

Regulations regarding “student-entrepreneur” status

Foreword

Student-entrepreneurs who wish to pursue higher education are subject to both academic and entrepreneurial requirements.

Implementing the student-entrepreneur status will allow students to develop a business and promotes the transition between the studies and professional life of the student prior to or just after graduation. Within UMONS, and as part of their curriculum, students can build their own paths towards their business plan, whether it be individual or collective, innovative or technological, whether it is the creation of a new business or taking over an existing one, and whether the point of the business has an economic or social purpose.

The possibility of organising the university year with greater flexibility is one of the main wishes of these students. Many European and Belgian universities have also made provisions to facilitate the organisation of studies without affecting quality.

Obtaining this status will also allow the student-entrepreneur greater credibility and visibility in socio-economic settings, and with business contacts, particularly bankers, investors, project leaders, suppliers and customers.

Article 1: Access Conditions

The student-entrepreneur status is open to any student registered at UMONS and is issued in respect of the quality and feasibility of the business and the qualities of the project leader.

There are several possible cases:

- The student has a business plan and wants to develop it at the same time as studying
- The student is starting a business
- The student already has a business or manages a company.

Students who wish to have the status of 'student-entrepreneur' must apply for this by completing a form to this effect and submitting it, along with the other required documents, to the secretariat of the Faculty concerned by the 31st October. The application must include a description of their future business plan or proof that they are either starting a business or manage a company.

The application is examined by the Dean of the Faculty concerned.

The status of student-entrepreneur is awarded by the Faculty Board for one academic year. The Faculty Secretariat will notify the following parties of the decision that has been made: the student, the Registration Office, the President of the Board, and the teachers of the programme that the student is registered on.

A new application must be submitted every year.

Article 2: Reduced Workload

Students who have been awarded student-entrepreneur status may benefit from a reduced workload in accordance with the provisions of Chapter X of the Study Regulations.

Article 3: Schedule and Deadline Adjustments

The student-entrepreneur can ask for some adjustments regarding their learning activities (example: attendance, practical work, seminars, rescheduling dates to submit personal assignments, rescheduling timetables, and adjustments to the terms and conditions of assessments and exams. However, these specific terms remain subject to the discretion of the teachers concerned.

For duly justified reasons of force majeure, the Dean may extend the student's assessment period without exceeding:

- 15th April for the January assessment period
- 15th September for the June assessment period
- 28th November of the next academic year for the resit assessment period in August-September

Article 4: Placement

The student-entrepreneur may decide to not carry out a work placement and instead develop their business plan, on the condition that a proposal to this effect is made to, and approved by, the Dean (e.g. through the development of their business model, carrying out market research, etc.).

Article 5: Access to facilities offered by UMONS

The student-entrepreneur will have access to UMONS student rooms and/or co-working spaces at one of its partner institutions in order to promote the networking of student-entrepreneurs.

They will also be able to follow various training/coaching sessions organised on-site or with other partners, such as the Entrepreneurship Chair of the Warocqué School of Business and Economics (FWEG).

Article 6: Withdrawal of Status

The status may be withdrawn, for duly motivated reasons, at any time by the Dean of the Faculty concerned, particularly if the student gives up on the business plan for which they have obtained the student-entrepreneur status.

STUDENT-ENTREPRENEUR
ACADEMIC YEAR 20..- 20..

TO BE RETURNED TO THE FACULTY SECRETARIAT BY 31ST OCTOBER

The student,

Last name, first name:

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Address:

Country:

Postcode:

Town/City:

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Tel./Mobile:

E-mail:

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Registered at the Faculty/School of:

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requests 'student-entrepreneur' status for the year **20.. -20..** ¹

I attach a description of my future business and/or the proof that I am either starting a business or managing a company.

I certify that this information is true, accurate and complete.

Signed in on

Signature:

<p>OPINION</p>	<p>The Dean</p>	<p>..... </p>	<p>Signature:</p>
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<p>DECISION</p>	<p>Dated, the Faculty Board</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> recognises the applicant as a ‘student-entrepreneur’ for the academic year 20.. -20..</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> does not recognise any special status of the applicant.</p> <p>Faculty stamp Faculty stamp</p>		
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