



Maastricht University

Weekly update on FPN Education | 10 April

Dear FPN students,

We hope you are well and that you're getting more or less used to education online. For those of you that took course exams this week and last week, we hope you were successful and did not encounter any major problems in taking the online exams. If so, we are sure you contacted the coordinator or fpn-examcoordinator@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

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 the [FAQ section in AskPsy](#) and let us know, via communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl, if you're missing any important information.

EXAM PERIOD 4 (bachelor's programme)

Coordinators of courses in the Bachelor programme Period 4 (Development, Perception, Consciousness, Man & Machine, Statistics III, Methods of Cognitive Neuroscience) have decided on the exam format. Either you've already been informed, or you'll be informed shortly about the chosen exam format through the course environment (Student Portal).

Concerning exam grading, except for Statistics III, the other five bachelor courses of period 4 will be graded with either a pass or fail. This means that these 5 courses do not count towards your GPA and also cannot be used for compensation. It's a decision that takes notice of the sudden change to online education at the end of period 4, the packed exam schedule early June, and the chosen formats of the exams by the coordinators. For period 5, the bachelor courses will revert to traditional grading from 1-10 except for History that will use pass/fail.

In year 1, *development* and *perception* will have an assignment as the course exam. Students can already start working on it for the course *development*, and soon for the *perception* course. The deadline for handing in the assignment for both courses is 12 June at 17.00 hrs. This will thus help you in spreading the study load, also in light of the course exams for period 5 the week before (1-5 June) and the resits for periods 2 and 3 the week after (15-19 June).

BACHELOR THESIS

The deadline for the Bachelor thesis is 17 April 2020 at 13.00 hrs, see [AskPsy](#). This deadline will not be postponed. Please, make sure that you hand in your bachelor thesis on time via [DorsWebApp](#). The system will close immediately after the deadline has passed. Missing the deadline for the final version implies you are not allowed to finish your bachelor thesis in the current academic year.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

We would like to thank all students that took the time to fill in the surveys that asked about the progress of your internship and any problems you face. The large majority of students responded. Currently, our staff members and policy advisors are drafting a short report to be presented to the Faculty Board, who will discuss the outcomes and decide on possible actions.

PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

As we communicated earlier, 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! Tutors have received instructions on activities they can do to make you quickly feel part of the group. Try them out, together!

ONLINE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND STUDY MATERIALS

We've received questions about online access to documents and study materials because VPN is not available for students. There are alternatives available, which are explained on the website: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/online-education-um/students>.

OTHER POINTS OF ATTENTION

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 LOG INN

Last week we had a successful start of the online café The Log Inn. Friday, 10 April at 14.00 hours a second session is planned tailored to our first-year Bachelor students. Arie and Werner will be there, but also other staff members, to have a chat and answer any questions. Please feel free to have a look, also if you're not a first-year student. Next week sessions will be planned for the other study cohorts.

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! See you back on Tuesday!

With kind regards,

The Education Management Team

GENERAL RESOURCES

- 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** or you can send an email to communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl