

Weekly update on FPN Education | 19 June

Dear FPN students,

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

As the summer is fast approaching, we want to inform you about FPN's education plans for the introduction week and the first 4 months (i.e., periods 1 and 2) of the academic year 2020-2021.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the regulations set by the Dutch government, we needed to adjust the way FPN teaches during the introduction days and the first two periods of the new academic year. We can imagine that you are eager to hear more about this.

Introduction Days online

Our [Introduction Days \(24-28 August 2020\)](#) will be offered online. Please check whether this week is mandatory for you and if so, please save these dates.

Please note: if you're continuing your studies in the 1-year Master in Psychology at FPN, you will be expected to join the online sessions on Friday 28 August in preparation for the new academic year. This is a change to previous years when you did not join the FPN Introduction Days.

Periods 1 and 2

For periods 1 and 2, education will be hybrid. Our motto is:

"ON CAMPUS, IF YOU CAN. ONLINE, IF YOU NEED TO"
(see our [UM website](#))

If you can come to Maastricht, you are very welcome. In Maastricht *and* at our faculty. Being in Maastricht gives you the "Maastricht experience". It enables you:

- to experience the atmosphere within our faculty building and other university facilities;
- to participate in small-scale activities of e.g., study associations;
- to socialise with your fellow students;
- to live in a lively, beautiful, international (student) city, where everything is accessible on foot or by bicycle and you do not depend on public transport.

Adjustments in periods 1 and 2

All of our programmes will offer a form of on-campus (on site) education to students that can and want to be in Maastricht. On-campus education will take place in Maastricht University buildings or other suitable buildings. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, not all

education modules can be offered physically in our buildings unfortunately. Therefore, we chose to prioritise the tutorial group meetings for the on-campus teaching.

Tutorial group meetings

Due to the 1.5m regulations and the air ventilation requirements, only a limited amount of students may be present in a tutorial room. In most tutorial rooms, 5-6 students can be present, however this number depends on the actual room size and the ventilating system installed in the room.

Because of this limiting factor, the tutorial group meetings will become a hybrid classroom. This means that some group members will be on campus during a tutorial meeting, while others attend the same tutorial meeting online. In order to facilitate this hybrid classroom, tutorial rooms will be equipped with additional technical equipment.

Should there be more students wanting to join the group on campus than the actual room size and ventilating system permit, a rotation will be set up. We ask all students to work together as well and respectful as possible in these classrooms, so that the tutorial meetings are as interesting and beneficial as possible to all of you.

The scheduling of the tutorial group meetings might be different than you are used to or that you may expect (e.g., some meetings may be shorter or start at different times). This has to do with e.g., the fact that rooms need to be ventilated and cleaned between tutorial group meetings and with the number of people walking in the corridors.

Note: this adjustment applies for the tutorial group meetings of nearly all of the core courses of your programs. However, e.g., all tutorial group meetings offered as part of the 3rd year FPN Bachelor elective courses (i.e., during the Periods 1 and 2) will be offered fully online. You will be informed about how the tutorial group meetings will take place in your courses via the course coordinator.

Practicals, lectures and mentorship

Lectures will be replaced by live streams or knowledge clips.

Practicals will be online. For those practicals that cannot be adjusted to an online learning environment, we will find a suitable alternative.

Mentorship meetings will be held online.

Exams

All exams in periods 1 and 2 will be offered online. The format of the exam will be communicated via the course coordinator.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Follow our [student ambassadors](#) for a sneak peak of your (new) study.

See 'UM and corona' for all corona-related information. Starting a new FPN study? See [Study in Maastricht](#) on the UM website. If you plan to continue your current study, please visit [AskPsy > Continuing your current study](#). Please note that the continuation of the COVID-19-situation is difficult to predict. Many of the parameters are fluid and may change in the weeks and months to come. It is possible that, at some point during the

academic year 2020-2021 due to e.g., a possible second Coronavirus wave, a transition to full online education will be necessary.

We will keep you updated with more information in the weeks to come.

You are safe in Maastricht and we can't wait to welcome you!

With kind regards,

The FPN Education Management Team

GENERAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

- Specific information for FPN students can be found on askpsy.nl. Here you'll also find the [FPN student FAQ](#)
- The most recent UM coronavirus updates can be found on the [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
- In case you are experiencing problems with your internet connection, the Online Education Helpdesk can help you find a solution: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/online-education-um> (via the big green button, which is also displayed in your Student Portal).
- 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: <https://www.studysmartpbl.com/news/effective-homebound-learning/>

- The Wellbeing Movement (WBM) is an initiative promoting physical and mental wellbeing at Maastricht University (UM). The WBM is here to give you tools towards a healthy and happy student life. During this period, a range of online activities will be organised for students. [Check out the current offer and sign up now.](#)
- Anke Sambeth, our Education Director, recorded a short lecture on how to learn effectively, including several lessons from research on learning. You can reach the lecture, entitled *lecture on learning*, [directly via this link](#)