

Temporary measure on Bachelor/Master transition because of COVID-19

The Bachelor's-before-Master's rule ('harde knip' in Dutch) is the legal provision that states that a student must first complete their Bachelor's or Pre-Master's programme before they can move on to a Master's programme. In order to limit possible study delays and related adverse consequences due to COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has allowed universities to put temporary measures in place for the transition from a Bachelor's to a Master's programme.

For Bachelor's students and students in the IDE adaptation program who are enrolled at TU Delft in the academic year 2019-2020, the following principles apply.

For bachelor students:

- Bachelor's students who have a deficit of up to 15 EC in their Bachelor's examination programme on 31 August 2020, may enrol in Master's subjects in the academic year 2020-2021 and participate in examinations of Master's subjects
- Faculties may designate certain subjects as entry requirements, such as completion of the Bachelor Final Project, for each Master's programme. Faculties shall inform students of these requirements before 15 May 2020
- The option to enrol in Master's courses without having completed a Bachelor's programme expires on 31 August 2021

For students in the IDE adaptation program:

- Students in the IDE adaptation program who have a deficit of no more than 15 EC in their program on 31 August 2020 may enrol in Master's courses and participate in examinations of Master's courses in the academic year 2020-2021
- The option to enrol in Master's courses without having completed the IDE adaptation program expires on 31 August 2021

This arrangement applies to the intake of Master's students within TU Delft. The arrangement may be extended to allow students to move between universities, as well as a number of institutes of higher professional education, once agreements on a national level have been reached. Information about this will follow no later than 15 May 2020.

The faculty interpretations:

The IDE Faculty has decided, as a substantive entry requirement, to require that students who wish to qualify for the above temporary measure must have completed the Bachelor Final Project.

Our Board of Examiners has also decided that:

- Results achieved in the academic year 2020-2021 in one of our master's programs will be added to the MSc examination program as soon as there is a valid registration for the relevant MSc program.

- In the academic year 2020/2021, no admission requirements for the MSc electives (see article 11a, paragraph 2, 3a and 3b of the [TER](#)) apply. An exception to this is the MSc elective ID5010 Internship; for this elective, the admission requirements in the aforementioned article remain in force.
- The [education regulations of the master's programs](#) IPD, DfI and SPD 2020-2021 apply to the master's courses that the BSc student follows in 2020/2021.

Questions?

Do you have any questions about the previous or would you like to discuss your study planning based on this new information? Please contact one of the Faculty's academic councellers. You can send them an [email](#) or make an appointment via the [online appointment system](#).