



Aberrant examination regulation written examinations 2023-2024

1. General

The Board of Examiners uses the following guidelines with regard to aberrant examination regulations:

- In principle, all examinations should be conducted in the way, order and at the times, stated in the Teaching and Examination Regulations and in the Law Knowledgebase. Only the Board of Examiners (so not the examiner) can decide to deviate from these times and ways in extraordinary circumstances of a pressing nature. This only applies in cases in which unreasonable delay is concretely imminent.
- Examinations conducted in a different fashion than arranged for (or which are not determined by the Board of Examiners), are invalid.
- The permission to take an aberrant examination at a different than the stated time will be given digitally by the Official Secretary of the Board of Examiners on behalf of the Board of Examiners. Communication is conducted through the University of Groningen email account.
- Students need to show this written permission to the examiner.
- No aberrant examination regulations are granted in the propaedeutic phase.
- Students can only be granted one aberrant examination regulation per course.

2. Final course

The Board of Examiners can, at the request of a student, grant permission for an extra examination opportunity for one course in order to fulfil the requirements of an of approved pre-master programme or a bachelor's or master's degree programme when:

- the applicant only has to take one more examination to complete the requirements of the bachelor's, pre-master's or master's degree programme and indeed needs this examination to graduate, and
- the applicant has taken the examination of this course in the two most recent regular examination opportunities for this course*, and proper preparation is shown by obtaining at least one five* and no grade lower than a four, and
- the applicant requests the extra examination opportunity at least three months before the next regular examination opportunity is offered, has fulfilled the other requirements for completion of the degree programme (this means passing all other modules**), and the student has requested the extra examination opportunity with the Board of Examiners. An exception to this period is made when the application would unreasonably delay an entry possibility into the master.

* An exception to this policy is made for students who have not passed the regular examination of their final course in block 2 of semester 1; only having taken one of the two most recent examinations can satisfy this requirement in these cases. Students in this situation should apply as soon as possible though within three working days after the result is published at the latest request the aberrant examination regulation. The aim of this exception is to allow a semester 2 entry into (non-selective) masters at the influx moment in March. Also in these cases proper preparation has to be shown by obtaining a five.



** If this final module is the Master's thesis, the pass grade needs to be proven by a pass mark in Progress, or a confirmation of handing in the final version of the Master's thesis plus a statement by the supervisor of an expected pass grade.

3. Illness or personal circumstances

The Board of Examiners can grant an aberrant examination regulation to students who are, due to sudden or long-term illness or other long-term personal circumstances, prevented from taking two examination opportunities in one academic year and as a result of this might face unacceptable study delay. A missed examination due to illness or personal circumstances is therefore insufficient ground to grant an aberrant examination regulation. Students who miss one of the examination possibilities offered during the final phase of their bachelor or master programme are recommended to contact a study adviser. Aberrant examination regulations granted as a result of illness or personal circumstances can be granted for a maximum of two courses per semester.

4. Administrative/managerial activities

The Board of Examiners can grant permission to students to take an examination at a different time, after consultation with the lecturer concerned, if students are prevented from participating in a resit examination due to administrative or managerial activities. Students that can be considered for this aberrant procedure are:

- the members of the Faculty Board and the Faculty Council;
- Law students whom are member of the University Council;
- the members of the JFV Board of Directors (maximum of 6 persons);
- The members of representative organs of public law organs.

Besides this, the Board of Examiners can also decide to grant an aberrant examination procedure to student members of ad hoc committees and Board members of Faculty study associations if their efforts are comparable to the abovementioned administrative/managerial activities.

The aberrant examination regulation granted as a result of administrative/managerial activities can be granted for a maximum of one course per semester. The request to be granted an aberrant examination procedure needs to be handed in to the Board of Examiners via de Law Knowledgebase as soon as it is clear that study delay is imminent, but in week five of the block the course is offered in at the latest.

5. Students with an impairment / Studying with extra facilities

In order to facilitate students with an impairment, several options are available. Considering the fact that the nature and severity of the impairment differs per student, the Faculty aims to assist and support each students individually, since every impairment demands different facilities. The first point of contact is the study adviser of the International Office. Students who need extra facilities, need to contact the study adviser timely.