

Practical information for Education at FPN: period 2 and 3

Dear students,

We would like to inform you about education at FPN during the remaining days of period 2 and period 3. We would like to specify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education at FPN in these periods. At the beginning of the academic year, we had hoped that we would be able to go back to teaching on campus in period 3, as we did before COVID-19. However, given the increase in COVID-19 infections, we have decided to maintain the same method of teaching in period 3 as in period 2. Please find more information about education in Periods 2 and 3 via [AskPsy](#).

PBL sessions

In case *on campus education is allowed* in period 2 and 3, PBL sessions will be offered hybrid (online/on campus) as much as possible. There are 2 options of hybrid education, depending on whether our government installs a 1.5m restriction in higher education.

- At the moment (19-11-2021) higher education is **excluded from the 1.5m restriction**. The number of people allowed on campus is not limited for PBL sessions. We ask students to contact their tutor or practical/skills coordinator if they:
 - Experience COVID-19 symptoms and are not allowed to come to campus, after following the [flow chart](#);
 - Experience travel restrictions due to COVID-19/visa problems,
 - Experience personal circumstances related to COVID-19, and/or
 - Experience housing issues prohibiting them from participating in on-campus education.

We ask teaching staff to be lenient in these and other cases and to facilitate hybrid education. In this scenario, the PBL group is also allowed to comply with the 1.5m restriction, if that would make the PBL group feel safer.

- In case the government installs a **1.5m restriction in higher education within the upcoming weeks**, PBL sessions will be hybrid. Depending on both the group and the room, part of the group can attend the tutorial meetings on campus, the others must attend online. For tutor groups of 12-15 (i.e., students + a tutor (if applicable)), this means that max. 6 people can be on campus. The PBL group is asked to set up an 'on campus' schedule. If students or staff experience COVID-19 symptoms we ask them to follow the flow chart.

- Students with (chronic) cold symptoms can join PBL sessions if they can show the tutor a doctor's note, stating that their (chronic) cold symptoms are caused by something other than COVID-19

Practicals/Skills/Workshops/Mentor Meetings

Per activity, a decision will be made by the course coordinator for online or on campus activity. We ask teaching staff to facilitate a hybrid or online alternative for students who cannot join on campus due to above mentioned reasons.

Lectures

In period 2 all lectures will be online. For period 3, we are currently looking at the possibility of organising (some) lectures on campus. However, this depends on the availability of the rooms, 1.5m regulations, etc. Whether a lecture will take place fully online or hybrid in period 3 will become visible in your timetable.

Exams

Due to the uncertainty of the development of the COVID-19 pandemic in the coming weeks, we have decided that **all exams in periods 2 and 3 (academic year: 2021-22) will be online and unproctored.**

The course coordinators are asked to inform their students about how the course is assessed online ASAP (and with respect to period 3, ideally at the beginning of the course). Note that some currently available course descriptions may still say that the exam will be administered on campus or in the MECC. Adjusting an examination to an online environment takes time and effort and often asks for an adjustment of the assessment method(s) used in the course. Therefore, it is possible that the assessment method(s) will deviate from the original plan. Due to this, the date or time of exams can also change. Please check AskPsy regularly* for an update about exams in periods 2 and 3. Updated exam schedules are always announced.

** Under normal circumstances, it is very rare that an exam date or time changes once the course has started. The COVID-19 pandemic and related practical considerations might require (last minute) changes with regards to the time of date of the exam.*

If you expect problems with your internet connection during exams, please check [AskPsy](#).

Study facilities

Check the [library website](#) and [Resource Booker](#) to see all available study places at UM.

Research internships

The current UM COVID-19 internship abroad policy, for now, remains unchanged. Check the [UM website](#) and [AskPsy](#) for most recent regulations.

Fully online

As always, the course of the COVID-19 pandemic is hard to predict and last-minute changes to the abovementioned can occur. We thank you all again for your understanding, hard work, flexibility, and dedication to making our shared study experience a success. In case our government asks us to offer education only online, we will switch to that immediately, but we hope that we can avoid this situation.

Take care of each other

We can only ensure a safe university experience, if we work together, and respect and look out for one another. Throughout the university you will find posters describing the hygiene rules that we have grown accustomed to during the past year and a half. We still need to be careful and want to create a safe environment for all students and staff.

Government advice is to regularly self-test, and as always, stay home if you exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. As a student or employee, you can order free self-tests via www.zelftestonderwijs.nl (use your UM account).

Finally

We understand that it is a disappointment that you need to adjust your study plans once more. We thank you for all your work.

- For questions on education, please [contact us](#).

Warm regards,

The Education Management Team