

## **Temporary regulation which supplements Regulations regarding studies and examinations at the University of South-Eastern Norway**

Legal authority: Set out by the Board of the University of South-Eastern Norway on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 pursuant to Sections 3-3, 3-9 and 3-10 of the Act No. 15 of 1 April 2005 relating to Universities and University Colleges.

### *Section 1 Purpose*

- (1) The purpose of the Regulation is to secure measures necessary for the students at the University of South-Eastern Norway to be able to complete their education and receive their diploma or transcript without delay due to circumstances associated with the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
- (2) Necessary measures shall secure that the learning outcome specified for the education is obtained.

### *Section 2 Temporary alterations in study and course plans*

- (1) The Faculty may alter study and course plans when the purpose is to avoid unnecessary delay in the students' course of study, cf. section 1. This means that the Faculty for instance may alter required progression and prerequisite knowledge. The alterations may deviate from the requirements regarding procedure and deadlines in the Quality Assurance System.
- (2) The Faculty may alter a course's form of assessment and examination date.

### *Section 2 Alterations and exemptions from work requirements, activities and obligatory presence*

- (1) The Faculty may alter requirements regarding work requirements, activities and obligatory presence for the course, and deadline for completing these.
- (2) If work requirements are not completed and approved for a course due to the students' illness or imposed quarantine/isolation caused by the coronavirus, the Faculty may, if academically justifiable, grant postponed deadline, exemption or set alternative work requirements or activities which must be approved before the final grade for the course is set.

### *Section 4 Exemption from prerequisite knowledge*

Students missing prerequisite knowledge in courses for the autumn semester 2020 due to circumstances associated with the coronavirus shall be given dispensation from the prerequisite knowledge requirements. The students may be required to complete the prerequisite knowledge requirements within a certain time to be allowed to continue their studies.

### *Section 5 Grading scale*

The Faculty is authorised to deviate from the requirements regarding letter grades to be used in at least one third of the total number of credits for a study programme when this is necessary due to circumstances associated with the coronavirus.

#### *Section 6 Absence at examinations*

(1) The deadline for submitting documentation for legitimate absence at examinations due to the coronavirus may be extended if necessary.

(2) The Director of Academic Affairs is authorised to decide that medical self-certificate may be considered as valid documentation for absence if this is necessary. If medical self-certificate is put to use, this shall be considered as legitimate absence and give the same rights as absence documented with medical certificate or similar. The Director of Academic Affairs determines how medical self-certificates shall be submitted.

(3) If students fail to submit degree assignments and larger theses/dissertations within the deadline due to illness or illness or imposed quarantine/isolation caused by the coronavirus, the Faculty may extend the deadline for each case.

#### *Section 7 Requirements for external examiners*

When external examiners are impossible to provide due to the coronavirus, dispensation regarding the requirements for external grading for bachelor theses, elective courses/specialised syllabus and first grading of a new course may be granted, cf. Regulations regarding studies and examinations at the University of Southeastern Norway section 8-2 second subsection. Exemptions are not granted for requirements for external examiners which are fixed by law.

#### *Section 8 Grading deadline*

(1) The Faculty may extend the grading deadline if qualified examiners necessary to complete the grading within the normal three weeks deadline are impossible to provide due to circumstances associated with the coronavirus.

(2) The Faculty may also extend the deadline for degree assignments and larger theses/dissertations.

(3) The extended deadline shall not exceed three weeks past the original grading deadline.

#### *Section 9 Other provisions*

If the student is prevented from attending the start of studies, semester register, pay semester fee or confirm the individual education plan within the deadline due to circumstances associated with the coronavirus, this will not cause termination of the right of admission to the study programme.

#### *Section 10 Duration*

This Regulation enters into force immediately, and is applicable to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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