

Teaching and Examination Regulations

Bachelorprogramme in Biomedical Sciences 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;
- j. 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;
- l. 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 (*studie monitor*);
- t. subject: see 'educational component';
- u. substituting course/ educational component: see under c (double degree programme). A course obtained at the 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. Every 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 request of the Faculty Board, stipulate that a unit of study comprises 3 EC or a multiple thereof.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 2.2 Frame study programme

1. The programme consists in any case of the following components: a. Academic development of at least 24 EC b. Major/compulsory components of at least 90 EC c. Elective components of study of at least 30 EC	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. In the first year of the programme, the programme will offer at least fourteen contact hours a week.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3. In the second and third years of the programme, the programme will offer at least twelve contact hours a week.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
4. Internationalization is included as part of the Bachelor's programme and reflected in one or more educational components.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 2.3. Sequence of the programme

1. Students are admitted to take courses in the third year of study if they: - Passed all examinations from the first year and; - Have obtained at least 30EC from the second year. Students who do not meet these conditions will not be admitted to third-year study components.	New article, faculty addition 2020-2021
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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 fails both the exam and the resit, the student must repeat the entire unit of study. This rule does not apply to practical exercises and programmes that make use of partial grades that retain their validity. For further regulations see Section B of the programme involved.	Advice OLC, approval FGV, (art. 7.13 x)

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.	Advice OLC, Approval FGV (7.13 l)
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Article 3.3 Oral interim examinations

1. An oral assessment is public unless the Examination Board in special cases determines otherwise.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 l and n)
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Article 3.4 Determining and announcing results

1. The examiner determines the result of a written interim examination as soon as possible, but at the latest within fifteen working days. By way of departure from that stipulated in the first clause, the marking deadline for theses [and final assignments] is no longer than twenty working days. The examiner will then immediately ensure that the marks are registered and also ensures that the student is immediately notified of the mark, taking due account of the applicable confidentiality standards.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. a. The examiner determines the result (i.e. mark) of an oral examination as soon as possible, but at the latest within one working day after the examination has finished and informs the student accordingly. The third sentence of the first paragraph applies. b. The examiner will determine the result of the partial examination at least five working days prior to the next (partial) examination opportunity.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 o)
3. In the case of alternative forms of oral or written examinations, the Examination Board determines in advance how and by what deadline the student will be informed of the results.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 o)

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.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
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.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 j)
4. The Examination Board may allow a student an extra opportunity to sit an examination if that student: a) is lacking only those credits to qualify for their degree, and; 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 Bachelor'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.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
5. If an educational component is no longer offered in the following academic year, one opportunity will be provided to sit the interim examination(s) or parts thereof during the current academic year and a transitional arrangement for the subsequent period will be included in the programme-specific section of the teaching and examination regulation (part B).	Advice OLC, approval FGV (7.13 j)

Article 3.6 Marks

1. Partial marks are given on a scale from 1 to 10 with no more than one decimal point.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3																																																									
2. The final marks are given in whole or half points.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3																																																									
3. In deviation from paragraph 2, final marks between 5 and 6 will be rounded off to whole marks: up to 5.50 rounded down; from 5.50 rounded up. To pass a course, a 6 or higher is required. In case the examination of a component consists of two or more parts, each of which are graded separately, the (weighted) mean of these marks (meaning: the final mark) must be rounded off using the following table:	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3																																																									
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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.). In case a student does not take part in any (interim) examination, the examiner will register the mark 'ns' (c.q. no show).	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3																																																									

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> has passed a course component of a university or higher professional education programme that is equivalent in terms of content and level; 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 Bachelor's thesis is excluded from this exemption possibility.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
3. A maximum of 60 EC of the curriculum can be accumulated through granted exemptions for one three-year bachelor programme. The substituting courses (educational components) are not included.	Advice OLC,

<p>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.</p> <p>The Examination Board may decide to deviate from this regulation for a programme.</p>	
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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.	Legal provision
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (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. Honours programme

Article 4.1 Honours programme

1. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers an honours programme for students who meet the admission requirements. The Honours programme consists of educational components taken in addition to the standard curriculum.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. The honours programme comprises 30 EC, a minimum of 12 EC of which consist of faculty or programme honours components and a minimum of another 12 EC consist of interfaculty honours components. The choices available to the student will be published on the website (www.vu.nl).	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3. For admission to the honours programme, the student must have secured all credits from the first year and have been awarded a weighted average mark of at least a 7.5.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
4. A student who has met the requirements of the regular Bachelor's programme within the nominal duration of study, who has achieved an average weighted mark of at least 7.5 for all components of the Bachelor's programme (excluded the honours components) and who has also met the requirements of the honours programme will receive a Bachelor diploma with a transcript indicating that the student has successfully completed the honours programme.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
5. First-year Bachelor's students can participate in honours components during the second semester, on the condition that they have earned 30 EC during the first	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

semester with a weighted average of at least a 7.5. First-year students can only participate in honours components that are open for first-year students.	
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5. Academic student counselling, advice regarding continuation of studies and study progress

Article 5.1 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 VU.net.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)
2. Enrolled students are eligible for academic student counselling. Academic student counselling is provided by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Student General Counselling Service Student psychologists Faculty academic advisors 	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)

Article 5.2 Advice regarding continuation of studies

1. The faculty board will issue every student on a full-time Bachelor's programme with a recommendation on continuation of their studies, at the end of the first year of study. The recommendation on continuation of studies is issued on behalf of the faculty board by the faculty BSA committee.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. Prior to 1 February, the student will receive an overview of their results.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3. A student who has not completed enough EC, will receive a warning stating that sufficient improvement is necessary to reach the standard for a positive recommendation on continuation of studies at the end of the academic year and will be advised to plan a meeting with an academic advisor.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)
4. If the recommendation at the end of the academic year is negative the provisions of Article 5.3 apply.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)
5. A recommendation will not be issued if the student terminates their enrolment before 1 February of their first academic year.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)

Article 5.3 Binding (negative) recommendation on continuation of studies (BSA)

1. The recommendation issued at the end of the academic year will contain a binding rejection if the student has not achieved the standard required for positive recommendation on continuation of studies. Recommendation on continuation of studies will not be issued if the student demonstrates that they did not meet the standard as described in Article 2.1 of the Higher Education and Research (Implementation) Act (<i>Uitvoeringsbesluit WHW</i>). In order to obtain a positive recommendation on continuation of studies, the student must have obtained at least 42 EC from first year courses by the end of the first year of enrolment.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. As soon as possible after the last resits of the second semester of the first year, a student who has not met the standard will be informed that the faculty board intends to issue the student with negative binding recommendation on continuation of studies. The same procedure applies in the next year of enrolment if the student was permitted to continue with their study programme as a result of personal circumstances and has still not successfully met all of the requirements of the first year of study by that time. No recommendation will be issued to the student if they demonstrate that they again did not meet the standard as a consequence of personal circumstances.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

3. Along with the information referred to in the previous paragraph, the student will also be informed of the possibility of being heard by the BSA committee and of how they can apply for such a hearing.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
4. As soon as possible (no more than 10 working days) after the hearing and on the advice of the BSA committee, the faculty board will determine which students will be issued with a negative binding recommendation on continuation of studies.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
5. Students may lodge an appeal against a decision on a binding negative recommendation on continuation of studies with the Examination Appeals Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam within six weeks of the day of the decision's announcement.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
6. Students who receive a binding negative recommendation on continuation of studies may therefore not enrol in the same Bachelor's programme or Bachelor's programme(s) with the same first year as defined in Article 14.1.2 of section B during a period of three years.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 5.4 Personal circumstances

1. The faculty board will not include a rejection in the binding recommendation on the continuation of studies in the case of personal circumstances, as described in Article 2.1 of the Higher Education and Research (Implementation) Act, as a result of which the student concerned cannot have been reasonably expected to have met the BSA standard.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)
2. If a circumstance, as described in Article 2.1 of the Higher Education and Research (Implementation) Act, should occur, the student must notify the academic adviser office as soon as possible, providing details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the period in which the circumstance occurs or occurred; b) a description of the circumstance and its seriousness; c) the extent to which the student cannot or could not participate in instruction/classes or an interim examination. It is the student's responsibility to submit documentary evidence to substantiate their report.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)
4. If required, the academic advisor may advise the BSA Committee on the extent to which personal circumstances have influenced the student's study progress.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)

Article 5.5 Facilities for students with a disability

1. A student with a disability can, at the moment of submission to VUnet, 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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)

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 rule on requests for facilities with regard to examinations.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
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 academic advisor to discuss the details of the facilities.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
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 Examination Board 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.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
8. The decision as referred to in paragraph 5 is valid for a maximum period of one year with the exception for the chronic diseases and disabilities.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)

6. Hardship clause

Article 6.1 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)
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Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

7. General programme information and characteristics

Article 7.1 Study programme information

1. The programme B Biomedical Sciences 59324 is offered on a full-time basis.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 i)
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Article 7.1a Deviant size of educational component

By way of derogation from art. 2.1 the units listed below have deviant size:			Approval OLC (art. 7.13 lid 2, under e), approval CvB
Course code	Name course	EC	
AB_BMED_FIRE	Fire control course for BMED students	OEC	
VU_ELT	English Language Test	OEC	
AB_1228	Study and Career BMED year 1	OEC	
AB_1232	Study and Career BMED year 2	OEC	

Article 7.2 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 guide.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 l)

Article 7.3 Academic student counselling

1. The programme offers the following counselling in addition to the student counselling mentioned in Section A: - tutors	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)
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8. Further admission requirements

Article 8.1 Additional previous education requirements

1. Students who meet the previous education requirements as stipulated in the current 'Regulations on Additional Prior Education Requirements for Higher Education' (<i>Regeling nadere vooropleidingseisen hoger Onderwijs - OCW</i>) will gain access to the programme.	Legal provision
2. Students who do not meet the previous education requirements as stimulated in 'Regulations on Additional Prior Education Requirements for Higher Education' currently in force may still be admitted to the programme by successfully completing one or more of the following exams: - Physics; - Chemistry; - Mathematics (A or B); - Biology.	Exception in WHW: advice OLC
3. The language requirements and conditions for registration are included in the Application and Registration Regulation of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 8.2 Colloquium doctum (entrance examination)

<p>1. Persons aged 21 years and older who do not meet the requirements for previous education can submit a request to the Executive Board to take an entrance examination (colloquium doctum), as stipulated in Article 7.29 of the WHW. The entrance examination concerns the following subjects at final pre-university examination level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physics; - Chemistry; - Mathematics (A or B); - Biology. 	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)</p>
<p>2. The proof that the entrance examination has been passed, only provides entitlement to admission to the intended programme or programmes for the academic year after the examination was taken.</p>	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)</p>

Article 8.3 Additional English language requirements for Bachelor's programmes based on special educational concept or with a special quality mark

<p>1. not applicable</p>	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)</p>
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9. Interim examinations and results

Article 9.1 Sequence of interim examinations

<p>1. Students may participate in interim examinations and practical exercises of the components below only if they have passed the interim examination or examinations for the components mentioned hereinafter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics and methodology (AB_1201) after passing Research in Biomedical Sciences (AB_1142); - Optional course Infectious diseases (AB_471024) after passing Microbiology-Toxicology (AB_1139) and Immunology (AB_1144); - Third year: All of the components of the first year and at least 30EC of the second year; - Practical exercise (AB_1234 or AB_1235) of the third year, only if he/she has passed the interim examinations of the following examination components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All of the components of the first year (60EC), and; o Attended all course components (60EC) of the second year and passed at least 42EC of these components, including at least 18EC in the semester in which the placement is taken; o Furthermore, in order to start this course the students are required to already have found an internship placement which has been approved and completely administered by the BSc Internship Coordinator. 	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 h, 7.13 s/t)</p>
<p>2 not applicable</p>	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 h, 7.13 s/t)</p>

Article 9.2 Validity period for results

<p>1. The validity period of the interim examinations and exemptions from interim examinations below, is limited as follows:</p> <p>a. The validity period of a partial examination (f.e. practicals, work groups and assignments) is limited to two academic years, with the condition that the content of the partial examination has not changed.</p>	<p>Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 k)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Legal provision</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Legal provision</p>

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

10. Programme objectives, specializations, exit qualifications and language

Article 10.1 Programme objective

<p>The programme aims at equipping students with a solid scientific background in human biology in health and disease. The programme provides students with fundamental knowledge in diverse aspects of human biology, and trains students to apply this knowledge in practical scientific research, working towards new solutions for timely medical, clinical and societal challenges. Human biology is studied at every level of organization, from molecules and genes to whole organisms to human populations. Furthermore, students are trained in general academic skills, and are motivated to develop a critical, independent and reflective attitude and an open mind towards societal responsibilities in their future positions.</p>	<p>Advice OLC; (7.13 a) Discussed, ok</p>
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Article 10.2 Tracks and/or specializations

<p>The programme has the following tracks and/or specializations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - none 	<p>Approval OLC; (7.13 b) Anders: there are no tracks and/or specs</p>
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Article 10.3 Exit qualifications

<p>1. At all events, a graduate of the study programme will have knowledge and understanding in the field of</p> <p>A. Knowledge and understanding</p> <p>The bachelor is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independently acquire multidisciplinary knowledge and understanding of biomedical health issues that are new to him or her; • explain the biological basis of disease and health; • to describe the broad methodological basis of biomedical research. <p>B. Applying knowledge and understanding</p> <p>The bachelor is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • define a specific biomedical question, formulate hypotheses and formulate interpretations; • systematically collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative data; • to carry out biomedical research using the appropriate methods, techniques and statistical analyses; • act on the basis of knowledge of regulations concerning scientific integrity; • to act and communicate in a respectful and responsible social and ethical manner in the field of science, employment relations and society. <p>C. Critical judgement</p> <p>The bachelor is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select, understand and critically assess professional literature; • assess whether biomedical laboratory techniques or research models are suitable and applicable for answering a research question or problem; 	<p>Approval OLC (7.13 c) Question marks</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the value of biomedical data collected and their applicability for answering a research question or problem definition; • form an integer opinion on biomedical issues based on relevant clinical, scientific, ethical and societal aspects; • multidisciplinary thinking on biomedical issues and establishing links with related disciplines (e.g. Medicine and Biology). <p>D. Communication</p> <p>The bachelor is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate verbally and in writing with colleagues, professionals and society; • expressing a reasoned opinion orally and in writing. <p>E. Learning skills</p> <p>The bachelor is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to think critically; • reflect on his/her own role and activities and then act accordingly; • give and receive feedback and value it and act accordingly; • setting realistic goals, planning and working on a project basis; • working constructively with (bio)medical professionals and students; • to choose a follow-up study and career that is appropriate to the possibilities and interests of the bachelor. 	
2. Not applicable.	Approval OLC (7.13 b)
3. Language proficiency may be taken into account in the assessment of (interim) examinations	Approval OLC (7.13 c)

Article 10.4 Language of instruction and language test

1. The language of instruction is English.	Approval OLC (9.18)OK
2. The 'Gedragscode vreemde taal' (code of conduct foreign languages) applies	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3. At the start of the first year of study every student must complete a diagnostic language test in the language of instruction of the programme.	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
4. Any student who does not achieve a pass in the language test must take the 'Refresher Course' organized by the Language Desk (Taalloket).	Approval OLC (7.13 c)
5. Not applicable	Approval OLC (7.13 c)

11. Curriculum structure

Article 11.1 Academic development

1. Academic development is part of the study programme. This includes:: (1) Academic skills/critical reasoning (2) Methods & techniques (3) Philosophical training	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. (4) Philosophy of Science and/or History of Science (5) Academic English]	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)

<p>3.</p> <p>a. Philosophical education / philosophy of science / history of science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB_1136 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences - AB_1217 Philosophy of Science and Ethics <p>b. Methods & techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB_1136 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences - AB_1142 Research in Biomedical Sciences - AB_1201 Statistics and Methodology <p>c. Critical reasoning and academic skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB_1136 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences - Line Academic Skills - AB_1234 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED- experimental or AB_1235 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED- data analysis 	<p>Advice OLC; (7.13 a) Uitleg waarin academic english?</p>
<p>4. Not applicable</p>	<p>Advice OLC (art. 7.13 lid 2 WHW)</p>

Article 11.2 Major

<p>1. The major comprises a package of compulsory and possibly optional units of study.</p>	<p>Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3</p>
<p>2. In addition, units of study are categorized as introductory (100), in-depth (200) and advanced (300) level.</p>	<p>Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3</p>

Article 11.3 Compulsory educational components of the major

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

Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
<i>Compulsory courses BMED year 1</i>				
Genetics	AB_1135	6	100	
Introduction to Biomedical Sciences	AB_1136	6	100	
Biochemistry	AB_1137	6	100	
Cell Biology - Histology	AB_1138	6	100	
Microbiology - Toxicology	AB_1139	6	100	
Human Development	AB_1140	6	100	
Evolutionary Developmental Biology	AB_1141	6	100	
Research in Biomedical Sciences	AB_1142	6	100	
Immunology	AB_1144	6	100	
Study and Career BMED year 1	AB_1228	0	100	
Fire control course for BMED students	AB_BMED_FIRE	0	100	
English Language Test	VU_ELT	0	100	
<i>Compulsory courses BMED year 2</i>				
Biomedical sciences and society	AB_1011	6	200	
Study and Career BMED year 2	AB_1232	0	200	
Oncology	AB_1184	6	200	
Human Anatomy and Physiology	AB_1197	6	200	
Medical Biochemistry	AB_1198	6	200	
Medical Pharmacology	AB_1199	6	200	
Neurosciences	AB_1200	6	200	
Statistics and methodology	AB_1201	6	300	

Pathology	AB_1202	6	200	
Philosophy of Science and Ethics	AB_1217	6	200	

Article 11.4 Elective educational components of the major

Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
<i>Optional courses BMED year 1</i>				
Medical Genomics	AB_1143	6	100	
International Public Health (BMED)	AB_1145	6	100	
Biochemistry - research	AB_1164	6	100	
<i>Optional courses BMED year 2</i> <i>[constrained choice if enrollment in Bachelor Thesis BIOMED- data analysis AB_1235].</i>				
Pathophysiology of heart and circulation	AB_1015	6	200	
Big data in Biomedical Sciences	AB_1256	6	200	
Science Communication	AB_470185	6	200	
<i>Optional courses BMED year 3</i>				
Epidemiology	AB_470180	6	200	
Human Neurophysiology	AB_1111	6	300	
Management van Innovaties	AB_470195	6	200	
Infectious Diseases	AB_471024	6	300	

Article 11.5 Practical exercise

Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	Approval OLC (7.13 d)
Bachelor Thesis BIOMED- experimental	AB_1234	24	300	
OR				
Bachelor Thesis BIOMED- data analysis*	AB_1235	18	300	
<i>* includes an extra optional course from year 2</i>				

Article 11.6 Participation in practical exercises and tutorials

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

12. Electives

Article 12.1 Elective period: beleid: verschil 12.1 en 12.2

1. The first semester of the third year of the curriculum comprises elective educational components.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. For this elective period, the student can take:	Ordinance CvB,

<p>a) a minor (a coherent package of related educational components)</p> <p>b) individual choice of at least five educational components at the faculty or elsewhere, of which at least two (12 EC) must be at level 300, and maximum 1 course (6 EC) at level 100, without overlap with the major.</p> <p>c) an educational component of the university abroad. The same requirements apply as stated above. In addition, a maximum of one educational component of the master programme (6 EC) at level 400 or higher can be included in the package at a university abroad. The approval of the Examination Board is required. The educational component concerned, cannot be included in the master educational programme.</p>	see appendix 3
3. Prior consent must be obtained from the Examinations Board.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 12.2 Minors

<p>1. The student who meets the admission requirements can take a 'University minor' without prior consent from the Examination Board. The 'University minors' are listed on the VU website.</p> <p>a. The following University minors are unavailable (or only available under specific requirements) for students Biomedical Sciences:</p> <p>i. Minor Sport, Bewegen en Gezondheid: the compulsory course 'Inleiding Inspanningsfysiologie' ceases to apply due to overlap with the major. Biomedical Sciences students take both courses 'Sportpsychologie' and 'Revalidatie' in the first period instead.</p> <p>ii. Minor Brain & Mind: unavailable due to overlap with the major</p>	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
<p>2. The student can take one of the following minors without prior consent from the Examination Board:</p> <p><i>Biomedical Sciences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Biomolecular and Neurosciences • Minor Topics in Biomedical Sciences <p><i>Faculty of Science:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Five Big Issues in Health • Minor Biomedical and Health Intervent. • Minor Biomedical Topics in Health Care: the compulsory course 'Toxicology and Development' ceases to apply due to overlap with the major. Biomedical Sciences' students can complete the minor by choosing a course that is part of another FALW minor for which they fulfill the requirements for admission. Any other choice for a course in period 3 requires approval of the Examination Board and results in the annotation "Free Minor" on your diploma, instead of the annotation "Minor Biomedical Topics in Health Care". • Minor Communicatie over Gezondheid • Minor Evolutionary Biology and Ecology • Minor Bioinformatics and Systems Biology <p><i>Faculty SBE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Health Care Management <p><i>Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educatieve minor (Biologie) <p><i>Faculty Medicine:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International minor VUmc Medical Sciences (24EC). Biomedical Sciences' students can complete the minor by choosing the Minor Literature Essay (M_BMITS16) or a 	Advice OLC; (7.13a)

course that is part of another FALW minor for which they fulfill the requirements for admission. Any other choice for a course in period 3 requires approval of the Examination Board and results in the annotation "Free Minor" on your diploma.	
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13. Honours programme

Article 13.1 Honours components

The components of the honours programme offered by the faculty or the programme are:

Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
Evolutionary Origin of Life and its Driving Forces	A_HP001	6	400	
Communication and Innovation in Health and Life Sciences	A_HP002	6	400	
Five o'clock Neurosciences	A_HP003	6	400	
Nutrition for Healthy Growth and Development in the City	A_HP004	6	400	
Honours onderzoeksmodule	A_HP-I-4	6	300	

14. Binding recommendation on continuation of studies (BSA)

Article 14.1 Binding (negative) recommendation

1. In order to obtain a positive recommendation on continuation of studies, the student must have obtained at least 42 EC from first year courses by the end of the first year of enrolment.	Advice OLC (7.13 f)
2. Students who receive a binding negative recommendation on continuation of studies cannot enroll in the following Bachelor's programme(s) offered by the Faculty during the subsequent three academic years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSc Biomedical Sciences 	Advice OLC (7.13 f)

15. Evaluation and transitional provisions

Article 15.1 Evaluation of the education

1. The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with the document 'Kwaliteitszorg Onderwijs BETA'.	Approval OLC (7.13 a1)
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Article 15.2 Transitional provisions

By way of departure from the Teaching and Examination Regulations currently in force, the following transitional provisions apply for students who started the programme under a previous set of Teaching and Examination Regulations:	Advice OLC (7.13 a)				
1. Mandatory components					
a. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2017-2018:					
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Expired course (sem 1 2017-2018)</th> <th>New course (sem 2 2017-2018)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AB_TAALTOETS Taaltoets Nederlands voor studenten ALW (0 EC)</td> <td>None, course is still offered within the faculty</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Expired course (sem 1 2017-2018)	New course (sem 2 2017-2018)	AB_TAALTOETS Taaltoets Nederlands voor studenten ALW (0 EC)	None, course is still offered within the faculty	
Expired course (sem 1 2017-2018)	New course (sem 2 2017-2018)				
AB_TAALTOETS Taaltoets Nederlands voor studenten ALW (0 EC)	None, course is still offered within the faculty				

b. The following mandatory components will be offered for the last time in semester 1 2017-2018 and will be replaced by the following from semester 2 2017-2018 onwards:

Expired course (sem 1 2017-2018)	New course (sem 2 2017-2018)
AB_1205 Bachelor Thesis: Part 1 BIOMED (6 EC) én AB_1206 Bachelor Thesis: Part 2 BIOMED-experimental (18 EC)	AB_1234 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED-experimental (24 EC)
AB_1205 Bachelor Thesis: Part 1 BIOMED (6 EC) én AB_1207 Bachelor Thesis: Part 2 BIOMED-data analysis (12 EC)	AB_1235 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED-data analysis (18 EC)

From 1 February 2018 on, students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.

c. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2015-2016 and will be replaced by 2016-2017:

Expired course (2015-2016)	New course (2016-2017)
AB_1004 Geschiedenis van de levenswetenschappen (3 EC)	None, course is still offered within the faculty
AB_1007 Wijsbegeerte in de BMW II (3 EC)	AB_1217 Philosophy of Science and Ethics (6EC)

From 1 September 2016 on, students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.

d. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2014-2015 and will be replaced by:

Expired course (2014-2015)	New course
AB_1148 Mens als systeem I (6 EC)	AB_1198 Medical Biochemistry (6 EC)
AB_1149 Mens als systeem II (6 EC)	AB_1197 Human anatomy and physiology (6 EC)
AB_1010 Brein en medicijn (12 EC)	AB_1199 Medical pharmacology (6 EC) and AB_1200 Neurosciences (6 EC)
AB_1012 Ziekteleer: van ontsteking tot kanker (9 EC)	AB_1202 Pathology (6EC) and AB_1184 Oncology (6EC)
AB_1013 Wijsbegeerte in de biomedische wetenschappen I (3 EC)	AB_1217 Philosophy of Science and Ethics (6EC)
AB_470098 Oriëntatie op studie, loopbaan en maatschappij (1 EC)	Replacement assignment
AB_1014 Onderzoek in de biomedische wetenschappen III (6 EC)	AB_1201 Statistics and methodology (6 EC)
AB_1070 Bachelorstage (23 EC)	AB_1205 Bachelor Thesis: Part 1 BIOMED (6 EC) and AB_1206 Bachelor Thesis: Part 2 BIOMED-experimental (18 EC) or

	AB_1205 Bachelor Thesis: Part 1 BIOMED (6 EC) and AB_1207 Bachelor Thesis: Part 2 BIOMED-data analysis (12 EC) or AB_1234 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED-experimental (24 EC) or AB_1235 Bachelor Thesis BIOMED-data analysis (18 EC)
Students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.	
e. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2013-2014 and will be replaced by:	
Expired course (2013-2014)	New course
AB_1009 Mens als Systeem (12 EC)	AB_1148 Mens als Systeem I (6 EC) óf AB_1198 Medical Biochemistry (6 EC) and AB_1149 Mens als Systeem II (6 EC) or AB_1197 Human anatomy and physiology (6 EC)
AB_470216 Genen en Diversiteit (12 EC)	AB_1135 Genetics (6 EC) and AB_1143 Medical Genomics (6 EC, elective in period 5)
AB_1005 Molecuul tot Mens Theorie (6 EC)	AB_1137 Biochemistry (6 EC) and AB_1138 Cell Biology - Histology(6 EC)
AB_1006 Molecuul tot Mens Praktijk (6 EC)	AB_1164 Biochemistry - research (6EC, elective in period 5)
AB_470218 Humane ontwikkeling en evolutie (12 EC)	AB_1140 Human Development (6 EC) and AB_1141 Evolutionary Developmental Biology (6 EC)
AB_470219 Bedreiging en afweer (12 EC)	AB_1144 Immunology (6 EC) and AB_1139 Microbiology - Toxicology (6 EC)
AB_470214 Onderzoek in Biomedische Wetenschappen I (6 EC)	AB_1136 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences (6 EC)
AB_470215 Onderzoek in Biomedische Wetenschappen II (6 EC)	AB_1142 Research in Biomedical Sciences (6 EC)
Students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.	
f. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2012-2013 and will be replaced by:	
Expired course (2012-2013)	New course
AB_470062 Methodologie en Statistiek II (6 EC)	AB_1014 Onderzoek in de Biomedische Wetenschappen III (6 EC)

	or AB_1201 Statistics and methodology (6 EC)				
<p>Students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.</p> <p>g. The following mandatory components were last offered in 2011-2012 and will be replaced by:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Expired course (2011-2012)</th> <th style="text-align: left;">New course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>470217 Van Molecuul tot Mens (12 EC)</td> <td> AB_1005 Van Molecuul tot mens (theorie) (6 EC) and AB_1006 Van Molecuul tot Mens (praktijk) (6 EC) or AB_1137 Biochemistry (6 EC) and AB_1138 Cell Biology - Histology (6 EC) </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Students must follow the new components, unless they have passed the former component.</p> <p>2. Optional courses</p> <p>The following courses can no longer be followed within the Biomedical Science programme, but students may use the EC obtained up to six years after obtaining the course to fill in the optional space of their examination programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB_470050 Oncologie (6 EC) (possible new course is AB_1184 Oncology-6EC) - AB_487024 Humane Neurofysiologie (6 EC) (possible new course is AB_1111 Human Neurophysiology-6EC) - AB_470038 Moleculaire ontwikkelingsbiologie (6EC) - AB_1055 Experimental Immunology (6EC) (for completing the minor Topics in Biomedical Sciences the new course AB_xx Innovative Cell Biology and Immunology can be taken) 		Expired course (2011-2012)	New course	470217 Van Molecuul tot Mens (12 EC)	AB_1005 Van Molecuul tot mens (theorie) (6 EC) and AB_1006 Van Molecuul tot Mens (praktijk) (6 EC) or AB_1137 Biochemistry (6 EC) and AB_1138 Cell Biology - Histology (6 EC)
Expired course (2011-2012)	New course				
470217 Van Molecuul tot Mens (12 EC)	AB_1005 Van Molecuul tot mens (theorie) (6 EC) and AB_1006 Van Molecuul tot Mens (praktijk) (6 EC) or AB_1137 Biochemistry (6 EC) and AB_1138 Cell Biology - Histology (6 EC)				

Advice and approval by the Programme Committee, on 29-5-2020.

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on June 16th, 2020.

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Science on July 17th, 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.

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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		OpIC	
	I	A	I	A
a. de inhoud van de opleiding en van de daaraan verbonden examens				
a1. de wijze waarop het onderwijs in de desbetreffende opleiding wordt geëvalueerd				
b. de inhoud van de afstudeerrichtingen binnen een opleiding				
c. de kwaliteiten op het gebied van kennis, inzicht en vaardigheden die een student zich bij beëindiging van de opleiding moet hebben verworven				
d. waar nodig, de inrichting van praktische oefeningen				
e. de studielast van de opleiding en van elk van de daarvan deel uitmakende 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 (<i>verhoogde studielast</i>)				
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 (<i>excellentietraject binnen een opleiding</i>)				
x. de feitelijke vormgeving van het onderwijs				
<i>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.</i>				

Afkortingen:

FGV: Facultaire Gezamenlijke Vergadering

OpIC: Opleidingscommissie

I: Instemmingsrecht

A: Adviesrecht

Appendix II (English)

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

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

Abbreviations used:

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

Appendix III**Ordinances VU Executive Board (CvB) and Binding Bachelor's Guidelines (Bachelor Richtlijn)**

Deel 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	Fixed nr of EC	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
2.2.1	Setup of the programme	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
2.2.2, 2.2.3	Planning academic year (number of contact hours)	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
2.2.4	Internationalization	CvB ordinance, following the advice of the Internationalization Board, in December 2008 and included in the IP
3.1.1, 3.1.2	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) Bachelor-richtlijn, 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	Bachelor-richtlijn, 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 28-10-2015
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.
4.1	Honours programme	Joint CvB ordinance UvA-VU, 28-10-2013 Revised 'Regeling VU-UvA Honoursprogramma' on 27-11-2018
5.2.1	Recommendation on continuation of studies (BSA)	BSA kaderregeling ordinance CvB 18-01-2010, consent USR on OER 2016-2017 Kaderregeling revised on 12-09-2017
5.2.2	Formal warning before February 1st.	BSA kaderregeling ordinance CvB 18-01-2010, consent USR on OER 2016-2017 Kaderregeling revised on 12-09-2017
5.3	Binding (negative) study advice	BSA kaderregeling ordinance CvB 18-01-2010, consent USR on OER 2016-2017 Kaderregeling revised on 12-09-2017
8.1.3	Application and Registration Regulation (RAI)	CvB ordinance 8-10-2019 (annually)
10.4.2	'Gedragscode vreemde taal' (Code of Conduct for foreign languages)	CvB ordinance 20-07-2009
11.1.1	Academische development	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
11.2	Major	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
12.1	Elective period (first semester, 3rd year)	Bachelor-richtlijn, revised on 6 June 2017
12.2.1	Participation in university minor	CvB ordinance Profileringsruimte 22-11-2010

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

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

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

1. 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 Programme Committee.

- f. other circumstances to be designated by the board of the institution in the regulation as referred to in Article 7.8b, paragraph 6 and Article 7.9, paragraph 5 of the Act in which the person concerned engages in activities within the framework of the organization and the administration of the affairs of the institution,
- g. membership on the board of a student organization of 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 Bachelor's degree programmes

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 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 A Faculty section

Article 2.3 Sequence of the programme

If a student is not admitted to courses in the third academic year due to the inability to complete previous course units as a result of the Corona measures, the student will contact the academic advisor. In consultation with the academic advisor, a request for exemption may be submitted to the Examination Board.

Article 5.3 Binding (negative) recommendation on continuation of studies

The first paragraph does not apply to students who failed to meet the standard for a positive recommendation on continuation of studies at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. These students will be given another opportunity to meet the standard for a positive recommendation on continuation of studies at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Part B2 Programme-specific section

Article 8.1 Additional educational requirements

Supplementary to paragraph 4, students from institutes of higher professional education (HBO) who are preparing for the first-year examination will be admitted to the Bachelor's programme, provided that:

- The student can produce a positive advisory on completion from his/her HBO institution, which must be provided to Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) by no later than 1 August.
- The student must still pass no more than one teaching unit of the first year of HBO, or in the case that more than one teaching unit must still be passed, these must be worth no more than 6 EC;

If the student has not passed the first-year examination of an HBO Bachelor's programme at the latest by 31 December 2020, the Bachelor's registration at VU will be terminated.

Article 14 Recommendation on continuation of studies (BSA)

The student to whom Article 5.3 of this addendum is applicable has by the end of the 2020-2021 academic year met the requirement as regards the BSA as formulated in Article 14 of the Academic and Examination Regulations for the 2019-2020 academic year.