

## **ADDENDUM Teaching and Examination Rules FSE 2020-2021**

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Due to the Corona-crisis the Faculty Board has decided to determine several temporary adjustments to the TER. Alterations of the TER during the Academic Year are only allowed if this is for the benefit of students. The Faculty Board believes these adjustments help students to proceed with their studies as conveniently as possible. This addendum contains the temporary provisions for Academic Year 2020-2021.

### **BSc & MSc Teaching and Examination Rules 2020-2021**

#### *Proficiency of English language*

Prospective students for academic year 2020-2021, who cannot meet the regular English language proficiency requirements due to the Corona crisis, can be exempted from meeting these requirements on the basis of the adjusted online UG Language Centre English proficiency test in which the skills *Speaking* and *Writing* are assessed. The required minimum scores for these skills are the same as those demanded under the regular English language proficiency requirements. Furthermore, proof of English language proficiency in the form of an online TOEFL test, with required minimum scores equal to those set for the regular TOEFL iBT test, are accepted.

#### *Assessment method*

The method of assessment is prescribed in Ocasys. Apart from the location (at home, instead of in the university buildings) the assessment methods for most courses will not be altered. For some courses alterations in the assessment methods will be made, e.g. an assignment or an oral exam instead of a practical or a written exam. This will be part of the assessment plan for 2020-2021.

### **MSc Teaching and Examination Rules 2020-2021**

#### *'Bachelor before Master'-rule*

The Faculty Board has decided that students with a deficiency of maximum 15 ECTS worth of course units necessary for admission (from the post-propaedeutic phase) may now enroll in a Master's degree programme. This decision also applies to admission to selective Master's degree programmes and for students who are currently enrolled in a pre-Master's programme instead of a regular Bachelor's programme.

For some MSc programmes the Admissions Boards has further qualified the ECTS requirement by setting a maximum of 3 course units from the post-propaedeutic phase that must be completed before enrolment in a Master's degree programme is permitted. A list of these requirements per programme can be found in the attachment of this addendum.

Students of Bachelor's degree programmes who meet the faculty requirement may also enrol in a Master's degree programme for the academic year starting on 1-9-2020 and ending on 1-9-2021. Students who have not completed their Bachelor's degree programme by the end of that

academic year will be deregistered from the Master's degree programme and will be required to first complete their Bachelor's degree programme. Any study results obtained for the Master's degree programme will remain valid.

*Capacity selective Masters*

The capacity for the MSc-programmes Marine Biology, Ecology & Evolution, Biomolecular Sciences en Chemistry will be raised by a minimum of 20%, but only at the moment of initial selection. If students do not accept their place after the first selection round, students on the waiting list will be offered a place. These students will only be offered a place if the regular capacity has not been reached. The capacity for admission in 20/21 will therefore be:

Marine Biology:	36 (was 30)
Ecology & Evolution:	65 (was 50)
Biomolecular Sciences:	36 (was 30)
Chemistry:	60 (was 50)