

Temporary regulations as a supplement to the Academic Regulations

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Established by the University Board of NMBU 03 December 2020 in pursuant to the Act of 1 April 2005 no. 15 relating to universities and university colleges The Universities and University Colleges Act Section 3-9, subsection seven.

Section 1 Purpose/aim

The temporary regulations shall ensure that the students at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) will be able to conduct their studies and get their degrees and diplomas without any delays due to circumstances related to the coronavirus disease.

Section 2 Changes to teaching and assessment forms including the grading system

The Dean is given authority to change or amend teaching and assessment forms as well as the grading system due to circumstances related to the coronavirus. If such amendments are executed, the on-line version of the course description will not be the applicable version cf. section 20-1, subsection three, in the Academic Regulations for NMBU, unless it is specified in the on-line version that the description is amended in accordance with this temporary regulation.

Section 3 Assessment deadlines

The Dean may postpone the deadline for announcing the results of assessment in a course, due to circumstances related to the coronavirus. Such postponements shall as a main rule not exceed two weeks from the original assessment deadline for the course in question. This applies to all assessments regardless of the deadline that initially applies.

Section 4 Regulations for approval of compulsory activities in a course

(1) If students due to circumstances related to the coronavirus, are prevented from carrying out or obtaining approval for compulsory activities, the Dean at the department may still allow that students be assessed in the course. The Dean may set as a condition for valid assessment in a course that the students within a specified deadline complete and have the compulsory activity approved.

(2) The Dean may in certain circumstances as outlined in subsection one, where students are prevented from carrying out or obtaining compulsory activities approved, stipulate alternative compulsory activities.

(3) In reference to subsection one and two, when making a decision about compulsory activities the Dean shall put considerable weight in avoiding delays for individual courses or for the program of study cf. section one in this temporary regulation.

Section 5 Exemption from course prerequisites

If students lack course prerequisites for courses due to circumstances related to the coronavirus, the Dean may grant exemption from course prerequisites. The students may be required to complete the course prerequisites within a certain deadline to continue the studies.

Section 6 Absence from examination

(1) Rector may extend the deadline for submitting a doctor's notice or equivalent documentation for valid absence from an exam.

(2) Rector may allow self-certification as documentation for absence from an exam. In which case the self-certification shall give the students the same rights as absence documented with a doctor's notice or equivalent. Rector will determine how the self-certification shall be submitted.

Section 7 Authority to amend existing curriculum frameworks and regulations cf. Temporary regulations relating to the implementation of education and training regulated by a curriculum framework in connection with the covid-19 outbreak, dated 18 March 2020 nr: 349

(1) The Dean is given authority to grant exceptions from the regulations on the national curriculum framework and guidelines pursuant to Act of 1 April 2005 no. 15 relating to universities and university colleges section 3-2.

(2) Necessary measures which are decided on in subsection one, shall secure that the learning outcome determined for the education is achieved.

Section 8 Extended deadline for thesis submission

Rector is given the authority to extend the deadline for thesis submission.

Section 9 Exception from a minimum of one external examiner in connection with oral examinations

(1) The Dean is given the authority to grant exceptions from the Academic Regulations for NMBU section 40-4, subsection one, which requires a minimum of one external examiner in connection with oral examinations or tests that cannot be rechecked afterwards.

(2) If the Deans grants exemptions in reference to subsection one, two internal examiners will be required, and an external examiner shall conduct an evaluation of the assessment scheme in accordance with section 40-4, subsection two, in Academic Regulations for NMBU.

Section 10 Changes to the examination period

Rector is given the authority to expand/deviate from the examination period as stated in the Academic Regulations for NMBU in special cases only.

Section 11 Conditional admission

(1) Applicants who are 30 ECTS credits or less short of being awarded a degree may be granted conditional admission to higher degree studies. The applicant must document that he/she has been awarded a degree within one year of admission. Students who have been granted conditional admission, but who do not meet the conditions for admission by the stated deadlines, will forfeit their right to study in accordance with section 17-6 in Academic Regulations for NMBU.

(2) The awarded degree must be documented, in accordance with subsection one, even if the duration of this temporary regulation has expired.

Section 12 Duration

This temporary regulation enters into force 1 January 2021 and is valid until 31 July 2022.