter)national level;
 - c. practice in a legal profession in government, in public service, in business or in international organizations at the academic level;
 - d. be admitted to relevant post-initial programmes, including the judiciary and national bar.
2. The programme furthermore promotes the student's academic education, in particular with reference to:
 - a. independent academic thought processes and performance;
 - b. communicating at an academic level;
 - c. applying specialist academic knowledge in a wider c.q. philosophical and social context.
3. The programme focuses on the student's personal development, promotes his or her awareness of social responsibility and develop skills of self-expression.

Article 9.4 Exit qualifications

The Master's graduate is able to work and think at an academic level; and

1. has a thorough and specialist knowledge and understanding of at least one sub-area of law, including the theoretical principles of his/her sub-area;
2. has an understanding of the correlation between the various areas of law, including national, European and international law;
3. is aware of the social context in which law and the lawyer operate and the ethical responsibility that this entails.

The Master's graduate has the following legal skills:

Analytical skills:

4. is able to assess legal and social aspects of issues in conjunction with each other and provide a critical assessment or reflection on them;
5. is able to provide an insight into the problems that arise when developing law in the chosen sub-area and to contribute to a solution;
6. is able to take an integrative approach to a problem from various sub-areas;
7. is able to provide a thorough analysis and interpretation and a critical review of literature and legal sources (in English where relevant, on new branches of law where relevant);
8. is able to deduce legal rules from specific cases (induction).

Problem-solving skills:

9. is able to analyse and interpret a complex case and to come up with legal solutions independently;
10. is able to recognise, analyse and solve complex legal problems.

Research and presentation skills:

11. is able to independently prepare and conduct legal research at academic level (wording and delineating the problem definition, collecting information, interpreting data, drawing conclusions, evaluating);
12. is able to present a scientific legal argument in writing;
13. is able to report in writing on legal research;
14. is able to communicate with colleagues and other professionals in word and in writing, in a manner appropriate to the knowledge level of the receiving party;
15. is able to formulate an opinion, substantiated by arguments, on a complex legal problem or new development;
16. is able to participate actively in both the scientific and social debate on the sub-area that forms part of the Master's programme;
17. is able to ensure that the student's knowledge of the sub-area is always up to date and being able to specialize in other sub-areas.

Article 9.5 Language of instruction

1. The language of instruction is Dutch, unless it concerns an English specialization. If the specific nature or design of the programme so requires, courses or materials for courses may be offered in English.
2. The 'Gedragcode vreemde taal' (code of conduct foreign languages) applies

10. Curriculum structure**Article 10.1 Composition of the programme**

1. The programme comprises at least a package of compulsory components and an individual Master's thesis.
2. Additionally, the programme can offer:
 - Educational components per specialization
 - Extra-curricular components
3. Educational components are categorized as specialized (400), research oriented (500) and highly specialized (600) level.

Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components

A detailed description per educational component can be found in the Study Guide.

Specialization European and International Law

Educational course	course code	nr of EC	level
Compulsory components			
European and International Law	R_EuIntL	12	400
Transnational Human Rights and Globalization	R_THRG	6	500
Legal Methodology	R_Legmet	6	400
Thesis Master Law	R_ScripRe	12	600
Integration component; choose 1 of the following courses			
International Weapons Law	R_IWL	6	500
Competition Law	R_Eur.comp.l	6	400
Human Rights Protection in Europe	R_Hum.ri.pro	6	400
Irregular Migration	R_IrMig	6	400
Restricted electives; choose 1 of the following courses			
EU Internal Market Law	R_EUIML	6	400
International Humanitarian Law	R_Int.hum.l	6	500
The Politics of International Law	R_PoII	6	500
EU Anti-Discrimination Law	R_EUADL	6	400
International Trade and Investment Law	R_IntTII6e	6	400
VU Climate Change and Sustainability Law Clinic (new)	R_CCaSLC	6	500
Free electives (12 EC)			

Specialization International Migration and Refugee Law

Educational course	course code	nr of EC	level
Compulsory components			
Refugee and Family Migration Law	R_STMRL	12	400
Migration and Legal Remedies	R_MLR	6	400
Legal Methodology	R_Legmet	6	400
Thesis Master Law	R_ScripRe	12	600
Integration component; choose 1 of the following courses			
Transnational Human Rights and Globalization	R_THRG	6	500
Philosophy of International Law and Migration	R_Phil.int.l	6	500
Restricted electives; choose 1 of the following courses			
EU Internal Market Law	R_EUIML	6	400
Irregular Migration	R_IrMig	6	400
Free electives (12 EC)			

Specialization International Technology Law

Educational course	course code	nr of EC	level
Compulsory components			
Technology Law	R_ITL	12	400
Legal Methodology	R_Legmet	6	400
Big Data, Human Rights and Human Security	R_BDHR	6	500
Thesis Master Law	R_ScripRe	12	600
Integration component; choose 1 of the following courses			
Bioethics, Technology and Law	R_BioTL	6	400
European Consumer Law in a Digital Society	R_ECLDS	6	500

Law and Governance of Outer Space Technologies (new)	R_LaGoOST	6	600
Restricted electives; choose 1 of the following courses			
Law and Ethics on Robots and Artificial Intelligence	R_LERAI	6	600
International Weapons Law	R_IWL	6	500
Blockchain and other disruptive business-tech challenges to the law	R_IBIT	6	500
Free electives (12 EC)			

Specializations in Dutch are:

Arbeidsrecht

Bouwrecht

Conflicthantering, rechtspraak en mediation

Internet, intellectuele eigendom en ICT

Jurist en overheid

Privaatrecht

Strafrecht

A detailed description can be found in the Study Guide.

Article 10.3 Elective educational components

1. The free electives can be chosen from the courses mentioned in article 10.2, provided the course is not already part of the specialization programme. In addition, the student can take one or more of the following electives without prior consent from the Examination Board.

Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level
International Law Clinic	R_IntLCI12	12	500
Amsterdam Law Forum	R_ALF	6	600
Migration Law Clinics semester 1	R_MLC1	6	500
Migration Law Clinics semester 2	R_MLC2	6	500
Problems of Market Regulation	R_LBFM	6	500
VU Climate Change and Sustainability Law Clinic (new)	R_CCaSLC	6	500
Internship	R_Stagerch	6	400

2. If the student wishes to take a different educational component than listed, advance permission must be obtained in writing from the Examination Board.
3. The Examination Board decides on the recognition of international results, obtained during an exchange programme abroad or obtained otherwise.
4. The free elective component may also be an internship of 6 EC maximum. Details on the regulations for internships can be found in the Internship manual.

Article 10.4 Extra-curricular educational components

Research Talent Track (only after selection)

Educational component	course code	nr of EC	level
Empirische onderzoeksvaardigheden	R_EmpO	6	600
Onderzoeksportfolio	R_AcaO	6	600
Academische vaardigheden onderzoekstalent	R_PropWr	6	600

A detailed description per educational component can be found in the Study Guide.

Article 10.5 Combining two specializations

It is possible to graduate with two specializations of the Master of Laws programme, the following regulations apply:

1. All mandatory educational components of both specializations must be completed (i.e., compulsory courses, integration course and restrictive electives), where one integration course suffices if it is included in the integration courses category of both specializations.
2. For each specialization one thesis of 12 EC each must be completed.
3. The number of European credits in the Master's programme for two specializations is minimum 84.

Article 10.6 Combining the Master of Laws programme with the Master's programme Philosophy of Law and Governance

It is possible to combine the Master of Laws programme with the Master's programme Philosophy of Law and Governance. In this case, all regular requirements for the completion of the Master of Laws programme apply.

Article 10.7 Combining the specialization Private Law (in Dutch) with the specialization Philosophy, Bioethics and Health (Master's programme Philosophy 2-year)

A detailed description can be found in the Study Guide.

Article 10.8 Access to subsequent programmes of professional study leading to qualification as a lawyer or a member of the judiciary

1. If the combination of a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Law entitles the graduate to enter the subsequent programmes of professional study leading to qualification as a lawyer or a member of the judiciary, the Examination Board will mention this on the Master's degree diploma supplement.
2. To enable the Examination Board to assess a graduate's qualification for an annotation as mentioned in paragraph 1, students who didn't obtain their Bachelor's degree in Law at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, have to hand in a certified written statement by the Examination Board of the Bachelor's degree programme stating the requirements which still need to be fulfilled to qualify for the annotation in principle. The requirements mentioned in the statement need to be met by taking components at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The Examinations Board defines which components (Bachelor's or Master's components of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam degree programmes) are required to qualify for the annotation.

11. Evaluation and transitional provisions

Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education

1. The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with the faculty Kader kwaliteitszorg.

Article 11.2 Transitional provisions

By way of departure from the Teaching and Examination Regulations currently in force, the following transitional provisions apply for students who started the programme under a previous set of Teaching and Examination Regulations:

General electives (NB not part of a specialization of the Master of Laws programme)

Expired course: Pub-Lab II

Transitional provisions Pub-Lab II

Pub-Lab II completed?	Transitional Provision
No	Students will be offered an extra opportunity to pass the course Pub-Lab II in the summer of 2021. For more information, please contact the course coordinator Abhijit Das before 1 July 2021 .
Yes	Students can add this course indefinitely as a free elective or as an extra-curricular course.

Advice and approval by the Programme Committee, on 16 March 2021

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on 13 July 2021

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Law, on 13 July 2021

Appendix I

Overview of articles that must be included in the OER

Based on Article 7.13, paragraph 2, of the WHW and other Articles of the Act.

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Article 3.4 Determining and announcing results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub o
Article 3.5 Examination opportunities	7.13 paragraph 2 sub h, j
Article 3.7 Exemption	7.13 paragraph 2 sub r
Article 3.8 Validity period for results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub k
Article 3.9 Right of inspection and post-examination discussion	7.13 paragraph 2 sub p, q
4. Academic student counselling and study progress	
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Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

6. General programme information and characteristics	
Article 6.1 Study programme information	7.13 paragraph 2 sub i, r
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7. Further admission requirements	
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8. Interim examinations and results	
Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations	7.13 paragraph 2 sub h, s, t
[option 1:] Article 8.2 Validity period for results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub k
[option 2:] Article 8.2 Validity period for results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub k

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

9. Programme objectives, tracks/specializations, exit qualifications and language	
Article 9.1 Workload	7.13 paragraph 2 sub g
Article 9.2 Tracks and/or specializations	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a
Article 9.3 Programme objective	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a
Article 9.4 Exit qualifications	7.13 paragraph 2 sub b, c
Article 9.5 Language of instruction	9.18 (<i>implementation expected in 2020</i>)
10. Curriculum structure	
Article 10.1 Composition of the programme	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a
Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a
[Optional] Article 10.3 Elective educational components	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a
[Optional] Article 10.4 Practical exercise	7.13 paragraph 2 sub d
Article 10.5 Participation in practical training and tutorials	7.13 paragraph 2 sub d
11. Evaluation and transitional provisions	
Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a1
Article 11.2 Transitional provisions	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a

Appendix II

Overview of advisory and approval rights of Programme Committees (OLC) and Faculty Joint Assembly (FGV) (English underneath)

Onderwerpen Onderwijs – en Examenregeling (OER) 7.13 lid 2 WHW	FGV		OplC	
	I	A	I	A
a. de inhoud van de opleiding en van de daaraan verbonden examens				
a1. de wijze waarop het onderwijs in de desbetreffende opleiding wordt geëvalueerd				
b. de inhoud van de afstudeerrichtingen binnen een opleiding				
c. de kwaliteiten op het gebied van kennis, inzicht en vaardigheden die een student zich bij beëindiging van de opleiding moet hebben verworven				
d. waar nodig, de inrichting van praktische oefeningen				
e. de studielast van de opleiding en van elk van de daarvan deel uitmakende onderwijsseenheden				
f. de nadere regels, bedoeld in de artikelen 7.8b, zesde lid, en 7.9, vijfde lid (BSA)				
g. ten aanzien van welke masteropleidingen toepassing is gegeven aan artikel 7.4a, achtste lid (verhoogde studielast)				
h. het aantal en de volgtijdelijkheid van de tentamens alsmede de momenten waarop deze afgelegd kunnen worden				
i. de voltijdse, deeltijdse of duale inrichting van de opleiding				
j. waar nodig, de volgorde waarin, de tijdvakken waarbinnen en het aantal malen per studiejaar dat de gelegenheid wordt geboden tot het afleggen van de tentamens en examens				
k. waar nodig, de geldigheidsduur van met goed gevolg afgelegde tentamens, behoudens de bevoegdheid van de examencommissie die geldigheidsduur te verlengen				
l. of de tentamens mondeling, schriftelijk of op een andere wijze worden afgelegd, behoudens de bevoegdheid van de examencommissie in bijzondere gevallen anders te bepalen				
m. de wijze waarop studenten met een handicap of chronische ziekte redelijkerwijs in de gelegenheid worden gesteld de tentamens af te leggen				
n. de openbaarheid van mondeling af te nemen tentamens, behoudens de bevoegdheid van de examencommissie in bijzondere gevallen anders te bepalen				
o. de termijn waarbinnen de uitslag van een tentamen bekend wordt gemaakt alsmede of en op welke wijze van deze termijn kan worden afgeweken				
p. de wijze waarop en de termijn gedurende welke degene die een schriftelijk tentamen heeft afgelegd, inzage verkrijgt in zijn beoordeelde werk				
q. de wijze waarop en de termijn gedurende welke kennis genomen kan worden van vragen en opdrachten, gesteld of gegeven in het kader van een schriftelijk afgenomen tentamen en van de normen aan de hand waarvan de beoordeling heeft plaatsgevonden				
r. de gronden waarop de examencommissie voor eerder met goed gevolg afgelegde tentamens of examens in het hoger onderwijs, dan wel voor buiten het hoger onderwijs opgedane kennis of vaardigheden, vrijstelling kan verlenen van het afleggen van een of meer tentamens				
s. waar nodig, dat het met goed gevolg afgelegd hebben van tentamens voorwaarde is voor de toelating tot het afleggen van andere tentamens				
t. waar nodig, de verplichting tot het deelnemen aan praktische oefeningen met het oog op de toelating tot het afleggen van het desbetreffende tentamen, behoudens de bevoegdheid van de examencommissie vrijstelling van die verplichting te verlenen, al dan niet onder oplegging van vervangende eisen				
u. de bewaking van studievoortgang en de individuele studiebegeleiding				
v. indien van toepassing: de wijze waarop de selectie van studenten voor een speciaal traject binnen een opleiding, bedoeld in artikel 7.9b, plaatsvindt (excellentietraject <u>binnen</u> een opleiding)				
x. de feitelijke vormgeving van het onderwijs				
alle overige onderwerpen die in de OER zijn geregeld maar die niet als zodanig zijn genoemd in art. 7.13 WHW onder a t/m x.				

De lettering komt overeen met de lettering van artikel 7.13 lid 2 WHW

Afkortingen:

FGV: Facultaire Gezamenlijke Vergadering

OplC: Opleidingscommissie

I: Instemmingsrecht

A: Adviesrecht

Appendix II (English)

Overview of advisory and approval rights of Programme Committees (OLC) and Faculty Joint Assembly (FGV)

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Article 7.13, paragraph 2, of the Higher Education and Research Act	FGV		OpIC	
	I	A	I	A
a. content of the programme and associated examinations				
a1. the manner in which teaching and education in the relevant programme are evaluated				
b. the content of the specializations offered as part of the programme				
c. the programme's final attainment levels with regard to the knowledge, understanding and skills				
d. where applicable, the design of practical exercises				
e. the study load of the programme and of each of its constituent educational units				
f. the detailed rules referred to in Article 7.8b, sixth paragraph, and Article 7.9, fifth paragraph (recommendation on continuation of studies)				
g. the Master's programmes to which Article 7.4a, eighth paragraph, applies (elevated study load)				
h. the number and sequence of examinations and the times at which these can be taken				
i. the full-time, part-time or work-study structure of the programme				
j. where necessary, the order, and the periods in which and the number of times per academic year that the opportunity to sit examinations and final degree assessments is given				
k. where necessary, the period of validity for pass grades awarded for examinations, notwithstanding the authority of the Examination Board to extend this period of validity				
l. whether examinations are administered in oral, written or another form, notwithstanding the authority of the Examination Board to decide otherwise				
m. the way in which students with a disability or chronic health condition are given a reasonable opportunity to take the examinations				
n. the public nature of oral examinations, subject to the right of the Examination Board to determine otherwise in special cases				
o. the period within which the results of an examination must be announced, together with details of whether this period can be altered and if so in what way				
p. the way in which and the period within which students who have taken an examination are given the opportunity to inspect their marked work				
q. the way in which and the period within which information can be provided about the questions asked and exercises given in the framework of a written examination and about the standards used for assessment				
r. the grounds on which the Examination Board could grant exemption from the taking of one or more examinations to students who have previously passed examinations in higher education or have acquired knowledge or skills outside higher education				
s. where necessary, the stipulation that students must pass certain examinations as a condition for admission to other examinations				
t. where necessary, the obligation to take part in certain practical exercises with a view to admission to the examination in question, subject to the authority of the Examination Board to grant exemption from this obligation, with or without the imposition of alternative requirements				
u. the monitoring of academic progress and individual student support and guidance;				
v. where applicable, the manner in which students are selected for a special track within a programme as referred to in Article 7.9b (excellence track within a programme)				
x. the actual design of the education provided.				
<i>All other matters that are regulated in the Academic and Examination Regulations but which are not mentioned as such in Article 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act under points a to x.</i>				

Abbreviations used:

FGV:	Faculty Joint Assembly
OLC:	Programme Committee
I:	right of approval
A:	right of advice

Appendix III

Ordinances VU CvB and Binding Guidelines (richtlijn)

Section A, article:	Concerns:	CvB ordinance / guideline
2.1.1, 2.1.2	Year planning two semesters 8-8-4 (uniforme jaarkalender VU-UvA)	29-9-2008 (period 2009-2015) 22-05-2014 (periode 2016-2025)
2.1.3, 2.1.4	Educational components	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017
3.1	Signing up for education and interim examinations	CvB ordinance 30-09-2010, prior consent USR.
3.4.1	Determination and publication of the results (1) Grading deadline exams 10 workdays (2) Theses 20 workdays	(1) Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017 (2) Quality demand 11 from the VU assessment policy, CvB ordinance 15-05-2012
3.5.1	Two possibilities to take examinations per year	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017
3.5.2	Retake: most recent grade is valid. A pass can be retaken	Taken from the UvA guidelines, as part of the harmonization, CvB ordinance 24-02-2014
3.5.4	Extra retake last year	Included in (prior) model OER 16-17 following a request from committee O&O and adopted by CvB op 27-10-2015
3.6	Grades	CvB ordinance 30-09-2010, with University council's consent. As a result of harmonization UvA, the guideline: 5.5 is a pass, has been added. CvB ordinance 24-02-2014.
Section B1, article:	Concerns:	CvB ordinance / guideline
7.2	Admission criteria; at least WO Bachelor's degree	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017
7.3	Selection criteria; type of criteria	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017
Section B1, article:	Concerns:	CvB ordinance / guideline
10.1	Composition programme	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017
10.2	Categorization of components	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised on 6 June 2017

Appendix IV**Article 2.1 of the Higher Education and Research (Implementation) Act (*Uitvoeringsbesluit*)**

(English underneath)

1 De persoonlijke omstandigheden bedoeld in de artikelen 7.8b, derde lid, en 7.9, derde lid, van de wet, zijn uitsluitend:

- a. ziekte van betrokkene,
- b. lichamelijke, zintuiglijke of andere functiestoornis van betrokkene,
- c. zwangerschap van betrokkene,
- d. bijzondere familie-omstandigheden,
- e. het lidmaatschap, daaronder begrepen het voorzitterschap, van:
 - 1. bij universiteiten: de universiteitsraad, faculteitsraad, het orgaan dat is ingesteld op grond van de medezeggenschapsregeling, bedoeld in artikel 9.30, derde lid, onderscheidenlijk artikel 9.51, tweede lid, van de wet, het bestuur van een opleiding of de opleidingscommissie, alsmede het lidmaatschap van het bestuur van een stichting die blijkens haar statuten tot doel heeft de exploitatie van voorzieningen, behorende tot de studentenvoorzieningen, dan wel van een daarmee naar het oordeel van het instellingsbestuur gelet op de taak gelijk te stellen orgaan,
 - 2. bij hogescholen: de medezeggenschapsraad, deelraad, studentencommissie of opleidingscommissie.

f. andere in de regelingen, bedoeld in de artikelen 7.8b, zesde lid, en 7.9, vijfde lid, van de wet door het instellingsbestuur aan te geven omstandigheden waarin betrokkene activiteiten ontplooit in het kader van de organisatie en het bestuur van de zaken van de instelling,

g. het lidmaatschap van het bestuur van een studentenorganisatie van enige omvang met volledige rechtsbevoegdheid, dan wel van een vergelijkbare organisatie van enige omvang, bij wie de behartiging van het algemeen maatschappelijk belang op de voorgrond staat en die daartoe daadwerkelijk activiteiten ontplooit.

2 Het instellingsbestuur kan voor de toepassing van het eerste lid, onderdeel g, nadere regels vaststellen omtrent het aantal bestuursleden dat ten hoogste per organisatie per studiejaar in aanmerking komt, zomede omtrent welke bestuursfuncties in aanmerking komen.

Appendix IV (English)

Article 2.1 of the Higher Education and Research (Implementation) Act

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1. The extenuating personal circumstances referred to in Article 7.8b, paragraph 3 and 7.9, paragraph 3 of the Act (WHW) are limited to:

- a. illness of the person concerned,
- b. physical, sensory or other impairment of the person concerned,
- c. pregnancy of the woman concerned,
- d. extenuating family circumstances,
- e. membership, including the chairmanship of:

1. universities: the university council, faculty council, the body established under the participation regulation referred to in Article 9.30, paragraph 3 or Article 9.51, paragraph 2 of the Act, the programme management or the Programme Committee, or membership on the board of a foundation whose bylaws allow for the exploitation of facilities belonging to the student services, or an equivalent body with regard to its activities in the opinion of the board of the institution,
2. universities of applied sciences: the participation council, district council, student committee or Programme Committee.

f. other circumstances to be designated by the board of the institution in the regulation as referred to in Article 7.8b, paragraph 6 and Article 7.9, paragraph 5 of the Act in which the person concerned engages in activities within the framework of the organization and the administration of the affairs of the institution,

g. membership on the board of a student organization of a certain size with full legal capacity, or a similar organization of a certain size, whose primary task regards general societal interest and which actually develops activities for this purpose.

- h. other personal circumstances set out in the Teaching and Examination Regulations as referred to in Article 7.13 of the Act, pursuant to Article 7.13, paragraph 2, clause f of the Act,
- i. personal circumstances other than those referred to in a – h above which, if overlooked by the governing bodies of the institution, would lead to an obviously unfair outcome.

2. The institutional board may, for the purposes of the first paragraph, part g, establish specific rules regarding the maximum number of eligible board members per organization per academic year, as well as the eligible administrative offices.

Addendum to the 2021-2022 Teaching and Examination Regulations Master of Laws programme

Several articles for the 2021-2022 academic year will be temporarily suspended or amended as a result of the consequences of the measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. These amendments apply exclusively to the 2021-2022 academic year, which ends 31 August 2022. In this regard, reference is also made to the addendum to the Application and Registration Regulations for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Part B1 Programme-specific section – general provisions

Article 7.2 Admission requirements

Supplementary to Article 7.2.1, students* are also admissible for the 2021-2022 academic year (start date September 2021) if, by 31 August 2021 at the latest,

for a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB):

they have earned at least 162 EC of the Bachelor's programme that confers entitlement to admission, under the following conditions:

- 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.
- The Bachelor's thesis must be completed before students start working on their Master's thesis.

for an academic degree:

they have earned at least 162 EC of the Bachelor's programme that confers entitlement to admission, under the following conditions:

- 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.
- The Bachelor's thesis must be completed before students start working on their Master's thesis.

for an HBO degree + pre-Master:

they have earned at least 55 EC of the pre-Master, including the pre-Master thesis, under the following conditions:

- The pre-Master's programme must still be successfully completed before 1 September 2022 or before the Master's degree certificate is obtained, whichever comes first. If this condition is not met, students will not be able to continue or complete the Master's programme.
- The pre-Master thesis must be completed before students start working on their Master's thesis.

*The above supplements do not apply to non-EEA students who must complete a Bachelor's programme outside of the Netherlands.

Article 7.3 Selection criteria

Not applicable.

Article 7.4 Bridging or pre-Master's programme

Not applicable.