

## Education as of 26-04 and period 6

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Dear students,

On 21 April, you received a UM-wide email regarding the new government Corona measures and what this means for education and student life at Maastricht University. One of the main topics discussed is that as of 26 April you are allowed to be on campus for education, one day a week.

In this email we're going to clarify what that means for FPN and what education will look like in the coming months (as always this is subject to change).

### **As of 26 April**

As of 26 April, you are allowed to be on campus one day a week. However, education at FPN will still be fully online for period 5. We have decided not to change our education model in the middle of a period.

Please note that practicals will still (mostly) take place online (exceptions are visible in your timetable). You have the possibility to reserve study spaces on campus (see below). Furthermore, we would once more like to encourage you to arrange your individual mentor meetings on campus (if possible for both you and your mentor).

*Please note: all UM buildings will be closed on 26 and 27 April due to King's Day.*

### **Study spaces at Randwyck Health Campus**

- **46 rooms** at Randwyck (16 FPN and 30 FHML) will be available
- Each room has space for max. **4 students**
- You can book per **2-hour slots**
- You can book max. **2 weeks** in advance
- Rooms are available between **08.00 - 18.00hrs**

These learning spaces are available for all students from all faculties. You can [book a spot here](#).

Below we'll talk about going back to the hybrid system.

### **Hybrid education as of period 6**

We're happy to announce that at the start of period 6, Monday 7 June, education at FPN will be reverting to our hybrid system (if the current government prognosis remains unchanged). Below you'll find a description of the hybrid system. It will be similar to the system we adapted in September 2020.

#### **PBL**

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

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

Should there be more students able and wanting to join the group on campus than the actual room size and ventilating system permit, a rotation schedule will be discussed and set up by the tutorial groups themselves. We ask all students to work together as good and respectful as possible in these classrooms, so that the tutorial meetings are as interesting and beneficial as possible to all of you. The maximum group size will be 15 students. We're proud to say that, during period 1 and 2, you have shown that this works very well.

### **Practical meetings, lectures, and mentorship**

Lectures will be offered as online synchronous plenary sessions and/or knowledge clips. Practicals will, in principle, be online (exceptions can be found in your timetable).

Also, during period 6, you may take your individual mentor meetings on campus (if agreed upon by both mentor and student).

### **Exams**

All exams in period 5 and 6 (and the resits in July and August) will be offered online. The exact format will be communicated via the course manuals.

### **1 September 2021**

It is still not clear what education will look like in the next academic year. We hope that we can host everyone at our faculty again. Hopefully we can elaborate more on this, early June.

We know these times are rough and home study is taking its toll. We are looking forward to the proposed new government measures that allow us to partially welcome you back to the faculty.

We hope to see you soon.

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the Education Management Team