

Teaching and Examination Regulations

**Master's programme in Political Science
Faculty of Social Sciences**

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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*) :

- a. academic year: the period beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the following calendar year;
- b. CvB: the Executive Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
- c. EC (European Credit): an EC credit with a workload of 28 hours of study;
- d. educational component: a unit of study of the programme within the meaning of the WHW;
- e. examination: the final examination of the Master's programme;
- f. FGV: Faculty joint assembly – assembly of the faculty student council and faculty staff council;
- g. 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. A written examination can consist of (a combination of) open questions, multiple choice questions, a paper, an essay or written assignment. An oral examination can consist of (a combination of) open questions, a debate or a verbal presentation;
- h. OLC: programme committee;
- i. period: a part of a semester;
- j. practical exercise: the participation in a practical training or other educational learning activity, aimed at acquiring certain (academic) skills. Examples of practical exercises are:
- researching and writing a thesis or dissertation
 - carrying out a research assignment
 - taking part in fieldwork or an excursion
 - participating in and completing a work placement;
- k. programme: the totality and cohesion of the course components, teaching activities/methods, contact hours, testing and examination methods and recommended literature;
- l. SAP/SLM: the student information system (*Student Lifecycle Management*);
- m. semester: the first (September - January) or second half (February - August) of an academic year;
- n. specialization: optional route of study within a degree programme indicating a deepening of the (inter/multi) disciplinary context of the programme;
- o. 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/>;
- p. study monitor (*studiemonitor*): dashboard for students and academic advisors with data of the student and that provides insight into the student's study progress;
- q. subject: see 'educational component';
- r. 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 degree;
- s. thesis: a component comprising research into the literature and/or contributing to scientific research, always resulting in a written report;

- t. university: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
u. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*);
v. 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 a unit of study 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. For further rules and regulations concerning oral examinations, see the Rules and Guidelines of the Examination Board FSS, article 11 'Oral examination'.

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 ten working days. The marking deadline for the first submission opportunity for theses is also ten working days. The marking deadline for the second submission opportunity for theses 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, but at the latest within two working days 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., 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 units of study.
3. The resit for a (partial) interim examination must not take place within ten working days of the announcement of the result of the (partial) examination being resat.

4. The student who has passed all but one of the examinations necessary to meet the degree requirements and who is unable to sit that examination in the next semester, may submit a motivated request to the Examination Board asking for the opportunity to take this examination at an earlier date; the examiner can decide that this extra examination is a different assessment type than the regular examination opportunity. If the student failed the examination during all the previously offered attempts unless participation in an examination was not possible for compelling reasons.
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. Partial 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 5.50, rounded down; higher than 5.50, rounded up. All other final marks will be expressed in whole or half marks.
3. To pass a given course or unit, 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

1. 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 an academic (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.
2. The Master's thesis is excluded from this exemption possibility.

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 unit of study concerned, as stipulated for the relevant unit of study in Section B.

Article 3.9 Right of inspection and post-examination discussion

1. Within twenty working days after the announcement of the results of a written interim examination, but at least ten working days before the resit opportunity, the student can, on request, inspect his or her assessed work, the questions and assignments set in it, as well as the standards applied for marking.

The place and time referred to in the previous clause will be announced at the time of the interim examination or on Canvas in all cases.
2. If a collective post-examination discussion has been organized, individual post-examination discussions will be held only if the student has attended the collective discussion or if the student was unable to attend the collective discussion through no fault of his or her own.
3. Students who meet the requirements stipulated in paragraph 2 can submit a request for an individual post-examination discussion to the relevant examiner. The discussion shall take place at a time and location to be determined by the examiner.

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 a unit of study 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 Political Science, CROHO number 60203, is offered on a full-time basis.

Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment

1. The degree programme uses in particular the following teaching formats:
 - lectures;
 - tutorials;
 - seminars;
 - individual supervision;
 - formative online assessments.
2. The degree programme uses in particular the following modes of assessment:
 - (individual or group) assignments;
 - presentations;
 - participation;
 - thesis.

7. Further admission requirements

Article 7.1 Intake date(s)

The programme starts on 1 September.

Article 7.2 Admission requirements

1. Admission to the Master's programme is possible for an applicant who has obtained a Bachelor's degree obtained at an institution of academic higher education, which demonstrates the following knowledge, understanding and skills:
 - a. knowledge of and skills in the field of social and political research methods;
 - b. knowledge of and insight into political theory.
2. 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.
3. Applicants should demonstrate that they have sufficient level of proficiency in English by meeting at least one of the following standards, no more than two (2) years before the start of the programme at the VU:
 - IELTS score with a minimum of 7.0;
 - TOEFL paper based test: 600;
 - TOEFL computer based test: 250;
 - TOEFL internet based test: 100;
 - VU TOEFL-ITP: 600 (only valid at the VU).
4. Applicants who:
 - completed an English-taught secondary or higher education degree in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia or
 - have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an English-taught programme accredited by NVAO in the Netherlands, or
 - have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an accredited English-taught programme in another member state of the European Union
 - have obtained a Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): A, B or C or a Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): A or B.
 - have earned a Dutch VWO-diploma (level 6 VWO-nieuw) or
 - are enrolled for the pre-Master's programme Political Science and have thus passed the pre-Master's assessment in advanceare exempted from the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.

Article 7.3 Pre-Master's programme

1. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science (HBO) or a Bachelor's degree from an institution of academic higher education who wish to enter the programme but do not fulfil the admission requirements as stipulated in Article 7.2 can request admission to the pre-Master's programme.
2. Further conditions and the procedure are set out in the relevant Pre-Master regulation of the faculty.

8. Interim examinations and results

Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations

1. Students may participate in interim examinations or practical exercises of the components below only if they have passed the interim examination or examinations for the components mentioned hereinafter or participated in the examinations of these components:
 - Master's Thesis in Political Science: Democracy, Power and Inequality only after passing the subjects of period 1, participation Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe and participation Workshop Democracy, Power and Inequality;
 - Master's Thesis in Political Science: International Relations, Security and Global Order only after passing the subjects of period 1, participation in Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics OR participation in Selected Issues: International Security Studies and participation in Workshop International Relations, Security and Global Order;
 - Master's Thesis in Political Science: Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change only after passing the subjects of period 1, Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance and participation Workshop Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change;
 - Workshop in Democracy, Power and Inequality only after participation in Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe;
 - Workshop in International Relations, Security and Global Order only after participation in Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics or Selected Issues: International Security Studies;
 - Workshop in Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change only after participation in Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance.

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

9. Programme objectives, 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 specializations:

- Democracy, Power and Inequality;
- International Relations, Security and Global Order;
- Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change.

Article 9.3 Programme objective

The Master's programme in Political Science aims at enabling students to critically examine political issues at a high level of conceptual abstraction and to carry out in-depth academic theoretical and empirical research on a political topic in a globalizing context. For this purpose, the programme familiarizes them with a broad range of theories and approaches that serve both explanatory and critical aims. After completion of the programme, students are equipped to successfully carry out independent research work. While the programme has a strong academic orientation, it also prepares graduates to solve complex political questions within various professional fields, in government and public policy, and in profit and non-profit private organizations.

Article 9.4 Exit qualifications

1. Exit qualifications

A graduate of the study programme will

A. Have advanced knowledge and understanding of:

- the core debates in modern political science, especially those in general and comparative politics, international relations (including international security and global political economy), normative political theory and global environmental governance; and,
- social science methodology and its application in political science research.

A1. With regard to the field that is covered by their respective specialization, a graduate of the specialization will:

- have a thorough knowledge of the key issues, approaches and main theories;
- have an advanced understanding of a number of selected topics; and,
- have a thorough understanding of how the field is affected by the deepening interaction between national and international politics in the context of globalization.

B. Have mastered the following skills:

- to critically examine political issues at a high level of conceptual abstraction as well as translate them into terms understandable by a wider public;
- to apply qualitative and/or quantitative methods in political science research;
- to summarize, evaluate, and synthesize research results from political science and related fields and assess the policy relevance of these results;
- to carry out in-depth academic theoretical and empirical research on a topic within the areas of the respective specializations; political systems, public policies or international relations,
- to produce a research-based thesis that shows intellectual rigor and proficiency in the field; and,
- to learn, collaborate and communicate in an intercultural context.

C. Have developed the following attitudes:

- intellectual integrity and a willingness to self-assess and take responsibility for their own learning process;
- a critical attitude towards advanced political science literature, in particular pertaining to the literature of the respective specialization;

- an open, reflexive and independent attitude towards prevailing views on politics and their societal context.

2. Language proficiency may be taken into account in the assessment of (interim) examinations.

Article 9.5 Language of instruction

1. The language of instruction is English.
2. The 'Gedragscode vreemde taal' (code of conduct foreign languages) applies.

10. Curriculum structure

Article 10.1 Composition of the programme

1. The programme comprises at least of a package of compulsory components and an individual research project and Master's thesis.
2. 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.

Educational component	course code	EC	level
Core Debates in Political Science	S_CDPS	6	400
Applying Core Debates in Political Science	S_ACDPS	6	400
Political Research: Philosophy, Design and Practice	S_PRDP	6	500
Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Political Science	S_AQQMPS	6	600
<i>Specialization Democracy, Power and Inequality</i>			
Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe	S_SIDPSE	6	500
<i>One of the following:</i>			
- Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics	S_SIGPEG	6	500
OR			
- Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance OR	S_SIGEG	6	500
- Selected Issues: International Security Studies	S_SIIS	6	500
Workshop in Democracy, Power and Inequality	S_WDPI	6	600
Master's Thesis in Political Science: Democracy, Power and Inequality	S_MTPSD	18	600
<i>Specialization International Relations, Security and Global Order</i>			
Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics OR	S_SIGPEG	6	500
Selected Issues: International Security Studies	OR S_SIIS		
<i>One of the following:</i>			
- Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe OR	S_SIDPSE	6	500
- Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance OR	S_SIGEG	6	500
- Selected Issues: International Security Studies OR	S_SIIS	6	500
- Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics	S_SIGPEG	6	500
Workshop in International Relations, Security and Global Order	S_WIR	6	600
Master's Thesis in Political Science: International Relations, Security and Global Order	S_MTPSI	18	600
<i>Specialization Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change</i>			
Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance	S_SIGEG	6	500
<i>One of the following:</i>			
- Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe OR	S_SIDPSE	6	500
- Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics	S_SIGPEG	6	500
OR			
- Selected Issues: International Security Studies	S_SIIS	6	500
Workshop in Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change	S_WGEGS	6	600
Master's Thesis in Political Science: Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change	S_MTPSG	18	600

Article 10.3 Participation in practical training and tutorials

In the case of a practical training, or tutorials, the rules about obligatory attendance will be announced in the study guide for that subject on Canvas prior to the start of the teaching period for that subject.

11. Evaluation and transitional provisions

Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education

The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with the evaluation plan in Appendix I. The faculty evaluation plan offers the framework.

Article 11.2 Transitional provisions

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

Advice and approval by the Programme Committee, on 22 March 2021.

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on 3 June 2021.

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 14 June 2021.

Appendix I Evaluation plan Master Political Science

What does the programme evaluate?

A. Courses. B. Lecturers. C. Curriculum (whole/part). D. Connection to the labour market and mentoring. E. Integration of international students

A. Courses

Methods: (1). Student evaluation via questionnaire; (2). Discussion between lecturers about specific subjects via organised consultation; (3). Informal student evaluation in the meantime; (4). Conversation OLC; (5). Office hours/walk-in consultancy.

When (1). After completion of course, (2). After completion of relevant courses (3). During course; (4). After completion of course; (5). Weekly;

Who: (1). SOZ, (2). Lecturers of relevant courses/OPC, (3). Lecturer/OPD, (4). OPD, (5). OPD/OPC.

Follow-up: (1) to (3). Lecturer records improvements in course file and provides feedback on Canvas. (4) and (5). OPD sets out points for improvement in team of teachers and monitors implementation with OPC.

B. Lecturers

Methods: (1). Course evaluation (questions about the lecturer), (2). Annual evaluation, (3). Consultation with lecturers of specific courses, (4). Individual teacher interviews
Individual teacher interviews, (4)

When: (1). After completion of course, (2). 1 x per year, (3). Incidentally, (4). 1 x per period, in the event of a poor assessment or a signal from the OLC.

Who: (1). SOZ, (2). Management (3). Lecturers among themselves; (4). OPD.

Follow-up: (1) and (2). Lecturer includes points of improvement in course file, (3). Minutes lecturer meeting, (4) Report OPD - lecturer with points for improvement remains bilateral.

C. Curriculum

Methods: (1). Air your heart sessions with students, (2). Discussion with teaching team different curricula and learning lines, (3). Annual report (figures), (4). Conversation with minor students, (5). OLC.

When: (1). Annually per cohort 1 session, (2). 1 x per period, (3). 1 x per year, (4). 1 x per year, (5). Regularly

Who: (1). OPD/OPC, (2). OPD/OPC, (3). OPD/OPC, (4). OPC/STOK, (5). OLC.

Follow-up: (1). (2) In the autumn team meeting, test plan will be revised and curriculum improvements implemented, (3). Action points following the annual consultation with the faculty board, (4). Possible revision of the minor, (5). Feedback OLC to OPD about curriculum revisions.

D. Connection to the labour market and mentoring

Methods: AB. (1). Involving professional field in programme (by means of guest speakers, field advisory board). M. Students reflect on their own development and how it relates to the labour market.

When: Field Advisory Board annually, D2: Ongoing year 2 and year 3

Who: D1. OPD, D2. Mentoring coordinator with programme management

Follow-up: D1: Minutes, D2. Feedback mentors (part of teacher consultation)

E. Integration of international students

Methods: (1). Extra-curricular activities, (2). Keeping a finger on the pulse of lecturers, (3). Mentoring interviews.

When: (1). Frequently throughout the year, (2). Frequently throughout the year, (3). 2 x per year.

Who: (1.). OPD/OPC with student assistants, (2). Lecturers, (3).

Follow-up: (1). Annual evaluation of activities, (2). Lecturers inform student advisors and OPD/OPC, (3) Inform student advisors or OPD/OPC in case of problems/improvements.

Appendix II Transition Table Master Political Science

Specialization 2019-2020 or before	Specialization 2020-2021 onwards
European Public Policy in a Global Context	Democracy, Power and Inequality
International Relations and Transnational Governance	International Relations, Security and Global Order
Global Environmental Governance	Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change

Subject (in 2019-2020)	Replacement subject (2020-2021)
Theories and Approaches in International Relations and Theories and Approaches in Comparative European Politics	Core Debates in Political Science AND Applying Core Debates in Political Science
Theories and Approaches in International Relations	Core Debates in Political Science
Theories and Approaches in Comparative European Politics	Core Debates in Political Science
Selected Issues: European Politics and Policymaking	Selected Issues: Democracy, Populism and the State in Europe
Selected Issues: Transnational Political Economy	Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics
Selected Issues: International Security	Selected Issues: International Security Studies
Political and Policy Research: Philosophy and Design	Political Research: Philosophy, Design and Practice
Workshop in Comparative Policy and Politics	Workshop in Democracy, Power and Inequality AND Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Political Science
Workshop in International Relations	Workshop in International Relations, Security and Global Order AND Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Political Science
Workshop in Global Environmental Governance	Workshop in Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change AND Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Political Science
Master's Thesis in Political Science	Master's Thesis in Political Science: Democracy, Power and Inequality OR Master's Thesis in Political Science: International Relations, Security and Global Order OR Master's Thesis in Political Science: Global Environmental Governance, Sustainability and Climate Change

Appendix III Addendum Pertaining to the 2021-2022 Teaching and Examination Regulations

Master TER, 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 if, by 31 August 2021 at the latest, have not obtained a maximum of 18 EC of the Bachelor's programme that confers entitlement to admission, 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. • 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. <p>also admissible, students* who, by no later than 31 August 2021, have not obtained a maximum of 6 EC of 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. • 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). <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 7.4 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, have not obtained a maximum of 18 EC of 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. • 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. <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:

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 EEA 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 7.4 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.