



**Maastricht University**

# Weekly update on FPN Education | 3 April

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Dear student,

As of 16 March, all educational programmes at UM have been moved to an online environment. At FPN, we immediately set up a Crisis Management Team named 'FPN CMT Education' with key representatives from the Faculty Board, Education Management, Education Office, and Study Advisors, as well as teaching and ICT experts. This team of experts meets on a daily basis to guide the ad hoc management of this change. E.g. by talking to coordinators on how to finish their course in the best manner, but also deciding to move the exams for the large Bachelor cohorts to June to provide both students and staff with time to adjust to the new situation.

Now the situation has somewhat stabilised, we can inform you about educational matters that we're currently working on. We intend to send you a weekly update – no worries, shorter than this one – on what we're doing and what you can expect.

Please also make sure to regularly consult the [FAQ section in AskPsy](#) and let us know, via [communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl), if you're missing any important information.

## **ONLINE TEACHING AND EXAMINATION**

All education and exams for period 5 and 6 will take place online. Currently, teaching staff is working on developing the best formats for online tutorial groups. Obligatory attendance has been waived, but we strongly advise you to attend the online tutorials. You'll learn more and better. This also applies to online examination. We're quickly learning from the FPN Research Master exams, and upcoming exams at other faculties. Our Programme Director is closely in touch with the other Dutch psychology faculties to also learn how they organise their examinations.

Your course coordinators will be in touch as soon as possible about exams and resits. Please read more on this topic via our [FAQ section in AskPsy](#).

## **BOOKING EXAMS, RESITS AND COURSES**

Booking the exams and resits is done for you by the Education Office. You do not have to do anything. Please note: you do still have to book the courses you plan to take in period 6 yourself.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS

A major concern in the first week of the crisis has been our *students abroad* and students currently involved in a *research internship*. Our concerns were with the safety of those abroad and bringing them back home. The Education Office and International Relations Office is doing a wonderful job in keeping close contact with those still abroad.

### *Incoming exchange students of the current academic year 2019-2020*

Most of you went home and we hope you, as well as your family and friends, are safe and healthy. Examinations will take place online and most exams will be open for limited time using the time zone of the Netherlands (Central European Time). Reminder: we are now on Summertime!

### *Outgoing exchange students in Autumn 2020*

Times are uncertain with regard to your ability to go abroad and whether you qualify or not based on your study results. For now, please do not book anything in terms of flights and accommodation (yet). For information about your eligibility, please keep an eye out for communication on this topic in the coming weeks. It's on the UM wide radar.

## RESEARCH AND CLINICAL INTERNSHIPS

For the research internships we thought about alternative solutions to data collection and analyses as laboratories were closing, including access to study populations in clinical settings and the general public. Creativity among staff and students is high and alternatives are being found. Still, there's work to be done. If you encounter any problems, please discuss them with your supervisors. If they didn't respond; please realise that they are busy in many roles. Please remind them gently. We're sure they'll make up for the lost time.

For those doing a *clinical internship*: a questionnaire has been sent to you to explore whether you are experiencing any problems. Please respond to the questionnaire, if you haven't already.

For all master's students who are planning internships abroad: there is still uncertainty in labs across the world, many will not receive guest students in Autumn. Talk to your supervisor, focus on a project here at UM or in NL/EU, at least as backup plan in case some projects abroad will not be possible.

## FINANCES

We understand that you might have many questions on topics, such as finances or study delay. Such questions require alignment on a national level. In order to formulate answers to questions (concerning tuition fees; regulations in case of study delay; options to conditionally enrol in a master's programme; etc.), Dutch universities consult with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. As soon as there is clarity, the UM Executive Board will communicate and add this information to the [FAQs](#) on the UM website. A lot of information can already be found there. Also, many of you might not have been able to keep their jobs next to their studies, resulting in serious financial troubles for some of you. Not only FPN, but the entire university has taken notice, see for example [the UM Crowdfunding Project](#).

## FPN CAFÉ | THE LOG INN

Finally, we would like to thank you all once more, for the positive contributions made by many of you, both inside and outside of the university. Please take care of yourself, your loved ones and your fellow students, and keep up the good spirit! And if you find time, join the online FPN café "The Log Inn" every Friday as of 10 April, organised by Pub Masters Arie and Werner (an invitation will follow shortly).

## GENERAL RESOURCES

- Specific information for FPN students can be found on [askpsy.nl](https://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](mailto:fpn-academicadv-ma@maastrichtuniversity.nl)  
Bachelor's students: [fpn-academicadv-ba@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto: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 to [communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

Please stay healthy and take care (also of others)!

Kind regards,

The Education Management Team