

## Weekly update on FPN Education | 17 April

Dear FPN students,

We are now in the 5<sup>th</sup> week of online education. FPN CMT Education had to manage a lot in the first weeks, but things seem to settle down now. We are very pleased with the positive feedback we received from many of you about the way our educational programmes have continued to run in a fully different teaching environment. Of course, this could not happen without the flexibility and help of you and our creative teaching staff, but also not without the help of many people behind the scenes who take care of the planning of educational activities, ICT, and communication. We are very grateful to them, some of them were already closely involved in tackling that other C-virus earlier this academic year, the Clop ransomware.

In this weekly update, we would like to focus on our students in FPN's four master's programmes, in particular those doing their clinical and/or research internship. The information provided so far mostly pertained to the bachelor's programme, but for our master's students, many things have changed as well.

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.

### **How are our master's students fairing during the pandemic?**

The first-year students of the two-year Research Master and Forensic Psychology programmes are taking courses in Maastricht, while those in the International Joint Master of Research in Work and Organisational Psychology are doing their second semester at Leuphana University of Lüneburg in Germany. We assume you're doing well, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Students in the 1-year Master in Psychology and those in the second year of the Forensic Psychology and Research Master are currently doing their research internships. For them a lot, if not everything, changed. Those abroad had to come back home, while almost all of our internship students had to make changes to their original research plans. What we learned so far, from the surveys we sent out among the internship students and their thesis supervisors, is that the large majority are dealing with the pandemic quite well. New plans have been developed, and currently, preparations are made to put these plans into action, for example by using different data collection methods, or by working on data collected already by others, or by doing highly challenging literature or theoretical reviews.

### **Practical part of the research internship**

Of course, the practical aspects of the internship have changed. Currently, we are adapting the assessment form for the practical part of the internship, and we will instruct the supervisors on how to use the form. We strongly advise all internship students to have regular contact with their supervisors so that they can help wherever necessary, but also to provide your supervisor with regular progress reports so they can monitor the practical part of your research work. Also, if you did not already do so, please inform your second supervisor about the change of plans. Finally, do not forget to check the FAQ

section in AskPsy where we respond to the question of whether there are any consequences of missing out on the practical work for the level of your academic training.

## **A new teaching period has started and a new year is to come!**

This week teaching period 5 started. The Research Practical course in the Bachelor attracted more than 250 students at the opening lecture. A bit too much unfortunately, as Collaborate Ultra can only handle a maximum of 250 students. However, a recording has been made and published. The attendance rate for the tutorial groups in the other courses proved out to be very high. We are very pleased to hear this because that's where the learning takes place!

For next year we'll again welcome many new students. In fact, we've received more applications than ever for the selective master's programmes! It seems that the subject of Psychology and Neuroscience is in high demand during these times. This is great news!

The boards of admission, supported by the Education Office, are currently working hard on processing all applications, while Marketing and Communications is preparing everything to make all selected students feel very welcome! For the 1-year master's programme, the application window is open until 1 June 2020 for EU/EER students (1 May 2020 for non-EUR/EER students).

## **Pass/Fail evaluation for some courses**

There have been questions about the pass/fail regulations for some courses in the Bachelor programme. We've set up an [FAQ](#) that will provide the answers. Contact [communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:communications-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl) if you still need more information.

## **FPN CAFÉ | THE LOG INN**

Today, 17 April 2020, there is another session in our online [FPN café "The Log Inn"](#) organised by Pub Masters Arie and Werner. This session will be for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students and will take place from 14.00-15.30hrs. Check out Arie's new selection of shirt and jacket!

Please note that it will take a bit of time to get connected, the infotainment programme will start at 14.15hrs, so please make sure to join us in time for that.

Fraukje Kolle from the well-being movement will be our special guest this afternoon. Fraukje will share some tips and tricks on how to beat the corona blues and structure your days. You will also have the opportunity to chat and ask us, an Academic Adviser and the students of the Student Council and Luna-tik questions.

Best wishes,

The Education Management Team

## 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 Advisers:  
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Bachelor's students: [fpn-academicadv-ba@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:fpn-academicadv-ba@maastrichtuniversity.nl)
- UM FAQs for [Students](#), [Employees](#), [IT-support](#), [Alumni](#)
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