

Weekly update on FPN Education | 1 May

Dear FPN students,

We hope that you and your family and friends are well.

In this weekly update, we would like to provide information about what you can expect in the upcoming period and what we are working on within FPN CMT Education. Please also make sure to regularly consult [AskPsy](#) and the [UM website](#). Please let us know, via [AskPsy](#), if you're missing any important information.

TRANSITION TO A DUTCH MASTER'S PROGRAMME

The Dutch Minister of Education, Culture and Science is making it possible to admit students to a Dutch master's programme for the 2020-21 academic year under certain conditions, even if these students have not yet completed their bachelor's programme. This type of conditional admission is also referred to as a 'soft cut'. In addition, institutions may choose to add an extra intake, or programme start date, in the 2020-21 academic year for (a number of) master's programmes so that students can start their master's programme somewhat later, but with the right qualifications for admission.

Maastricht University, and also FPN, is doing its utmost to limit study delays in the transition from bachelor's to master's programmes. Should a delay occur due to the coronavirus pandemic, UM wants to offer leniency. At the moment, various options are being considered, including the 'soft cut' and an extra intake. For UM, it is of paramount importance that these types of alternatives must remain feasible and workable from the perspective of the student and of the programme. In its consideration, UM is also taking into account the large proportion of master's students from abroad. More updates will follow as soon as possible via the usual channels (website, FAQ and master's programme admission pages).

PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

Collaborating is an important part of our PBL education. Given the current special circumstances, the attendance requirement has been abolished to prevent sick students, students caring for relatives, or students that cannot attend education because of other circumstances to get in trouble. All other students are expected to actively participate in online tutorials and other education. After all, we're all in this together!

We have obtained positive feedback from several tutors who (informally) evaluated the online PBL sessions in P4 and the start of P5 and the participation of students during these sessions. Thank you so much for your contributions.

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INTERNET CONNECTION

In case you are experiencing issues with your internet connection, you can contact Maastricht University via: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/online-education-um> (via the big green button (this is also displayed in their Student Portal)). The Online Education Helpdesk will then help to find a suitable solution.

THE LOG INN

Recently we started an online café The Log Inn at FPN for students. Sessions of this café are regularly planned by Arie van der Lugt and Werner Teeling. Students will be invited via their UM student mail-account. During these sessions, students, but also staff, meet online to have a chat. So far, the meetings have been a great success. And we look forward to the next session.

For now, enjoy the upcoming long weekend. Take your rest, relax, have a walk or do some activity, but please take care of yourself, your close ones, and the people around you. We are not there yet, but we will get there!

With kind regards,

The Education Management Team

GENERAL RESOURCES

- Specific information for FPN students and FAQ can be found on [askpsy.nl](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/askpsy).
- The most recent UM coronavirus updates can be found on the [UM homepage](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/um-homepage)
- Stay in touch with the Academic Advisors:
Master's students: fpn-academicadv-ma@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Bachelor's students: fpn-academicadv-ba@maastrichtuniversity.nl
- UM FAQs for [Students](#), [Employees](#), [IT-support](#), [Alumni](#)
- For urgent FPN-related questions, you may call **0031 (0) 43 388 40 08** or you can send an email via [AskPsy](mailto:askpsy@maastrichtuniversity.nl).
- A website has been developed as part of a project concerning study skills (StudySmart). Here you can find useful tips to support you in studying on your own. You can find this information on <https://www.studysmartpbl.com/news/effective-homebound-learning/>
- The Wellbeing Movement (WBM) is an initiative promoting physical and mental wellbeing at Maastricht University (UM). For more information: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/wellbeing-movement-um>.