

Overview of changes to EER 2024-2025

The Education and Examination Regulations (EER) is the legally binding document, which lays down all rights and obligations regarding education and examinations within the Faculty of Social Sciences. The provisions in the EER are drawn up under the ultimate responsibility of the dean and revised annually where necessary. Each year, the EER are submitted to the Joint Faculty Assembly (Worker's Council and Faculty Student Council) for approval. At FSS, the EER consist of a general section and a programme-specific section. The general part of the EER contains provisions that apply to all students within the faculty. The programme-specific part contains provisions that apply only to students in the relevant programme. All lecturers and students are expected to know and act in accordance with the provisions of the EER.

This document provides an overview of the main substantive changes to the EER for academic year 2024-2025. These are the changes in the **general section**. You can request an overview of the changes in the programme-specific part from the programme coordinator of the programme in which you are working or studying.

Reading guide

Below is a list of the main substantive changes to the EER for 2024-2025. These are explained per bullet. [Between brackets in blue](#) follows the article number under which the provision is/was mentioned in the EER and to which study phase it relates: bachelor, master and/or research master.

- The provision has been added that for electives at another programme, the admission requirements prevailing there apply to the student. [\(2.3.5, bachelor, master, 3.2.5 research master\)](#)
- It has been clarified that the consent of the examination board is required for the incorporation of free electives from universities other than Dutch universities and foreign partner universities. Also, the decision-making power has been transferred to the examination boards instead of the dean. [\(3.5.1, 3.5.2 bachelor\)](#)
- Study results for free electives and extra-curricular components were previously converted using a table for results obtained at institutions where different (non-)numerical results are used than at the RU. This has been changed so that study results from such institutions are only recorded as either 'pass' or 'fail'. [\(3.5.3, 3.6.3 bachelor, 3.3.3 master, 2.3.3 research master\)](#)
- The provision that students should deregister from examinations if they do not intend to participate has been removed. After all, this provision was not enforceable. From now on, students are explicitly requested via the mailing about exam registration to deregister for exams they do not wish to participate in. It is also explained in this e-mail why this is important. [\(Deleted article number 4.5.3 bachelor, master, research master\)](#)

- Examiners can delegate the registration of examination results in OSIRIS, but remain responsible for correct registration. ([4.9.1 bachelor, master, research master](#))
- As for applying for the diploma, it has now been clarified that the date on the diploma is the date of the last examination passed, provided the student applies for the diploma within no later than four weeks of the examination. If four weeks or more have elapsed, the day of the examination application will be used. ([4.12.2 bachelor, master, research master](#))

Points of interest

Apart from the changes, there are a number of points of attention we would like to highlight. Questions about these points arose during the process of revising the EER, from study programmes, study programme committees and/or the Faculty Joint Assembly. Lecturers and students are asked to be aware of the points below and to take action where necessary.

- Article 2.3.4 (bachelor, master) and 3.2.4 (research master) regulate when additional teaching fees may be charged. The dean makes a separate decision on this. Should a lecturer consider additional costs necessary for a certain component, the lecturer should coordinate this with the dean via the programme director.
- Both the Dutch and English EERs are legally valid. Should there be differences between the same provision in Dutch and English, the Dutch text shall prevail.
- An inspection protocol was adopted in May 2024, which concerns further rules on the organisation of inspections of exams. This document has been added as an annex to the Rules & Regulations.
- In June 2024, the FSS Code of Conduct was revised. This document has existed for several years as an appendix to the Education and Examination Regulations. At the request of one of the programme committees, this document has been (slightly) revised to bring it a bit more up to date, acting as a bridge until an RU-wide code of conduct for students is made.