# **Teaching and Examination Regulations**

# Masterprogramme in Global health (Research) Faculty of Science

Academic year 2020-2021

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Several articles for the 2020-2021 academic year will be temporarily suspended or amended as a result of the measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. These changes are included in Appendix V.

# **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.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
2.	These Regulations enter into force on 1 September 2020	Advice OLC, approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
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.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (9.38 sub b)

#### **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. double degree programme: joint programme in the context of cooperation between Vrije

Universiteit Amsterdam and the educational institution within and outside the Netherlands, as to gain a double university degree; of the VU and the educational institution concerned; though not being the same as

a 'joint degree programme' according to the art. 7.3c WHW';

d. EC (European Credit): an EC credit with a workload of 28 hours of study;

e. educational component: a unit of study of the programme within the meaning of the WHW;

f. examination: the final examination of the Master's programme;

g. exemption: Exemption from an examination/ practical/ fieldwork based on an earlier

successfully completed examination, or knowledge / skills of a similar

content, level and scope gained outside higher education;

h. FGV: Faculty joint assembly – assembly of the faculty student council and

faculty staff council;

i. 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;

i. 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;

k. OLC: programme committee;



I. period: a part of a semester;

m. 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

taking part in another educational learning activity aimed at

acquiring specific skills, or

participating in and completing a work placement;

n. programme: the totality and cohesion of the course components, teaching

activities/methods, contact hours, testing and examination methods and

recommended literature;

o. SAP/SLM: the student information system (Student Lifecycle Management);

p. semester: the first (September - January) or second half (February - August) of an

academic year;

q. specialization: optional route of study within a degree programme indicating a

deepening of the (inter/multi) disciplinary context of the programme;

r. 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/;

s. study monitor: dashboard for students and academic advisors with data of the student

(studiemonitor): and that provides insight into the student's study progress;

t. subject: see 'educational component';

u. substituting course/ see under c (double degree programme). A course obtained at the

educational component: educational institute, within the context of cooperation, that is

mentioned in the diploma supplement as such; not being an 'exemption'.

v. Track: full route of study within a broad bachelor's or master's degree

programme or a fully English-language route of study within a Dutch-

language bachelor's or master's degree;

w. Thesis/internship work

placement::

scientific research, always resulting in a written report;

x. university: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;

y. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger

Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek);

z. 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.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. Ever	semester consists of three consecutive periods of eight, eight and four weeks	Ordinance CvB,



	see appendix 3
3. An educational component comprises 6 EC or a multiple thereof.	Ordinance CvB,
	see appendix 3
4. By way of exception to paragraph 3, the Executive Board may in special cases and on	Ordinance CvB,
request of the Faculty Board, stipulate that a unit of study comprises 3 EC or a	see appendix 3
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.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2.	Signing up may only take place in the designated periods.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3.	If a student does not pass the examination and the resit of a component, the student is obligated to take the whole component again. This rule does not apply to practical exercises and programmes that make use of partial marks that retain their validity. For further regulations see Section B of the programme involved.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (7.13 x)

# Article 3.2 Type of examination

1. At the examiner's request, the Examination Board may permit a different form of	Advice OLC,	
interim examination than is stipulated in the study guide.	Approval FGV	
	(7.13 I)	

# Article 3.3 Oral interim examinations

Ī	1.	An oral assessment is public unless the Examination Board in special cases determines	Advice OLC;
		otherwise.	approval FGV
		otherwise.	(7.13 I and n)

#### Article 3.4 Determining and announcing results

1.	The examiner determines the result of a written interim examination as soon as	Ordinance CvB,
	possible, but at the latest within fifteen working days. By way of departure from that	see appendix 3
	stipulated in the first clause, the marking deadline for theses, internships/ work	
	placements 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.	a. The examiner determines the result (i.e. mark) of an oral examination as soon as	Advice OLC;
	possible, but at the latest within one working day after the examination has finished	approval FGV (7.13 o)
	and informs the student accordingly. The third sentence of the first paragraph applies.	(7.13 0)
	b. The examiner determines the result of an interim examination no later than five	
	working days before the next (interim) examination will be held.	
3.	In the case of alternative forms of oral or written examinations, the Examination	Advice OLC;
	Board determines in advance how and by what deadline the student will be informed	approval FGV (7.13 o)
	of the results.	(7.13 0)

#### Article 3.5 Examination opportunities

1.	a. Per academic year, two opportunities to take examinations per educational	Ordinance CvB,
	component will be offered.	see appendix 3



	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	Ordinance CvB,
	passed and failed units of study.	see appendix 3
3.	The resit for a (partial) interim examination must not take place within ten working days	Advice OLC;
	of the announcement of the result of the (partial) examination being resat.	approval FGV
_		(7.13 j)
4.	The Examination Board may allow a student an extra opportunity to sit an examination if	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
	that student:	see appendix 5
	<ul> <li>a) is lacking only those credits to qualify for their degree, and;</li> </ul>	
	b) has failed the examination during all the previously offered attempts, unless	
	participation in an examination was not possible for compelling reasons.	
	The extra opportunity can only be offered if it concerns a written examination, a paper	
	or a take home examination. This provision excludes the practical assignments and the	
	Master's thesis. Requests for an additional examination opportunity must be submitted	
	to the Examination Board no later than 15 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 following academic year, one	Advice OLC,
	opportunity will be provided to sit the interim examination(s) or parts thereof during the	approval FGV
	current academic year and a transitional arrangement for the subsequent period will be	(7.13 j)
	included in the programme-specific section of the teaching and examination regulation	
	(part B).	

# Article 3.6 Marks

1.	Partial marks are given on a	scale from	1 to 10	with no mo	ore than one decimal point.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2.	The final marks are given in	whole or h	nalf point	S.		Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3.	In deviation from paragraph	n 2, final m	arks betv	veen 5 and	6 will be rounded off to whole	Ordinance CvB,
	marks: up to 5.50 rounded	down; fron	5.50 ro	unded up. <sup>-</sup>	To pass a course, a 6 or higher	see appendix 3
	is required.					
	In case the examination of a	a compone	nt consis	ts of two o	r more parts, each of which are	
		•			meaning: the final mark) must	
	be rounded off using the fo	-		- (	<b>5</b> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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		1,25	1,74	1,5		
		1,75	2,24	2,0		
		2,25	2,74	2,5		
		2,75	3,24	3,0		
		3,25	3,74	3,5		
		3,75	4,24	4,0		
		4,25	4,74	4,5		
		4,75	5,49	5,0		
		5,50	6,24	6,0		
		6,25	6,74	6,5		
		6,75	7,24	7,0		
		7,25	7,74	7,5		
		7,75	8,24	8,0		



	8,25	8,74	8,5		
	8,75	9,24	9,0		
	9,25	9,74	9,5		
	9,75	10,0	10		
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4. The Examination Board ca	n allow to	use symb	ols rather th	nan numbers, for example;	Ordinance CvB,
v(oldaan), g(oed), n(iet)v(d	ol)d(aan), e	etc.). In ca	se a studen	t does not take part in any	see appendix 3
(interim) examination, the	examiner	will regist	er the marl	c'ns' (c.a. no show)	

# 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 a university or higher professional education programme that is equivalent in terms of content and level;  b) has demonstrated through their work and/or professional experience that the student has sufficient knowledge and skills with regard to the relevant course component.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 r)
2.	The Master's thesis, the final work placement (c.q. internship) and the final project (c.q. final paper) are excluded from this exemption possibility.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
3.	A maximum of 18 EC for a one-year master programme and 36 EC for a one two-year master programme can be accumulated through granted exemption. The substituting courses (educational components) are not included.  This regulation does not apply if a student is (simultaneously) enrolled in multiple programmes, which lead to multiple degrees, where courses may be part of both programmes.  The Examination Board may decide to deviate from this regulation for a programme.	Advice OLC,

# Article 3.8 Validity period for results

1.	The validity period of interim examinations passed and exemption from interim	Legal provision
	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	Advice OLC;
	was sat or until the end of the unit of study concerned, as stipulated for the relevant	approval FGV
	unit of study in Section B.	(9.38 sub 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, the student can, on request, inspect their assessed work, the questions and assignments set in it, as well as the standards applied for marking. The place and time will be announced at the time of the interim examination or on VUnet or Canvas.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 p en q)
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 their own.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 q)
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 p en q)



# 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 their disposal in VUnet.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)	
- -	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	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)	

#### Article 4.2 Facilities for students with a disability

VI LICIE	4.2 Facilities for students with a disability	
1.	A student with a disability can, at the moment of submission to VUnet, or at a later	Advice OLC;
	instance, submit a request to qualify for one or more special facilities with regard to	approval FGV (7.13 m)
	teaching, practical training and interim examinations. These facilities will	(7.13 III)
	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	Advice OLC;
	from a doctor or psychologist. If possible, an estimate should be given of the potential	approval FGV
	impact on the student's study progress. In case of a chronic disability a single (one	(7.13 m)
	time) request suffices.	
3.	Students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia must provide a statement from a	Advice OLC;
	BIG, NIP or NVO registered professional who is qualified to conduct psychological	approval FGV
	evaluation.	(7.13 m)
4.	The faculty board, or the responsible person on behalf of the faculty board, decides	Advice OLC;
	on teaching facilities and facilities regarding logistics. The Examination Board will rule	approval FGV (7.13 m)
	on requests for facilities with regard to examinations.	(7.13 III)
5.	In the event of a positive decision in response to a request as referred to in paragraph	Advice OLC;
	1, the student can make an appointment with the academic advisor to discuss the	approval FGV (7.13 m)
	details of the provisions.	(7.13 III)
6.	A request for one or more facilities can be refused if it would place a disproportionate	Advice OLC;
	burden on the organization or the resources of the faculty or university were it	approval FGV
	upheld.	(7.13 m)
7.	If the disability justifies an extension of the interim examination time, the responsible	Advice OLC;
	person on behalf of the Examination Board will register in SAP this entitlement to an	approval FGV (7.13 m)
	extension. If a disability justifies other measures to be taken, the Examination Board	(7.13 III)
	will advise the Faculty Board on the necessary measures to be taken. The student can	
	consult the study monitor to check which facilities have been granted.	
8.	The decision as referred to in paragraph 5 is valid for a maximum period of one year	Advice OLC;
	with the exception for the chronic diseases and disabilities.	approval FGV
		(7.13 m)



#### 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.

Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)



# Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

# 6. General programme information and characteristics

#### Article 6.1 Study programme information

1.	The programme Global Health CROHO number 66903 is offered on a full-time basis.	Advice OLC;
		approval FGV
		(7.13 i)

#### Article 6.1a Deviant size of educational component

By w	y way of derogation from art. 2.1 par. 3, the units listed below have deviant size of 3 EC:			Approval OLC
	Course code	Name course	EC	(art. 7.13 lid 2, under e),
	AM_1047	Ethics in Global Health	3	approval CvB
	AM_1048	Writing Research Grant	3	
		proposal		

#### Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment

1.	The programme uses the teaching formats as specified in the study guide.	Advice OLC;
		approval FGV
		(7.13 x)
2.	The modes of assessment used per educational component are specified in the study	Advice OLC;
	guide.	approval FGV
	Saide:	(7.13 l)

#### Article 6.3 Academic student counselling

1.	The programme offers the following counselling in addition to the student	Advice OLC;
	counselling mentioned in Section A: not applicable.	approval FGV (7.13 u)

# 7. Further admission requirements

#### Article 7.1 Intake date(s)

1.	The programme starts on September 1.	Advice OLC;
		approval FGV
		(9.38 sub b)
2.	The educational programme has a limited programme capacity. The programme	Approval OLC (art.
	accepts a maximum of 35 students per year	7.13 par. 2)

#### Article 7.2 Admission requirements

1.	Adr	nission to the Master's programme is possible for an applicant who has	Partly legal provison
	obt	ained a Bachelor's degree obtained at an institution of academic higher	& ordinance CvB, see
	، ما،	estion, which demonstrates the following knowledge, understanding and skills.	appendix 3.
	eau	ication, which demonstrates the following knowledge, understanding and skills:	Admission
	a.	Knowledge	requirements
			excepted from
		A Bachelor's degree in one of the disciplines linked to Global Health (e.g. Medical Biology, Health Sciences, Medical Anthropology, Medicine, Health	participation in WHW



	Economics, Health Management, Pharmacy, Psychology, Nursing, Public policy) with basic knowledge of epidemiology/statistics (preferably at least 6 EC). A deficiency in the knowledge of Epidemiology can be compensated by taking additional courses (before the commencement of the study).  A GPA of 3.0 (7.0 in the Dutch grading system) or higher. For non-EU students, the transcript and the quality of the Bachelor's program are evaluated by the VU International Office. If the diploma or a previous study program is not known by the International Office, the file of the student is sent to the NUFFIC office for additional evaluation and advice.	
	b. understanding	
	C. Skills	Partly legal provison
2.	Applicants who wish to follow the track must, in addition to the provisions in paragraph 1, also meet the following requirements with regard to: not applicable.	& ordinance CvB, see appendix 3. Admission requirements excepted from participation in WHW
3.	Applicants with a bachelor's degree obtained at an institution outside the	Advice OLC;
	Netherlands may be asked for additional methods to prove that they meet the	approval FGV
	admission requirements.	(9.38 sub b)
4.	An applicant should demonstrate 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:  - (academic) IELTS: 6.5  - TOEFL paper based test: 580  - TOEFL internet based test 92	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
5.	<ul> <li>Applicants who:         <ul> <li>completed an English-taught secondary or higher education degree in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia or</li> <li>have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an English-taught programme accredited by NVAO in the Netherlands, or</li> </ul> </li> <li>have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an accredited English-taught programme in another member state of the European Union</li> <li>have obtained a Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) or a Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) with at least a score of A,B or C</li> <li>are exempted from the requirements referred to in paragraph 4.</li> </ul>	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 ub b)
6.	The Admission Board will decide whether the applicant meets the admission requirements.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)

# Article 7.3 Selection criteria

1.	In addition to the admission requirements referred to in Article 7.2, the Faculty board	Partly legal
	also sets (at least two of) the following selection criteria:	provision & ordinance CvB,
	a. A high level of relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated by:	see appendix 3.
		Admission
		requirements



	a.	an average mark of at least 7,5 for the relevant years of the previous	excepted from
		Bachelor's degree programme	participation in WHW
	b.	at least a mark of 8 for the Bachelor's thesis or similar	VVIIVV
b.	Motivat	tion for the programme, demonstrated by letter of motivation stating clearly	
	why the	e applicant wants to enrol into the Master's programme Global Health at the	
	VU Univ	versity Amsterdam	
c.	A high g	general academic level demonstrated by at least a mark of 8 for the	
	Bachelo	or's thesis or similar	

#### Article 7.4 Pre-Master's programme

1.	Applicants with a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science (HBO) or a	Advice OLC;
	Bachelor's degree from an institution of academic higher education who wish to enter	approval FGV
	the programme but do not fulfill the admission requirements as stipulated in Article	(9.38 sub b)
	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	Advice OLC;
	regulation of the faculty	approval FGV
	-0	(9.38 sub b)

# 8. Interim examinations and results

# Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations

1.	Students may participate in interim examinations of the components below only if	Advice OLC;
	they have passed the interim examination or examinations for the components	approval FGV
	mentioned hereinafter:	(7.13 h, s & t)
	- Students need to have passed the exams of 24 EC of the compulsory courses of	
	year 1 and the practical exercises before they can start their Research Project	
	Global Health; and the courses Addressing the Burden of Disease and Advanced	
	Methodology ILA in Global Health of year 2 (12 EC) before they can start the	
	Global Health Master thesis.	
	- A course can only be passed when the scores on all parts of the examinations	
	are sufficient (6.0 or higher).	

# Article 8.2 Validity period for results

1.	The validity period of the interim examinations and exemptions from interim examinations below, is limited as follows: See Article 3.8 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations, section A. No further specific provisions.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 k)
2.	A student may request the Examination Board to extend the validity of an exam. If the exam shows that a student's knowledge is insufficient or outdated, or if the student's skills and insights evaluated in the exam are demonstrably outdated, the Examination Board may impose a supplementary examination, impose a replacement examination or refuse to extend the period of validity.	Legal provision
3.	In situations where a limited period of validity applies, the period of validity of examinations may be extended in the event of extenuating circumstances as stipulated in WHW Article 7.51, paragraph 2, with at least the period of allocated financial assistance specified in WHW Article 7.15, paragraph 1.	Legal provision



# Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

#### 9. Programme objectives, specializations and exit qualifications

#### Article 9.1 Workload

1. The programme has a workload of 120 EC	Advice OLC;
	(7.13 a)

#### **Article 9.2 Specializations**

The programme has no specializations.	Advice OLC;
	(7.13 a)

#### Article 9.3 Programme objective

The programme aims at: After graduation the student possesses academic knowledge, attitude and skills for the integral analysis of complex (inter) national health problems as well as for the formulation, implementation and evaluation of integral intervention strategies through inter- and transdisciplinary research and taking a system's perspective.

Advice OLC; (7.13 a)

#### Article 9.4 Exit qualifications

rticle 9.4 Exit	qualifications	
1. At all e	vents, a graduate of the study programme will have:	Approval OLC
S/ł	ge of relevant theoretical frameworks from social, behavioral, and beta sciences. The has relevant knowledge of the latest developments within these disciplines in as they are connected to Global Health. In particular, the student acquires:  Insight in the most important concepts and theories in the field of Global Health and in relevant related disciplines like health sciences, (bio)medical sciences,	(7.13)
b)	management and policy sciences, economics and social sciences including medical anthropology.  Robust knowledge of and insight in systems thinking and the related models, theories, and related concepts (participation, multi-dimensionality, constructivism, complex adaptive systems, non-linear frameworks)  Insight in the relevance and function of scientific research in the field of Global Health in society	
sci an	e student has acquired the knowledge and insight that are essential for conducting entific research in the field of Global Health. This includes designing, implementing, d evaluating both health interventions and health care systems to address Global alth challenges:	
a) b)	Knowledge on research methodologies in the different sub-disciplines of Global Health and their underlying epistemological theories.  Knowledge of relevant quantitative and qualitative research methodologies and research techniques, their inherent advantages and disadvantages and the way	
c) d)	they fit in with research methodologies Insight in the way data are gathered, processed, analysed and reported Knowledge of and insight in methods to ensure the quality of scientific research (validity, bias, sampling, etcetera)	
3. Kno	owledge in and insight of transdisciplinary research in relation to Global Health	
a)	The positioning of the transdisciplinary research approach with respect to mono, multi- and interdisciplinary research and insight in the differences and relevance;	



- b) Knowledge of the status quo concerning theory (epistemology, methodology, inclusive quality criteria) and insight into the most important research questions within transdisciplinary research;
- c) Central concepts of transdisciplinary research (active participation of relevant societal actors, collective learning process, systems thinking and so forth);
- d) Insight into relevant concepts and theories for effective communication and cooperation in the framework of transdisciplinary research;
- e) Insight into the steps to be taken in transdisciplinary research and related methodological aspects
- 4. After graduation the student has an attitude that fits with effectively conducting transdisciplinary research in the field of Global Health:
  - a) An open, respectful attitude, a reflective, inquisitive nature, critical thinking with regard to ones thinking and handling, cultural sensitivity, and to be aware of the dynamics in group processes and the associated visions, interests and power positions, and to be aware of the broad variation of influences and the willingness to take this into account in research.
  - b) The student looks for solutions and takes responsibility for personal development and personal actions.
- 5. The student has the following general academic capabilities:
  - a) Ability to work in projects
  - b) The student is able to explain fundamental underlying assumptions and theoretical schools of his/her focus in global health to scientists and nonscientists alike, incorporating different lines of reasoning, and with the ability to analyse and defend these different points of view.
  - c) The student is able to report findings both in presentations and in reports, for scientists and non-scientists alike.
  - d) The student is able to define personal learning goals and evaluate their own functioning by both self-reflection and consultation with others.
  - e) The student has the ability to independently acquire new knowledge and capabilities in future situations (life-long learning)
- 6. The student has developed the following academic research capabilities:
  - a) The student can independently acquire information on Global Health challenges in different relevant disciplines by means of studying literature and conducting empirical research.
  - b) The student can analyse acquired data in an integral and scientifically critical fashion
  - c) The student contributes to scientific discussions on planning research and analysing results
- 7. The student has the skills for conducting transdisciplinary research with respect to:
  - a) Setting up a research plan for transdisciplinary research
  - b) Selecting, combining and carrying out methods and techniques for transdisciplinary research and analysing obtained data
  - c) Stimulating group processes and learning processes for transdisciplinary research
  - d) Communicating and co-operating with researchers from different scientific disciplines, as well as professionals from businesses and health, and with policy makers and
  - e) citizens from different cultural backgrounds
  - f) Integrating knowledge and insight from different alpha-, beta- and gamma disciplines, as well as from relevant societal knowledge
  - g) Monitoring and evaluating the quality and effectiveness of transdisciplinary research



8. The student is able to formulate strategies that contribute to solving Global Health issues (on the basis of results from inter- and transdisciplinary research), and to assess them in terms of appropriateness and societal relevance, and thereby continually taking into account ethical and normative aspects.	
9. The student has skills for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of interventions and system innovations and is able to conduct comparative analyses (by means of transdisciplinary research)	
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1, a graduate of the track/specialization will have the following knowledge and understanding: not applicable.	Approval OLC (7.13)
3. Language proficiency may be taken into account in the assessment of (interim) examinations.	Approval OLC (7.13 c)

#### Article 9.5 Language of instruction

1.	The language of instruction is English.	Approval OLC (9.18)
2.	The 'Gedragscode vreemde taal' (code of conduct foreign languages) applies	Ordinance CvB,
		see appendix 3

#### 10. Curriculum structure

# Article 10.1 Composition of the programme

1.	The programme comprises at least a package of compulsory components and an	Ordinance CvB,
	individual Master's thesis or academic internship.	see appendix 3
2.	Additionally the programme can offer:	Advice OLC;
	- Electives	(7.13 a)
3.	Educational components are categorized as specialized (400), research oriented (500)	Ordinance CvB,
	and highly specialized (600) level.	see appendix 3

# Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components

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

Educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	Advice OLC;
				(7.13 a)
Research Methods in Global Health	AM_1175	6	500	
Global Health Interventions	AM_1176	6	500	
Governance for Global Health	AM_1177	6	400	
International Comparative Analysis of Health Systems	AM_470820	6	500	
Research Project Global Health year 1	AM_1102	30	400	
Addressing Disease Burden in a Global Context	AM_1045	6	600	
Advanced Methodology ILA in Global Health	AM_1044	6	600	
Academic writing for Global Health	AM_1247	6	500	
Ethics in Global Health	AM_1047	3	600	
Writing Research Grant Proposal	AM_1048	3	600	
Global Health Master Thesis	AM_1116	30	600	



# Article 10.3 Elective educational components

1. The student can take one or more of the following electives without prior consent from				Advice OLC;	
the Examination Board:					
Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level		
Materialities in practice	AMU_0028	6	500		
Sex, reproduction and development	Sex, reproduction and development AMU_0029 6 500				
Challenges in Health Systems Innovation AM_1026 6 500					
Future Medicine	AM_1248	6	500		
Figure it out	AM_1271	6	600		
Disability and development	AM_470588	6	500		
Culture, Psychology and Psychiatry AME_0001 6 500					
2. If the student wishes to take a different educational component than listed, advance					
permission must be obtained in writing from the Examinations Board.				(7.13 a)	

#### Article 10.4 Practical exercise

The following components can be considered as practical exercises: Not applicable.	Approval OLC
	(7.13 d)

#### Article 10.5 Participation in practical training and tutorials

1.	1. In the case of a practical training, the student must attend at least 100 % of the practical	
	sessions. Should the student attend less than 100 %, the student must repeat the	
	practical training, or the Examinations Board may have one or more supplementary	
	assignments issued.	
2.	In the case of a tutorial, the student must attend at least 100 % of the practical sessions.	Approval OLC
	Should the student attend less than 100 %, the student must repeat the practical	(7.13 d)
	training, or the Examinations Board may have one or more supplementary assignments	
	issued.	

#### 11. Evaluation and transitional provisions

#### Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education

The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with the (attached)	Approval OLC
evaluation plan. The faculty evaluation plan offers the framework.	(7.13 a1)

#### Article 11.2 Transitional provisions

В	By way of departure from the Teaching and Examination Regulations currently in force, the	Advice OLC
following transitional provisions apply for students who started the programme under a		(7.13 a)
р	previous set of Teaching and Examination Regulations: Not applicable	

Advice and approval by the Programme Committee, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Science on July  $17^{\rm th}$ , 2020.



#### 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.

#### Section A: Faculty section

rection 7.1. I deality Section			
2. Study programme structure			
Article 2.1 Structure of academic year and educational components 7.13 paragraph 2 sub e			
3. Assessment and Examination			
Article 3.2 Type of examination	7.13 paragraph 2 sub h, l, j		
Article 3.3 Oral interim examinations	7.13 paragraph 2 sub l, n		
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 su			
4. Academic student counselling and study progress			
Article 4.1 Administration of study progress and academic student counselling	7.13 paragraph 2 sub u		
Article 4.2 Facilities for students with a disability 7.13 paragraph 2 sub m			

# 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				
Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment	7.13 paragraph 2 sub l, x			
[option:] Article 6.3 Academic student counselling	7.13 paragraph 2 sub u			
7. Further admission requirements				
Article 7.2 Admission requirements	7.30b paragraph 1			
Article 7.3 Selection criteria 7.30b paragraph 2, 5				
8. Interim examinations and results				
Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations 7.13 paragraph 2 sub				
[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

section Bz. 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 (implement			
	expected in 2020)		
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			
[Optional] Article 10.3 Elective educational components 7.13 paragraph			
[Optional] Article 10.4 Practical exercise 7.13 paragraph 2			
Article 10.5 Participation in practical training and tutorials 7.13 paragraph 2 su			
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	
	1	Α	ı	Α	
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 onderwijseenheden					
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 binnen 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) Disclaimer: this is a translation which only serves as an aid. No rights may be derived from it. The Dutch

document prevails.

Article 7.13, paragraph 2, of the Higher Education and Research Act		FGV		OplC	
		Α	T	Α	
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.					
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.					

#### 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*) Entered into force on 1 June 2018

#### (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 Entered into force on 1 June 2018

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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:

Programme Committee.

- 1. at 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. at universities of applied science: the participation council, district council, student committee or
- 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 any size with full legal capacity, or a similar organization of any size, whose primary task regards general societal interest and which actually develops activities for this purpose.
- 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.





#### Appendix V

#### Addendum to the 2020-2021 Academic and Examination Regulations Master's degree programmes

Several articles for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 academic year, which ends 31 August 2021. In this regard, reference is also made to the addendum to the Application and Registration Regulations for the 2020-2021 academic year.

#### Part B1 Programme-specific section

#### Article 7.2 Admission requirements

Supplementary to Article 7.2.1, students\* are also admissible for the 2020-2021 academic year (start date September 2020) if, at the latest by 31 August 2020

they have earned at least 150 EC of the Bachelor's programme (university in The Netherlands or EEA (European Economic Area)) that confers entitlement to admission, under the following conditions:

- The Bachelor's degree certificate must still be obtained before 1 September 2021 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.
- Additional admission requirements (not EC related) remain applicable.

they have earned at least 24 EC of the bridging or pre-Master's programme, under the following conditions:

- The bridging or pre-Master's programme must still be successfully completed before 1
  September 2021 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.
- Additional admission requirements (not EC related) remain applicable.

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

#### Article 7.4 Bridging or pre-Master's programme

Supplementary to Article 7.4.1, students\* are also admissible for the 2020-2021 academic year (start date September 2020) if, at the latest by 31 August 2020 they have earned at least 210 EC of the designated HBO Bachelor's programme, under the following conditions:

- The HBO Bachelor's diploma must still be obtained before 1 September 2021 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.
- Additional admission requirements (not EC related) remain applicable.

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

