

# Announcement for MSc students who have to follow first year mandatory courses: first information concerning transition rules

## **Transition rules for the renewed Master programmes starting in 2024-2025**

Dear IDE Master students,

Our IDE Master programmes are undergoing a significant renewal beginning in September 2024 and we want you to be informed about the transformative path ahead.

Some important changes are:

- New courses will be introduced, some adapted from existing ones, some combining parts of several existing courses, and others covering entirely new topics.
- There will be changes in the types of courses (e.g. compulsory programme courses and elective programme courses) and the number of credit points (EC) per course.

It is important to note that during the 2024-2025 academic year, courses from the 2023-2024 academic year will not be offered again. However, for courses with a written exam, two additional opportunities will be organised in 2024-2025, coinciding with the exam periods of 2023-2024.

There are three scenarios to consider:

- Students who begin their masters in September 2023 or prior and successfully complete all mandatory courses of the first year (including any retaken written examinations in 2024-2025), will be able to proceed with the free elective semester and the graduation project in their second year.
- Students starting in the Spring semester of February 2024 will have an adapted course offering in the subsequent Fall semester of 2024. This ensures the fulfilment of exam programme requirements without course overlaps. Further details on this offering will be shared in November 2023.
- Students who started in 2023-2024 or prior and will not be able to complete one or more mandatory courses will be subject to specific transition rules, which for each master programme define how courses from this year's curriculum will correspond to courses in 2024-3035. These rules will be communicated to you in November 2023.

To ensure a smooth transition between the two academic years/programmes, we advise the following:

- For courses with multiple graded components (e.g. project, theoretical/practical assignment, written exam), it's strongly recommended to complete all components and finish the course for full course credit. The obtained ECs will be part of your programme.
- We advise students to complete DTM in 2023-2024. While an equivalent course will be available in 2024-2025, it will be scheduled in a different semester. This may lead to a study delay. For now, we therefore strongly advise you to complete DTM.
- We encourage you to complete all components of Manage your Master (MYM) in Q1 and Q3 to earn your ECs. While an equivalent to MYM will be offered in the academic year of 2024-2025, its completion will not result in ECs. For students who start in February 2024, we recommend completing MYM in Q3 to attain 1 EC.

- We encourage you to complete all IDE Academy components to earn your ECs. While the earned ECs will hold their value, no equivalents will be offered in the 2024-2025 academic year. We advise students who start in September 2023 to complete the required 14 workshops to receive 4 EC. For students who start in February 2024, we advise to complete 7 of the 14 workshops and receive 2 EC.

More information about the specific transition rules will be shared with you in November. If you have questions regarding your studies, please reach out to our academic counsellors at [academiccounsellors-ide@tudelft.nl](mailto:academiccounsellors-ide@tudelft.nl).