

# Corona news update educational support #14 (week 27, 2020)

## CENTRAL SUPPORT ISSUES

### Deficiencies in bachelor applications

One possibility to remove any deficiencies in a bachelor's application is to obtain a certificate from one of the two recognized institutes, CCVX or Boswell. Due to the cancellation of several test moments in April and May caused by the Corona measures, there were concerns about the available capacity for all the applicants to correct their deficiencies. Neither institution offered the possibility for online examination.

CCVX has started taking physical tests again. They have indicated they can receive all applicants by increasing their capacity. The registrations form for their exams are still open and the limit has not yet been reached. This gives us confidence!

Boswell has also started taking exams, but it is still unclear whether they can help all applicants in time. We keep a finger on the pulse for applicants who indicate that they do not think they have had an opportunity to correct a deficiency. So far, we have not received any signals that things are going wrong here for the VU students.

The guidelines from the OCW service document prescribe that a tailor-made solution must be sought for applicants who really have had no opportunity to correct their deficiency. We expect (and hope) that it does not have to come this far. After all, there have been and still are countless possibilities. If, later in summer, it appears that there still are applicants who come to us to this end, we will consider which alternative method is desired based on the size of the group and the type of deficiency. In consultation with the relevant study program, of course.

Questions? Send an email to Elroy Huijsman

## CENTRAL REGULATIONS REGARDING EDUCATION AND DELAY

### Soft-cut: the current situation

The soft-cut process went live on 17 June. At the time of writing (Wednesday 1 July) there are 132 registered applications in TOPdesk.

Questions? Send an email to Hayke Everwijn and Elroy Huijsman.

### Corona and HBO-P intake: the current situation

The HBO-P 'Corona' intake process went live on 29 June. At the time of writing (Wednesday 1 July) there have been no registered applications in TOPdesk.

Questions? Send an email to Hayke Everwijn and Elroy Huijsman.

### Lower institutional tuition fee for graduation non-EEA students

On 23 June, the Executive Board decided that non-EEA students who pay institutional tuition fees at the VU in 2019-2020 and who are reasonably unable to complete their studies within the current academic year 2019-2020 due to the corona crisis, pay in the academic year 2020-2021 institutional tuition fees equal to the statutory tuition fees for the months they need to complete their studies.

In other words: these students can continue their studies at VU University Amsterdam by paying an institutional rate that is the same as the statutory rate.

In the past two weeks a procedure has been developed to implement this decision. This procedure has been discussed in the consultation between the chairmen of the examination boards. The corresponding work instructions can now also be found on confluence. The HO members have been requested to distribute these instructions to the official secretaries of the examination committees.

Good to know: the regulation only applies to the target group described above. Other students who pay the institutional tuition fee cannot make an appeal on this procedure. The notification about the opening of the procedure is therefore only distributed to non-EEA students (visa requirements) who are in the final phase of their studies.

It turns out to be quite difficult to pinpoint this group of students by combining study duration, credits, tuition fee and visa status. We hope we can send the notification to this group on Friday 3 July or Monday 6 July.

Questions about the regulation or procedure? Send an email to [Nicole Prins / Hayke Everwijn](#) or Elroy Huijsman.

## **FUTURE**

### **Scenarios 2019-2020**

In mid-May it was decided to offer all lectures in the first semester of the new academic year completely online and to give the other forms of education in period 1 (September / October) in a 'hybrid' manner: online and where possible and allowed, at the campus. With today's insights, we have decided this week to continue this 'hybrid education' in period 2 (November / December). An online alternative is provided for on-campus education unless this is not possible. All exams will also be taken remotely until the end of December. As much as possible through alternative forms and where this is not possible through online proctoring.

In the meantime, faculties are working hard on the interpretation of the (educational) activities on campus in period 1. This will be a diverse palette: in addition to location-based education, this will also be used for mentoring, tutorials, or study groups among other things. Regardless of the content: contact and personal attention are central to everyone. Even though we must spread considerably, and it always concerns small groups, we look forward to meeting the students on campus again.

For period 2 (Nov - Dec), it will be announced on Friday 3 July which rooms can be used by the faculties during these months for (educational) activities on campus.

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