

TEACHING AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

**(see Article 7.13 of the Higher Education and
Research Act)**

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- **Applied Physics**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Life Science & Technology**
- **Nanobiology**
- **Science Education & Science
Communication**

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Most important changes in comparison with the teaching and examination regulations master programmes 2015-2016

Art 2	Added: definitions academic year, study duration
Art 6	Change of regulation from one year with possible extension into two years with a possible motivated extension
Art 10.1	Added: request for an exemption or replacement of a subject
Art 12	Adjustments concerning the procedures of registration
Art 14	idem
Art 15.1	Added: MSc SEC may oblige a student to follow the subject of parts of the subject again
Art 17.2	Added: or the method of assessment changes
Art 20	Determination of results in 15 working days for the examiner + 1 working day for the student administration

Most important changes in comparison with the teaching and examination regulations master programmes 2014-2015

Art 1	The regulations also refer to MSc Nanobiology and bridging programmes
Art 2	Added definitions of sub-board of examiners and bridging programme
Art 4	Final attainment levels in accordance with Meyer's criteria and faculty's 'onderwijskwaliteitsplan'. The final attainment levels can be found in de Implementation Regulations per programme.
Art 5	The admission requirements can be found in de Implementation Regulations per programme.
Art 10	Added regulations on Double Degree
Art 12	Clarification acknowledgement of receipt exam registration Added paragraph 5: the student who did not register for an exam may - under conditions -participate half an hour after the start of the examination
Art 14	Withdrawal for an examination: adjustment of the period
Art 20 – paragraph 2	Discussion on marking period: decided is to maintain the current limits this year, but to work on reducing the period from 15-5 to 10-1. Next year AS programmes will formally introduce the 10-1 period.
Art 27	Additional paragraph 2: exemptions acquired outside the 1st year of study cannot be part of the 45EC binding recommendation on continuation of studies

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Section 1 - General

Article 1 – Areas to which the regulations apply

1. These regulations apply to the teaching and the examinations related to the Master's degree programmes in Applied Physics, Chemical Engineering, Life Science and Technology, Nanobiology and Science Education and Science Communication, hereafter to be referred to as the programme. The Regulations also apply to the bridging programmes of the named master programmes, with the exception of bridging minor programmes.
2. The teaching and organisation of the programmes is the responsibility of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at Delft University of Technology, and for Nanobiology, also the Erasmus Medical Centre, hereafter to be referred to as the faculty.
3. Each programme is governed by Implementation Regulations which constitute part of these Teaching and Examination Regulations.

Article 2 – Definitions of terms used

The terms used in these regulations should be interpreted as meaning the same as in the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act, insofar as they are defined in that Act.

The following terms are to be defined thus:

- a. the Act: the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (in Dutch, the Whw), in the Dutch Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees, number 593 and as amended since;
- b. the programme: the Master's degree programme as denoted in Article 7.3a paragraph 1, subparagraph b of the Act;
- c. student: anyone enrolled at Delft University of Technology as a student or extraneous student for the purpose of benefiting from education and/or for the purpose of sitting the examinations and undergoing the degree audit which form part of the programme;
- d. cohort: the group of students who have registered for a degree programme for the first time in a given academic year;
- e. teaching period: half a semester;
- f. subject: a teaching unit within the programme as intended in Article 7.3, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Act. A subject can consist of a number of components;
- g. practical: a practical exercise, as a subject or as part of a subject, as intended in Article 7.13, paragraph 2, subparagraph d of the Act, taking one of the following forms:
 - writing a thesis;
 - conducting a project or experimental design;
 - completing a design or research assignment;
 - conducting a literature review;
 - completing an internship;
 - participating in fieldwork or an excursion;
 - conducting tests and experiments;
 - participating in other educational activities aimed at enabling participants to attain certain skills.
- h. examination: an assessment of the knowledge, insight and skills of a student in relation to a subject, as well as the marking of that assessment by at least one examiner, appointed for that purpose by the Board of Examiners;

- i. component examination: an assessment of the knowledge, insight and skills of a student in relation to a component within a subject, as well as the marking of that assessment by at least one examiner, appointed for that purpose by the Board of Examiners;
- j. degree audit: an assessment by which the Board of Examiners, in accordance with Article 7.10 of the Act, establishes whether all examinations in the subjects that constitute the programme have been successfully completed;
- k. Board of Examiners: the programme's Board of Examiners, which has been installed in accordance with Article 7.12 of the Act; the TNW Board of Examiners has installed a sub board for each programme.
- l. examiner: the individual who, in line with Article 7.12c, of the Act, has been appointed to set the examinations;
- m. Implementation Regulations: the Implementation Regulations which form part of these Teaching and Examination Regulations;
- n. credit: a credit awarded in line with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS); one credit denotes a study load of 28 hours;
- o. working day: Monday to Friday 8.00-17.00 with the exception of recognised national public holidays and TU Delft collective leave days;
- p. study guide: the digital guide to the programme containing specific information pertaining to the various subjects: www.studyguide.tudelft.nl;
- q. institute: Delft University of Technology and in case of Nanobiology also the Erasmus Medical Centre;
- r. Blackboard: the electronic system used for the exchanging of teaching information;
- s. Osiris: the electronic system used for the registration of student information;
- t. disability: all conditions which are (at least for the specified period) chronic or lasting in nature and which form a structural limitation for the student in receiving education and/or sitting examinations or taking part in practicals.
- u. academic year: period from 1 September until 31 August of the following calendar year;
- v. bridging programme: A bachelor level deficiency programme aimed at admission to the master's degree programme, without obtaining a bachelor degree.
- w. programme duration: duration of study starting from the enrolment of the student in the programme until the last examination.

Article 3 – The programme objectives

The programme aims to educate students to become a Master of Science in programmes, whereby the final attainment levels described in Article 4 must be achieved. The final attainment levels of the particular programmes can be found in the Implementation Regulations.

Article 4 – The programme's final attainment levels

Masters of Science should:

- have sufficient theoretical and/or practical skills in more than one specialised area of the discipline to be able to carry out research under general supervision;
- be able to make connections between and integrate different areas of the discipline;
- be able to independently analyse research problems, analyse relevant academic literature, formulate testable hypotheses, set up and carry out research and/or draw up and implement draft plans, and to critically reflect on their own research and that of others;
- have sufficient understanding of the role of science in society to be able to reflect on this and develop an ethical attitude and practice their profession accordingly;
- have the skills to clearly present their own research results both orally and in writing, to communicate with colleagues and to present their research results at conferences or as (part of) a scientific publication.

Article 5 – Admission to the programme

In order to be admitted to the programme, the student must satisfy the general relevant criteria set by the Executive Board in the "Policy on fees and enrolment", laid down as Appendix 1 of the Student Charter (main part), and clarified in Chapter 2 "Entrance and admission" of the mentioned Student Charter.

The regulations on admission to the particular programmes are listed in the Implementation Regulations of each programme.

Article 6 – Completion of bridging programme prior to the degree programme

1. A student who is enrolled in a bridging programme must complete the bridging programme within two academic years.
2. In case a student fails to complete the bridging programme within the period specified in subsection 1 of this article, his/her enrolment is terminated. The student may request a twelve-month extension of enrolment based on a well-founded argumentation.
3. The Executive Board will set the fee to be charged, as denoted in Article 7.57i of the Act, for the enrolment as student in a bridging programme and for the extension thereof, as denoted in subsection 2 of this article.

Article 7 Intentionally left blank.

Article 8 – Taking the programme on a full-time or part-time basis

The programme is taught only on a full-time basis.

Article 9 – Language

1. Classes are taught and examinations and degree audits take place in English.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, the dean can give permission for classes to be taught in Dutch if the particular nature of the subject, the organisation, the quality of the education or the origin of the students gives cause for this.

3. Should a student request permission to complete one or more parts of the examination or the degree audit in a language other than English, this will be subject to the stipulations of the Board of Examiners in this regard, as laid down in the Rules and Guidelines of the Board of Examiners.

Section 2 - Composition of the study programme and the degree audit

Article 10 – Composition of the study programme and the degree audit

1. The composition of the study programme and the relevant transitional regulations are laid down in the Implementation Regulations. Teaching will be provided as described in the study guide. A request for an exemption or for replacement of a subject must be submitted to the Board of Examiners.
2. The Master's degree audit forms part of the programme. The programme has a total study load of 120 credits.
3. It is not permitted for any subject in the study programme to have been part of the Bachelor's degree programme on the basis of which the student was admitted to the programme. If a compulsory subject in the study programme was already completed in the aforementioned Bachelor's degree programme, the Board of Examiners will designate an alternative subject in its place. If an elective subject in the study programme was already completed in the aforementioned Bachelor's degree programme the student will choose an alternative elective subject.
4. Double degree programme
 - If a student wants to follow two master degree programmes at TU Delft at the same time, each separate MSc programme should consist of at least 120 credits.
 - The complete Double Degree programme consists of at least 180 credits.
 - Students are required to obtain formal admission to the double degree programme from the admissions officer of each programme.
 - The student has to obtain approval for an individual double degree programme from both Boards of Examiners involved and from the TU Delft Executive Board.
 - The student must be enrolled in both programmes.
 - If there is a difference in tuition fees the student will pay the highest fee.

Section 3 – Honours Programme

Article 11 – Honours programme

1. Students scoring a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 75% or better for the subjects of the first MSc semester will be invited to register for the TU Delft Honours programme for outstanding Master's students.
2. Based on a GPA of 75% or better for the subjects of the first MSc semester and the students' proposed programme and motivation, students can be admitted to the Honours programme by the programme director or the faculty Honours coordinator.
3. The Honours programme will comprise of at least 20 credits:
 - a. 5 credits must be completed in the TU Delft-wide component of the Honours programme, which consists of the following parts:
 - the subject "Critical Reflection on Technology"
 - playing an active role within the Honours programme community

- b. The remaining credits may be completed in the faculty or individual component of the Honours programme, the composition of which (including its content and options) is described in the Implementation Regulations of the student's MSc programme.
4. Any student willing to participate in the Honours programme must submit for approval his or her options and motivation for the faculty component to the faculty Honours coordinator, or for the individual component to the programme director.
5. The Board of Examiners is responsible for assessing whether all the requirements of the Honours programme have been met.
6. A student who has successfully completed the Honours programme, as laid down in art. 32A of the Rules and Guidelines of the Board of Examiners, will be awarded a certificate signed by the chair of the Board of Examiners and the Rector Magnificus.

Section 4 – Registering and withdrawing

Article 12 - Registering for examinations

1. Registration to take part in a written examination is mandatory and is done by entering the required data into Osiris no later than 14 calendar days (that is, not working days) before the examination. The student will receive an examination ticket by email as confirmation.
2. Students may submit a request in Osiris to register for an examination after the deadline mentioned in paragraph 1 has passed but no later than 3 calendar days before the examination in question. The request will be honoured provided that places are available in the room or rooms where the examination is scheduled to take place. The student will receive an examination ticket by email as confirmation.
3. In the case of circumstances beyond a student's control, whereby the student is unable to register for the examination, the Board of Examiners may permit the student to participate in the examination.
4. The following applies upon entering the examination room:
 - a. only students with valid proof of identity will be admitted to the examination. The following will be accepted as proof of identity: campus card, passport, identity card or driving licence.
 - b. students will only be admitted to the examination with a valid examination ticket and/or if they are included in the list of participants.
5. A student who has not registered for the examination and is therefore not included on the list of participants, may report to the invigilator on the day of the examination from 15 minutes before the start of the examination. In so far seats are available, students will be admitted to the examination room until half an hour after the start of the examination in the order they reported to the invigilator. The lack of half an hour of the examination time cannot be compensated. A student who has thus gained access to the exam will be added to the list of participants. The student takes the exam subject to the reservation that will be investigated whether he/she is entitled to participate in the examination.
6. In case the investigation leads to the conclusion that the student was not entitled to participate in the examination, the examination work is invalid, will not be evaluated and does not lead to a result.
7. The student can submit a substantiated request to the Board of Examiners to have the examination work that is considered to be invalid to be declared valid and to have it evaluated.
8. The Board of Examiners may decide to declare invalid examination work to be valid and to have it evaluated.

Article 13 - Registering for practicals

1. Registration for practicals will take place in the manner and by the deadline indicated in the study guide or on Blackboard for the practical in question.
2. In special cases the Board of Examiners may deviate from the period of registration referred to in paragraph 1, however only in favour of the student.

3. Students not registered for a practical on time may not participate in that practical. In exceptional circumstances the Board of Examiners may allow the student to participate in the practical.
4. If a student participates in a practical for which the student was not properly registered, the Board of Examiners may declare the results of the practical to be invalid.

Article 14 - Withdrawal or absence

1. It is possible to withdraw from an examination via Osiris up to 3 calendar days before the examination takes place.
2. A student willing to participate in a subsequent occasion must re-register, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 12.

Section 5 - Examinations

Article 15 – Number, times and frequency of examinations

1. The opportunity to sit the course examinations is offered twice per academic year:
 - The first opportunity is in or immediately after the teaching period in which the subject is taught.
 - The second opportunity is before the start of the new academic year.
 - Prior to a third (or subsequent) examination, in a subsequent or in the same academic year, the instructor is allowed to oblige the student to consult the instructor in order to obtain educational advice and help for thorough preparation. Instructors of MSc SEC are allowed to oblige the student to redo parts of the subject.
 - The foregoing also applies to practicals, provided that this in all fairness may be expected from the programme. The Board of Examiners may, in accordance with paragraph 5, decide on this.
2. The frequency of examinations is laid down in the Implementation Regulations. A timetable¹ of all the opportunities for sitting written examinations is drawn up on an annual basis and distributed before the start of the academic year.
3. If there is no indication as to the number of times a particular examination can be taken in any one academic year because it relates to a subject not taught by the programme itself, the relevant stipulations in the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the other programme will apply. The Board of Examiners reserves the right to make decisions that deviate from the norm regarding this matter.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, there will be at least one opportunity in a year to sit examinations relating to subjects not taught in a given academic year.
5. In exceptional cases, the Board of Examiners may permit a deviation from the standard number of times that certain examinations can be taken.

Article 16 – Sequence of examinations

The sequence in which students are required to sit examinations and participate in practicals is laid down in the Implementation Regulations.

Article 17 – Validity of examinations

1. The result of an examination is valid for an unlimited period. However, in cases where the examination result dates from over four years ago, the Board of Examiners may impose an additional or substitute examination.

¹ www.stydyguide.tudelft.nl and <https://mytimetable.tudelft.nl/>

2. The terms of paragraph 1 likewise apply to component examinations provided that the results are registered in Osiris, unless the validity of the component examination is linked to a period of time mentioned in the study guide or the method of assessment changes.

Article 18 – The form of examination and method of assessment

1. Examinations are set as described in the study guide.
2. If there is no indication as to the way an examination is to be set because it relates to a subject not taught by the programme itself, the relevant stipulations in the Teaching and Examination Regulations or the study guide of the other programme will apply.
3. The Board of Examiners may deviate from the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, in favour of the student.

Article 19 – Oral examinations

1. Only one student at a time will sit an oral examination, unless the examiner(s) in question specifies otherwise.
2. Oral examinations will be held in public², unless determined otherwise by the Board of Examiners in a special case or unless the student has formally objected to the public nature of the examination.
3. Prior to an oral examination, the examiner must ask the student to provide proof of identity.

Article 20– Determining and announcing the results

1. The examiner is required to supply the student with a written statement of the result of an oral examination.
2. The examiner is required to determine the result of examinations as soon as possible after the examination but within 15 working days at most. The examiner forwards the necessary details to the student administration. Taking due account of the student's right to privacy, the student administration then ensures that the results are registered and communicated in Osiris within 16 working days of the examination date.

If the examiner is not able to meet these requirements due to exceptional circumstances, he or she must inform the Board of Examiners, stating the reasons for the delay, and inform the students as soon as possible.

3. In cases where the period referred to in paragraph 2 is not feasible, the Board of Examiners will determine beforehand precisely how and within what period of time the student will be notified of the results.
4. When receiving the result of an examination, the student will (via Osiris > results) be made aware of his or her right to inspect the results as referred to in Art. 21, as well as the opportunity to lodge an appeal with the Examination Appeals Board.

Article 21 – The right to inspect the results

1. For a period of at least 20 working days after publication of the results of an examination in Osiris, the student has the right to inspect his or her marked work, on request. If a student intends to lodge an appeal regarding the marking of his or her work, he or she will be supplied with a copy of the marked work.

² Public means that both the student and the examiner agree to invite an observer with the aim to guarantee the objectivity of the examination.

2. During the period referred to in paragraph 1, all students who sat the exam may acquaint themselves with the questions and assignments set in the examination, as well as with the criteria used for marking.
3. The Board of Examiners may determine that the right to inspection or perusal referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 will take place at a location specified beforehand and at no less than two specific times, also decided on beforehand. If the student can prove that he/she is or was unable to be present at the location at the set time due to circumstances beyond his or her control, then another opportunity will be provided, if possible within the period stated in paragraph 1. The location and times mentioned in the first sentence will be announced well in advance.

Article 22 – Discussing the examination results

1. As soon as possible after the results of an oral examination have been published in Osiris, an opportunity can be arranged for the examiner to discuss the results with the student, either at the student's request or at the instigation of the examiner. At this meeting, the reasons behind the marks awarded will be explained.
2. For a period of 20 working days after the results have been announced, students who have taken a written examination may submit a request to discuss the results with the relevant examiner. The discussion will take place within a reasonable time span and at a place and time determined by the examiner.
3. In cases where a collective discussion is organised by or on the instructions of the Board of Examiners, a student may only submit a request, as described in the preceding paragraph, if he/she was present at the collective discussion and if he/she provides a good reason for the request or if, due to circumstances beyond his/her control, he/she was unable to attend the collective discussion.
4. The provisions of paragraph 3 are similarly applicable if either the Board of Examiners or the examiner first gives the student the opportunity to compare his/her answers with model answers.
5. The Board of Examiners may permit deviations from the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3.

Section 6 - Studying with a disability

Article 23 – Adaptations to help students with a disability

1. Students who have a physical or sensory disability are entitled to adaptations in teaching, examinations and practicals, on written request. These changes will be geared as much as possible to a student's individual needs, but they must not affect the quality or the degree of difficulty of a subject or an examination programme. The facilities provided to this end may involve adapting the form or duration of examinations and/or practicals to the student's individual situation or making practical aids available. Examples of adaptations can be found in the appendix.
2. The request referred to in paragraph 1 should be accompanied by a recent medical certificate from a doctor or a psychologist. If there is evidence of dyslexia, the request should be accompanied by a document issued by a recognised dyslexia-testing bureau (i.e. registered with BIG, NIP, or NVO). If possible, this certificate should also estimate the extent to which the disability forms an obstacle to study progress.
3. Requests for the adaptation of teaching facilities will be decided upon by the dean or by the director of studies acting on the dean's behalf. The Board of Examiners will decide on requests for adaptations to examinations.

Section 7 - Exemptions

Article 24 – Exemption from examinations or practicals

After having been advised by the relevant examiner, the Board of Examiners may decide to exempt students from an examination or practical on the grounds of:

- a. an examination, degree audit or practical completed within the Dutch higher education system or elsewhere which, as regards content and study load, corresponds with the subject for which exemption is sought, or
- b. knowledge and/or skills acquired outside the higher education system.

Section 8 - Degree audit

Article 25 – The times and frequency of the degree audit

At least 10 times a year there is an opportunity to take the Master's degree audit. The dates set by the Board of Examiners are published before the start of the academic year.

Section 9 - Study progress checks

Article 26 Intentionally left blank.

Article 27 Intentionally left blank.

Article 28 – Study progress checks

The student administration is responsible for ensuring that each student is able to see and check his/her own results via Osiris.

Section 10 - Contravention, changes and implementation

Article 29 – Contravening the regulations

If the study guide and/or any other regulations relating to the study programme and/or the examination programme prove to contravene these Teaching and Examination Regulations and the accompanying Implementation Regulations, precedence will be given to the provisions of these Teaching and Examination Regulations in combination with the Implementation Regulations.

Article 30 – Changes to the regulations

1. Any intermediate changes made to the regulations will be made by special resolution of the dean.
2. No changes made to these regulations will affect the current academic year unless it is reasonable to suppose that the interests of students will not be adversely affected.
3. None of the changes of these regulations may influence any decisions, made by the Board of Examiners on the basis of these regulations, to the detriment of a student.

Article 31 – Transitional regulations

1. If the composition of the study programme undergoes intrinsic changes or if these regulations are amended, the dean will draw up transitional regulations that will be incorporated into the Implementation Regulations.

2. Such transitional regulations are required to include:
 - a. a provision concerning the exemptions that can be given on the basis of the examinations already passed;
 - b. a provision specifying the period of validity of the transitional regulations.
3. If a subject is removed from the study programme, four opportunities to sit an examination in this subject will be granted after the last classes have been taught: an examination following on from the classes, a resit in the same academic year, and two resits in the subsequent academic year.

Article 32 – Publication of the regulations

1. The dean is responsible for finding a suitable way of publicising these regulations and the relevant Implementation Regulations, as well as any changes to the regulations.
2. The Teaching and Examination Regulations, together with the accompanying Implementation Regulations, will always be published on the programme's website.

Article 33 – Entry into force

These regulations will come into effect on 1 September 2016

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Appendix to Article 23 – Adaptations to help students with a disability

Adjustments to the assessment procedure, including examinations and other forms of assessment, may concern the following matters, among others:

- the content (offering alternative but equivalent subject material);
- the course material (making available course material that is more easily accessible, for example);
- the form of assessment (e.g. replacing a written examination by an oral one, or vice versa, testing knowledge of the studied material by way of interim examinations, or granting an exemption from attendance);
- time-related matters (such as granting more time during examinations, spreading out examinations over the examination period, granting exemptions from admission requirements, or extending the period within which a component must be completed);
- the resources that candidates are allowed to use during examinations (such as an English-Dutch dictionary for candidates with dyslexia);
- the location (taking examinations in a separate distraction-free room).

Adjustments to the educational facilities may concern the following matters, among others:

- making modified furniture available in the classrooms and examination rooms;
- making special equipment available (such as magnifying or Braille equipment for blind or partially sighted students, or audio induction loops and solo equipment for students who are deaf or hard of hearing);
- making more easily accessible course material available;
- making special computer facilities available (such as voice recognition or speech synthesis software);
- making a separate distraction-free room available for a student to take an examination;
- making a quiet room available.