

Study Regulations 2020-2021 and Annexe 0 “Assessment Panel Policy and Examination Regulations 2020-2021”: exceptional provisions due to the COVID-19 crisis

1. Foreword

In the context of the health crisis that we are experiencing, on 10th December 2020, the Government of the French Community passed a Special Powers Decree (no. 41 relating to the organisation of the 2020-2021 academic year). This decree provides for exemptions and possible exemptions from several provisions of the “*Paysage*” Decree of 7th November 2013. As a result, exceptional provisions of the Study Regulations must be provided for.

Circular No. 8131 of 7th June 2021 also provides for exemptions and, in particular, the possibility of extending the session until no later than 31st January 2022. This requires the introduction of a transitional provision in the Assessment Panel Policy and Examination Regulations.

The purpose of this document is to list all these provisions, which were approved by the UMONS Board of Directors during its meetings of 14th December 2020 (CA 110 - Point XI - Annexe 10ter) and 1st July 2021 (CA 115 – Point XV – Annexe 34).

2. Exceptional provisions of the 2020-2021 Study Regulations

- **Student’s Annual Programme (Article 14, §3)**

Notwithstanding Article 14, §3, the student's annual programme (PAE) may, if necessary and subject to prior consultation, be adapted during the year. Any modifications must be validated as soon as possible and, in all cases, by the beginning of the assessment period of the semester concerned.

- **Deadline for Provisional Registration (Article 17, §3, sub-paragraph 3)**

Notwithstanding Article 17, § 3, sub-paragraph 3, provisional registration must be carried out by 29th January 2021 at the latest.

Upon receipt of their provisional registration, students must send the Registration Office proof that they meet the conditions for access to the studies on which they are provisionally registered (proof can be: equivalence granting access to the programme in question, a degree certificate, a certificate of access to a Master’s programme, etc.) or the negative decision (i.e. no equivalence granting access to the programme in question, failure to obtain the degree or access certificate, etc.).

If the decision (positive or negative) has not been made by the January assessment period, the student will be able to take their assessments at the end of the first semester.

If, at the end of January, it is found that the student does not fulfil the conditions for access to studies, their registration for the 2020-2021 academic year will be cancelled, with retroactive effect, and any marks obtained in the first term assessments will not be retained.

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3. Exceptional provisions of Annexe 0 “Assessment Panel Policy and Examination Regulations 2020-2021” of the 2020-2021 Study Regulations.

- **Extension of session due to *force majeure* (Article 15)**

Notwithstanding Article 15, paragraph 2, should the COVID-19 health crisis prevent a placement or other teaching activity from being carried out within the usual timeframe, the Dean may, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Board, advise the student that the placements and assessments for the summer resit period of the 2020-2021 academic year be extended until no later than 31st January 2022 for final-year students. This includes students who are in the final stages of their Master's degree, Advanced Master's degree and the AESS.

For students who are not currently in the final stages of one of these programmes, this extension may be granted until no later than 28th November 2021.

- **Status of end-of-first semester assessments of Block 1 UEs (Article 30)**

Notwithstanding Article 30 (which will not apply for the 2020-2021 academic year), first-year undergraduate students (and other students whose PAE includes one or more Block 1 UEs) may decide not to take one or more exams at the end of the first term. This decision will not affect their eligibility for the other exams of the academic year.

For organisational reasons, the Faculty may require the students concerned to declare, in advance, their desire not to take the exam. In this case, the Faculty will determine the terms and conditions of this declaration and inform the students of these.

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