

Corona news update educational support #13 (week 26, 2020)

ONLINE EDUCATION

Information services

On Monday 29 June, the new website with an overview of tools and didactic material will be presented for the first time.

ONLINE EXAMINATION

Online proctoring

In the attachment you will find the capacity overview online proctoring.

CENTRAL SUPPORT ISSUES

Online pre-master assessment

Last Saturday (June 20) was the first online exam day for the premaster assessment. There were 366 planned participants.

We are still awaiting the test result and the result of the proctoring, but the first signs are positive. In total, 20 comments were received (afterwards) from participants who wanted to address something or ran into problems. So that was not so bad. Last Saturday's experiences have already been used to improve the provision of information for the following decreases.

CENTRAL REGULATIONS REGARDING EDUCATION AND DELAY

The soft-cut: the current situation

The soft cut process went live on 17 June. At the time of writing (Wednesday, 24 June), 82 applications have been received since the procedure was opened. As is known, the deadline for applying is 1 August. Until then, applications can still be submitted, new applicants will be notified of the open procedure on 27 June.

Questions? Send an e-mail to Elroy Huijsman and Hayke Everwijn.

Soft-cut: execution process

When soft-cut students (and HBO-P corona enrolment) obtain their prior education diploma during the year, they still have soft-cut status in SAP. In order to be able to report properly on the number of soft-cut students after the start of the academic year, an adjustment has to be made. We want to disrupt the ongoing registration process as little as possible. That is why the elaboration and implementation of an adjustment will start (only) at the end of September. It is not necessary to manually untick the soft-cut status before then.

Questions? Send an e-mail to Elroy Huijsman and Hayke Everwijn.

Corona HBO-P intake: execution process

The process for the HBO-P 'corona' intake will go live on Friday 26 June. Applicants are informed by e-mail about this procedure. This message refers to a new landing page especially for HBO-P intake with text and explanation of the procedure. Both the e-mail and the landing page refer to the VUnet application form. Applications from applicants who will appeal to this HBO-P corona intake procedure will be assessed by SSA. Faculties will therefore notice little of this. The deadline of 1 August (excluding numerus fixus) for submitting the application also applies to this group. Applicants then have until 31 August to complete the application.

Questions? Send an e-mail to Elroy Huijsman and Hayke Everwijn.

STUDENT WELL BEING

We have updated the information under on 'mental and physical health' under 'Studying and Corona'. Under 'community' we have included a reference to two interviews with 'campus stars', an initiative of the Education Workshop. We went through the reports of several FSR surveys and we took note of the posters that students made in the context of the 'Health in the City' course. We use all this data to create content as current as possible on 'Studying and Corona'. Finally, we are in consultation with Communication & Marketing on the best format for our idea of a weekly vlog that best fits the VU policy.

FUTURE

Scenario 2019-2020

It was quite a puzzle, but in the meantime all faculties have received one or more additional rooms for the (educational) activities in P1 that will take place on campus. For period 2, the availability and layout will be ready. In addition, we will work with a cluster of teaching rooms, so that faculties can organize their (educational) activities within a certain area, without provoking (too) much traffic in the corridors. The corridors prove to be a tough challenge because the capacity is significantly less than in the adjacent rooms, so long as we must take the 1.5m into account. This requires us to spread over time, which is also included in the second puzzle.

The message from the national press conference (24 June) was also positive for higher education: we can expand education on campus again. This sounds nice, and it is, but for everyone's safety we have to keep the 1.5m rule at work for the time being. On campus, inside the buildings, halls, and the corridors. For the lecture halls, we still have to work with a capacity of 15%, for the seminar rooms that percentage is slightly higher. Not all room capacity can be used in order to keep it safe in the corridors and beyond. And let's not forget that some people are working again, scattered all around campus and that research has partly started as well. This requires careful coordination of the total capacity, but this way everything is given a place within the limited possibilities.

Incoming, progressing, and outgoing students 2020

The two scenarios in the intake forecast have been adjusted on the basis of the international intake, an adjustment to the credits achieved by students in semester 2, and the calculation of students who deregister before 1 February and re-enrol after 1 September.

General conclusions intake prognosis:

- We expect that a larger number of students will enrol or continue their employment in 2020 as a result of the corona crisis; the outflow will be more limited.
- A large proportion of students with a Negative BSA will continue to study; this group is proportionally larger than the number of students who would have entered elsewhere as an external switcher after a Negative BSA. In the overall picture, this does lead to a lower number of first-year students and more second-year students.
- Another factor is that we expect a slightly higher pass rate from VWO students (from approximately 90% to 95%).
- The international influx makes a significant difference, however: in a best case scenario or a worst case scenario for international new influx, this effect is mitigated (resp. -10% or -30% new influx EER, -10% or -70% new inflow Non-EEA). We expect to be able to narrow these bandwidths from 1 July.
- If in the second semester of 2019 the number of EC of Cohort 2019 decreases on average 6 EC compared to the first semester, the number of long-term students will increase significantly in 2022. n initial calculation based on the results of period 4 performed: we see an increase in average grades but a decrease in the number of ECs because many examinations could not take place. We are currently working on a calculation of the results up to and including period 5.

See the attachment for the total intake forecast report. Because 1 July is an important deadline for many master's programs, an update will be made by SOZ (Hayke Everwijn) in the second week of July of the memorandum on registrations and expected registrations of 1 June.

The dashboard is accessible to authorized users via Tableau. For the Best-Case Scenario choose the Best-Case Scenario view (low impact) and for the Worst-Case Scenario choose the Worst-Case Scenario view (high impact).

Addition International Office

There are no major changes in the forecast of international intakes compared to last week. The Best-Case Scenario is still -10% for both EEA and non-EEA and the Worst-Case Scenario is -30% for EEA and -70% for non-EEA.

We expect to be able to narrow these bandwidths in the coming weeks, for the following reasons:

- The registration deadline for most study programs is 1 July. Shortly after this date, the total number of registrations and not long after, the total number of admissions will be known.
- Most of the visas are applied for before 1 July. This application is the most important indicator that non-EEA students will start the program.
- The picture below clearly shows that the number of registrations increased strongly last year in the period between week 31 and week 36 (light blue line). We therefore keep a close eye on this period to see how registrations are developing this year (dark blue line).

