

Regulations "Zachte Knip" 2021-2022

Position Ministry of Education

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has decided that master programs can deviate from the formal entry requirement of completion of the bachelor program before starting a master program ('Harde Knip' or 'Bachelor-before-Master'). This results in a 'Zachte Knip' between bachelor and master programs. This is an exceptional and temporary measure to prevent, or limit, unnecessary study delay due to the COVID-19 crisis. **This measure was also installed last year, but please note that this measure can only be used once.**

Position TU Delft

The TU Delft wants to limit potential detrimental effects of the Corona measures for students' study progress. Although much of the education continues, students have been confronted – more than usual – with exceptional circumstances. Therefore, the TU Delft has decided to adopt an university-wide regulation with limited variance between programs.

Target group

This regulation currently applies to students who want to start one of the following three master programs offered by the Faculty Technology, Policy and Management: Engineering & Policy Analysis (EPA), Management of Technology (MoT), and Complex Systems Engineering and Management (CoSEM) and who belong to one of the following groups.

- (1) Students enrolled in the bachelor program Technische Bestuurskunde;
- (2) Students enrolled in another TU Delft bachelor programs that give direct admission for one of the master programs mentioned above;
- (3) Students currently enrolled as pre-master to fill a deficit.
- (4) Students who are enrolled at a Dutch university or HBO (University of Applied Sciences).

Measures

- I. Students with a deficit of maximum 15 ECTS for their regular bachelor curriculum (including the minor program) on August 31, 2021 can continue in the master programs EPA, MoT, and CoSEM, under the following conditions:
 - Regular bachelor students will need to have obtained 165 (out 180 ECTS), determined by official OSIRIS ECTS (i.e. based on the modules). Electives that are not part of the curriculum itself do not count towards these 165 ECTS.
 - Students must have completed all courses with a size of 15 ECTS or more in order to be applicable for the 'Zachte Knip':
 - For Bachelor students Technische Bestuurskunde this means that they must have completed their bachelor end project (course code: TB351C).
 - Students from TU Delft and other Dutch bachelor programs should have finished their bachelor end project and/or equivalent final assignment with a size of 15 ECTS or more.

- This measure is an one-time dispensation, so only considering the status for students with their results on August 31, 2021 (i.e. with all results obtained in the academic year 2020/2021). It does not apply for after that date.
- II. Students who will continue by applying the 'Zachte Knip' will be registered as bachelor students, and will be allowed to take master courses. By establishing these regulations:
- the Dean formally allows students to take the master courses (incl. the course assessment);
 - the Board of Examiners approves that obtained results (i.e. pass grades) for the master courses will be registered for the master examination program when the student formally completed their bachelor or bridging program.
- III. Students who will continue by applying the 'Zachte Knip' will have until August 31, 2022 to complete the bachelor or bridging program in order to continue with the master program. If a student has not completed the bachelor or bridging program, the student can no longer continue in the master program until the prior education is formally completed. When the student re-starts the master program, the obtained results for master courses will still be formally registered in the master examination program.

Continue with a master at another faculty or university?

Students who are planning to switch to another faculty or university for their MSc program are advised to inform themselves about the requirements that apply there.

Students that have used the 'Zachte Knip' in 2020-2021

The option to enroll in master courses without having fully completed your bridging program or bachelor program expires on **31 August 2021**. You cannot use the 'Zachte Knip' to continue with your master courses after this date if you have not yet successfully completed your bridging program or bachelor program. Once you have completed the formal requirements and you re-start the master program, the obtained results for master courses will still be formally registered in the master examination program.

Questions?

For questions about the 'Zachte Knip' regulation or about study planning, please contact the academic counsellors, via msc-ac-tpm@tudelft.nl. Please bear in mind while planning your course work for 2021-2022 your bachelor courses have the utmost priority.

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