Programme Regulations 2017-2018

Bachelor Philosophy of a specific discipline (=Double Degree Bachelor programme with Philosophy) at the Erasmus University Rotterdam

containing the corresponding Course and Examination Regulations, the Rules and Guidelines of the Examination Board and the Appeal Procedure
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Introduction

These Programme Regulations contain the Course and Examination Regulations (CER) for the Bachelor Philosophy of a specific discipline. These Regulations were laid down by the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, following the advice of the Examination Board (‘Examencommissie’) and have been approved by the Faculty Council (‘Faculteitsraad’) and the Programme Committee (‘Opleidingscommissie’). In addition, these Programme Regulations contain the Rules and Guidelines (‘Regels en Richtlijnen’) of the Examination Board, in which the rules of the programme are laid down in more detail. The final section of these Programme Regulations contains information on options for lodging an appeal with the Board of Appeal for Examinations.
I. Course and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor Philosophy of a specific Discipline

INTRODUCTION
The Course and Examination Regulations contain the specific rights and obligations of students taking the bachelor programme Philosophy of a specific discipline. The rights and obligations of all students are detailed in the university Students’ Charter; please see http://www.eur.nl/english/essc/charter/.

These Regulations were adopted by the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy on 26 June 2017 with the consent of the Faculty Council on 26 June 2017 and the Programme Committee on 16 June 2017 and following the recommendations of the Examination Board on 30 May 2017.

SECTION 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.1 Applicability of the Regulations
These Regulations apply to the teaching, interim examinations and the final examination of the bachelor programme Philosophy of a specific discipline of the 2017–2018 academic year and pertain to all students that are enrolled in that programme. The programme is offered by the Faculty of Philosophy.

Article 1.2 Definitions
a. the Act: the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW);
b. student: a person enrolled at the university for the purpose of taking a programme and/or sitting interim and final examinations of that programme in accordance with Section 7.34 of the Act;
c. Faculty: the Faculty of Philosophy of Erasmus University Rotterdam;
d. a credit: 28 hours of study, see the Act, Section 7.4, first subsection;
e. programme: the programme referred to in Article 1.1 of these Regulations;
f. major degree programme: the academic programme the student takes as the primary programme concurrently with the bachelor in Philosophy of an EUR discipline;
g. course: a series of lectures as referred to in Section 7.3 of the Act;
h. block: an academic period of ten weeks;
i. bachelor year: an academic period consisting of four blocks;
j. examination: an assessment of the student’s knowledge, insight and/or skills that concludes a course;
k. skills training: training as referred to in Section 7.13, subsection 2, of the Act, in one of the following forms: producing an assignment or paper, doing an
internship, or participating in an education activity aimed at acquiring certain skills;
l. bachelor examination: the examination that concludes the programme Philosophy of an EUR discipline;
m. diploma supplement: the annex to the bachelor degree certificate explaining the nature and content of the programme;
n. bachelor thesis: final thesis for the bachelor examination;
o. supervisor: a lecturer who acts as the student’s first supervisor;
p. advisor: a lecturer who acts as the student’s second supervisor;
q. Course and Examination Regulations: the rules of the bachelor programme Philosophy of a specific discipline, as referred to in Section 7.3. of the Act and adopted by the Dean of the Faculty;
r. Rules and Guidelines: Rules and Guidelines of the Examination Board for the bachelor programme Philosophy of a specific discipline (as referred to in Section 7.12., subsection 1b, of the Act) and adopted by the Examination Board;
s: he: to be understood in a gender neutral sense.

Article 1.3 The Examination Board
1. The Dean appoints an Examination Board for the Faculty’s programmes and is responsible for ensuring that the independence and expertise of the Examination Board is sufficiently guaranteed.
2. The Dean appoints the chair and the members of the Examination Board on the basis of their expertise in the programmes offered by the Faculty.
3. Before the appointment of a new member, the Dean will consult the members of the Examination Board.

Article 1.4 Evaluation of the programme
1. The programme director is responsible for ensuring the evaluation of the programme.
2. The programme director will inform the Faculty Council and the Programme Committee of the method and frequency of the evaluations of the components of the curriculum.
3. The programme director will inform the Programme Committee of the outcomes of the evaluations, the measures taken to improve the curriculum and the effect of these measures.
SECTION 2 PRIOR EDUCATION

Article 2.1 Admission
1. Only students who have finished the first year of a recognised academic bachelor programme (the major degree programme) of a Dutch university may be admitted to the programme Philosophy of a specific discipline.
2. A student from a non-Dutch university who has obtained at least a Bachelor degree can be admitted to the programme Philosophy of a specific discipline, provided that he meets the language requirements.

Article 2.2 Language requirements
The person who is in possession of a foreign bachelor diploma may only enrol after he has complied with:
   a. the admission requirements in Article 2.1;
   b. the requirement of having a sufficient command of the English language as referred to in Article 3.3, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 of these Regulations.

SECTION 3 CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Article 3.1 Programme objective
The objective of the programme is to contribute to the student’s academic education by teaching him knowledge, insights and skills in the field of Philosophy that will allow him to enter the job market at bachelor degree level and to enrol in a master programme in the field of Philosophy. The objective of the programme is specified in the intended learning outcomes (appendix 3).

Article 3.2 Structure of the programme
1. Combined with the main bachelor programme the Philosophy of a specific discipline programme is fulltime and starts at the beginning of the academic year.

Article 3.3 Language in which the programme is taught
1. The programme is taught in English and the examinations will be held in that language.
2. The student must have a sufficient command of English to be able to follow the programme and take the examinations. The student will have met this requirement if he:
   a. has a pre-university education (VWO) diploma and English was one of the subjects included in the exam conferring that diploma; or
b. has a pre-university education diploma obtained at an English language institution offering pre-university education either in the Netherlands or abroad; or if he has taken one of the tests below:
* internet-based TOEFL with a score of 80 or higher;
* IELTS with a score of 6.0 or higher;

3. When writing essays, papers and the master thesis, use of literature in Dutch, German, English and French is permitted. If any literature is used in a language other than the languages listed above, the lecturer’s or supervisor’s prior consent is required.

4. Written examinations in English may also be answered in Dutch unless the lecturer’s fluency in that language is insufficient, which will be assessed by the Examination Board.

5. If the student wants to sit the examination in a language other than Dutch or English, he must submit a request to the Examination Board.

Article 3.4 Study load
The study load of the programme is 180 credits, of which one half (90 credits) consists of mandatory courses for the major degree programme.

Article 3.5 The programme
1. The components of the programme are determined by the Dean of the Faculty.
2. The general structure of the bachelor programmes at the Faculty of Philosophy is as follows:
   a. Every academic year is composed of four blocks, each block lasts ten weeks.
   b. Each block is composed of four courses: the student may follow two courses at the same time in weeks 1 to 5 and another two courses at the same time in weeks 6 to 10.
   c. Each course represents a study load of 3.75 credits.
   d. Two (related) courses with the same name, held consecutively in the weeks 1 to 5 and 6 to 10 in one block, are distinguished with Roman numerals I and II.
3. The students following the bachelor Philosophy of a specific discipline only follow courses given in English (appendix 1).

Article 3.6 Composition of the programme bachelor Philosophy of a specific discipline
1. The programme is divided into three parts (representing a total of 90 credits).
   1.a. The following seventeen courses, which are all part of the courses in the curriculum as described in Article 3.5 of these Regulations: (1) The Early Enlightenment; (2) The Quest for Man I; (3) Essential Contemporary Challenges; (4) Thought Experiments; (5) The Quest for Man II; (6) Ecophilosophy; (7) The High Enlightenment I; (8) The High Enlightenment II; (9) Social, Political and
Moral Philosophy I; (10) Social, Political and Moral Philosophy II; (11) General Philosophy of Science; (12) Critical Creative Reasoning and Interdisciplinary Problem Solving; (13) Technology and Social Change; (14) Critique; (15) Analytic Metaphysics; (16) Descartes and Spinoza; (17) Aesthetics.

1.b. The courses included by ‘Philosophy of an EUR Discipline’; these interdisciplinary courses are related to the relevant student’s main bachelor programme (15 credits).

1.c. The bachelor thesis (11.25 credits).

2. The courses listed in paragraph 1 of this Article can be spread out over three academic years. The student preferably chooses one of the two pre-arranged curricula: Curriculum A and Curriculum B (Please see Appendix 2 of these Programme Regulations).

3. The student should submit any changes in the programme as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article (including changes caused by differences between the old-style and the new-style programme), for approval to the Examination Board.

Article 3.7 Approval of the bachelor thesis
1. The student should submit a proposal for his bachelor thesis for the Philosophy of a specific discipline programme to the Examination Board, including a description of the subject and the name of the supervisor. The subject of the bachelor thesis is chosen by the student, or consists of a philosophical reflection of one of the proposed works; please see the course guide.

2. If the Examination Board does not approve the proposal for a bachelor thesis, the student will be notified of the decision in writing and will be informed of the reasons.

3. If a student wants to change the proposal for a bachelor thesis, he should follow the same procedure as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. (Please also see Article 6.1 of the Rules and Guidelines.)

SECTION 4 COURSES

Article 4.1 Course enrolment
A student may only participate in a course if he or she has registered in time via OSIRIS.

Article 4.2 Best-efforts obligation
1. Every student is expected to participate actively in the courses in which he is enrolled.
2. In addition to the general requirement that the student actively participates in the programme, supplementary requirements are described per component in the course profile in the online study guide or OSIRIS.
3. Attendance of all lectures and tutorials is optional.

SECTION 5 TESTING

Article 5.1 General
1. Every component of the programme is followed by an examination.
2. The Examination Board appoints one or more examiners for each examination. Students and student assistants may not be appointed as examiners. The appointment of the examiners is announced in the course profiles in the online study guide.
3. The examiners appointed by the Examination Board are responsible for the content of the examinations, conduct the examinations in the case of oral tests, and determine the results of the examinations. (Please also see Article 2.1 of the Rules and Guidelines.)
4. The course description states the objectives and learning outcomes of the course in question. (Please also see Article 5 of the Rules and Guidelines.)

Article 5.2 Structure of the examinations
1. The course assessment is arranged as mentioned in the course profile in the online study guide or OSIRIS; please see https://courses.eur.nl/#/#FWB.
2. Examinations may be held either as written or oral tests.
3. Only one student at a time may be examined if the examination is an oral test, unless the Examination Board has decided otherwise.
4. Oral examinations are public, unless the Examination Board or the examiner in question has decided otherwise, or if the student objects.
5. On request of the student or the examiner, the Examination Board may allow the examination to be taken by a method that is different from procedure stated in the provisions of the first paragraph. (For the assessment of the bachelor thesis, please also see Article 6.1 of the Rules and Guidelines for the assessment of the bachelor thesis.)

Article 5.3 Examinations and resits: number and completion terms
1. All examinations can be taken at least twice per academic year.
2. No more than six of the seventeen courses listed in Article 3.6, paragraph 1a, of these Regulations are eligible for resits.
3. The examination for a single course may consist of several sub-examinations or assignments.
4. Examinations that are not administered as a central written session (e.g., written assignments) should be taken within a term of six months of completing the course. The examinations are based on the prescribed literature for the most recent lecture cycle.
5. The Examination Board may, in exceptional cases, permit departures from the provisions of the paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of this Article to the benefit of the candidate.

Article 5.4 Examinations: times
1. Examinations administered as central written tests are announced in the month of July prior to the academic year in question.
2. Examinations administered as oral tests are held at a time determined by the examiner, if possible in agreement with the candidate.
3. Changes to the scheduled examination times may only be made in the event of force majeure.
4. If the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) issues a weather warning (code red) for the whole country or specifically for the Rijnmond region due to extreme weather conditions, the Dean shall, after consulting the Student Administration, decide which of the written examinations planned for the relevant period should be cancelled. Any such cancellation will be announced immediately on SIN-Online.
5. Following such a cancellation, the Dean will set new dates for the cancelled examinations as soon as possible in consultation with the examiners concerned. The new dates should preferably be within two weeks of the original examination dates.

Article 5.5 Notification and registration of the examination results
1. The examiner will produce his assessment of the examination within 20 working days of the day on which the relevant examination was held and he will provide the Faculty’s Student Administration with the details necessary for informing the student of the assessment.
2. Immediately after an oral examination, the examiner will make an assessment of the examination and issue the student with a written statement regarding the assessment.
3. The registered details, with the exception of details on awarded degree certificates, will not be disclosed to parties other than the candidate, the Examination Board, the Executive Board, the Board of Appeal for Examinations and the study advisor. Departures from this provision are only permitted with the candidate’s consent.
4. The written statement regarding the assessment of an examination will inform the student of his right of inspection (please see Article 5.7 of these
Regulations) and the possibilities of appealing to the Board of Appeal for Examinations (please see part III of these Programme Regulations).

*Article 5.6 Validity*
The validity of the examination results is indefinite.

*Article 5.7 Right of inspection*
1. For a period of 30 days following the publication of the result of a written examination, a student may inspect the assessed work following a request.
2. During the period specified in the first paragraph, the student can ask for clarification of the criteria used for assessing the examination. (Please also see Article 5.3 of the Rules and Guidelines.)

*Article 5.8 Reviews*
1. A review of an oral examination may be held between the student and the examiner on the student’s or the examiner’s initiative shortly after the announcement of the results of the examination.
2. The student may request a review of a written examination during a period of 30 days following the results of an examination.
3. The lecturer should announce the date of a collective review in good time. The student may only request an individual review if he attended the collective review or if he was hindered from attending the collective review by circumstances beyond his control.

*Article 5.9 Period of retention*
1. The questions, answers and the assessed work of the written examinations are retained (either on paper or by digital means) for a period of two years following the assessment.
2. The bachelor thesis and its assessment are retained for a period of seven years following the assessment (either on paper or by digital means).

*Article 5.10 Exemption*
1. At a student’s request and after having consulted the relevant examiner, the Examination Board can grant the student exemption from a course or other part of the programme, provided that the student has completed a component which is of equivalent content and level, as part of a university or professional higher education programme, before he started the bachelor programme.
2. An exemption can only apply to an entire course and not to a part of a course.
Article 5.11 Compensation
1. The Examination Board has formulated rules for the compensation of marks for examinations that have not been passed, see its Rules and Guidelines, article 5.4.

SECTION 6 THE BACHELOR EXAMINATION

Article 6.1 The bachelor examination
1. The student has passed the bachelor examination if he:
   a. has earned a pass mark for all components of the programme listed in Article 3.6.1 of these Regulations;
   b. if he has complied with the rules for compensation (please see Article 5.11 of these Regulations) in the event he has unsatisfactory marks.
2. The Examination Board determines the results of the examination.
3. To pass the bachelor examination and be awarded a degree certificate, the student must have been registered for the programme in the period in which he sat the examinations.
4. The date of the bachelor examination is the date on which the Examination Board determines that the student has passed the examination. (Please see Article 7.1 of the Rules and Guidelines for information on the examination day.)
5. Any student who has successfully passed the bachelor examination and is entitled to be awarded a certificate may request the Examination Board to delay the award of the certificate. This request to delay the award of the certificate should be submitted within two weeks of the student being informed of the results of the bachelor examination. In his request the student should indicate when he wishes to receive the certificate. (Please see Article 7.1 of the Rules and Guidelines for information on the examination day.)

Article 6.2 The degree
1. A student who has successfully passed the bachelor examination will be conferred the degree ‘Bachelor of Arts in the Philosophy of a specific discipline’.
2. The degree conferred is stated on the certificate of the bachelor examination.

Article 6.3 The degree certificate
1. As proof that the student has successfully passed the bachelor examination, a degree certificate is awarded by the Examination Board. One certificate shall be awarded for each programme.
2. The Examination Board will attach the list of marks and the diploma supplement to the certificate; the diploma supplement provides information on the nature and content of the completed programme.
SECTION 7 SUPERVISION AND ADVICE

Article 7.1 Study progress administration
1. The examiners register the individual study results of students and provides access to these results via OSIRIS.
2. The compensable unsatisfactory marks will be included in the calculation of the student’s progress. (Please see Article 5.4 of the Rules and Guidelines of the Examination Board.)
3. The results of examinations for which results were already previously obtained will not be included in the calculation of the progress.
4. At the student’s request and in agreement with the supervisor of the final research project, the Examination Board will award a number of credits to determine the progress made in the programme component.
5. A certified student progress file can be obtained from Student Administration.

Article 7.2 Student counselling
1. The Faculty is responsible for the introduction and academic counselling of students enrolled in its programme.
2. Student counselling consists of:
   * information provided before the start of the programme to help the student determine the suitability of the programme;
   * advice on the curricula offered (please see Article 3.6.2 of the present Course and Examination Regulations);
   * advice about study skills, study schedules and choosing a subsequent curricula;
   * offering help in the event of difficulties during the student’s studies and, if necessary, referring the student to other persons or authorities.

Article 7.3 Studying with a functional impairment
1. Students with a functional impairment are offered the opportunity to adapt their study (as far as is reasonably possible) to the restrictions determined by the specific impairment involved. These adaptations will be aligned as far as possible to the student’s individual functional impairment, but should not affect the quality or level of the programme.
2. Students should submit a request to the Examination Board, if possible accompanied by a statement from an authorised agency.
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SECTION 8 TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**Article 8.1 Special clause**
In cases that these regulations do not provide for, do not provide for unambiguously, or that manifestly have an unreasonable outcome, a decision will be taken by or on behalf of the Dean, after consultation of the Examination Board.

**Article 8.2 Amendments**
1. Amendments to these Regulations will be formulated by the Dean, with due regard for the recommendations of the Examination Board, and with the consent of the Faculty Council and the Programme Committee.
2. Amendments to these regulations have no effect in the current academic year, unless such amendments will not unreasonably prejudice the interests of students.
3. No amendment may disadvantage a student by influencing a decision that was already taken previously in accordance these Regulations.
4. The provisions of Article 8.1 also apply to questions that might arise from differences between the current Regulations and previous versions.

**Article 8.3 Publication**
The Dean is responsible for the publication of these Regulations and any amendments.

**Article 8.4 Effective date**
These Regulations will come into effect on 4 September 2017.
II. Rules and Guidelines of the Examination Board for the bachelor programme Philosophy of a specific discipline

SECTION 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.1 Applicability of the Regulations
These regulations apply to the 2017–2018 academic year and govern the interim examinations and the final examination bachelor programme of Philosophy of a specific discipline and are applicable to all students that are enrolled in the programme.

Article 1.2 Definitions
Unless stated otherwise, the definitions as formulated in the Course and Examination Regulations of the relevant programme will also be used in the present Rules and Guidelines.

Article 1.3 The Examination Board
1. The duties of the Examination Board are stipulated in Sections 7.11, 7.12, 7.12b and 7.12c of the Act.
2. The Examination Board appoints, from among its members, an executive committee consisting of at least two members who are charged with the day-to-day business of the Board.
3. Requests submitted to the Examination Board should be sent by email or by post and should have the relevant documents attached. The Examination Board will give its decision within three weeks of receipt of a request and will inform the student of its decision by email.

SECTION 2 EXAMINERS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Article 2.1 Examiners
1. Prior to the start of a course the programme director will propose to the Examination Board the teacher(s) under whose responsibility the course will be given. The Examination Board then takes a decision about the appointment to examiner of the suggested teacher(s) for the course in question.
2. The Examination Board verifies that the examiners meet the set expertise requirements.
3. The Examination Board may set binding guidelines and assessment standards for interim and final examinations.
4. On request, the examiners will provide the Examination Board with information about the examinations and the corresponding results.
5. The Examination Board may revoke the appointment of an examiner if it has serious reason to do so.

Article 2.2 Quality assurance of the examinations and bachelor examination
1. The Examination Board draws up a test plan for the programme in consultation with the programme manager. This plan will include a systematic description of all the tests.
2. The Examination Board draws up a protocol for the production and supervision of examinations and for marking and administering the results for the programme.
3. The Examination Board is responsible for the evaluation of the examinations.
4. The Examination Board will inform the programme director of the method and frequency of the evaluation of the examinations.
5. The Examination Board will use the evaluation of the examinations to advise the programme director on measures to maintain and strengthen the quality of the examinations.

SECTION 3 DISCIPLINE DURING LECTURES AND EXAMINATIONS; REGISTRATION FOR EXAMINATIONS; PROCEDURE DURING EXAMINATIONS

Article 3.1 Discipline during lectures and other education activities
These provisions apply to the lectures and other education activities provided by the Faculty of Philosophy and to the rooms, including the computer rooms, that are used for teaching the Faculty’s bachelor programmes.
1. Entering a classroom after a lecture has started is prohibited without the consent of the person teaching.
2. Discipline during the lecture.
   a. The distracting use of electronic communication devices during the lecture is prohibited.
   b. The distracting consumption of food or beverages during the lecture is prohibited.
   c. Recording and distributing lectures and lecture material without the knowledge or consent of the lecturer is prohibited.
   d. The lecturer giving the lecture may have the person who is disrupting the lecture removed from the classroom.
3. Discipline in the buildings of the EUR.
   a. The distracting use of electronic communication devices is prohibited.
   b. The distracting consumption of food or beverages is prohibited.
c. The person responsible for the building in question may have the person causing the disruption removed from the premises.

4. The Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy may impose measures on anyone who is repeatedly guilty of disrupting the proper course of affairs during lectures or in classrooms, pursuant to the procedure laid down in the ‘Regulations relating to the maintenance of order in EUR buildings and on EUR sites and relating to the efficient or legal use of EUR facilities’; please see http://www.eur.nl/fileadmin/ASSETS/oos/Downloadbare_documenten/2015/Studentenstatuut_2015-2016_Engels.pdf

Article 3.2 Registering for examinations
1. Students may only sit central written examinations if they have registered in good time.
2. Registration for the examination is preferably arranged at the same time as the enrolment for the course in OSIRIS (please also see Article 4.1 of the Course and Examination Regulations).
3. Registration for central written resits may be arranged during the registration period for the relevant resit in OSIRIS. Information about the registration periods is provided by the Faculty via channels such as the Blackboard site. Students who are unable to register via OSIRIS must register at the Erasmus Student Service Centre (ESSC) in the hall of E Building.
4. After the normal registration period, the student may yet register by collecting a proof of registration from ESSC on payment of €20 and, on presentation of that proof of registration, requesting proof of enrolment from the Faculty of Philosophy’s Student Administration.
5. If the student takes a central written examination in breach of one of the previous paragraphs of this Article, the result achieved will not be valid unless the Examination Board decides otherwise.

Article 3.3 Discipline during written examinations
1. Written examinations are held in several rooms and halls of EUR’s Woudenstein complex. The most frequently used examination location is M Hall on the ground floor of M Building. On the day of the examination, monitors in various places, including the entrance to M Building, indicate the precise location of the examination and any changes. This information is also available on the SIN channel ‘Examination locations’ as from 9.30 p.m. for in any event the morning examinations held the following day.
2. The invigilators appointed for this purpose are charged with maintaining discipline during the written examination on behalf of the Examination Board. A senior invigilator is present in M Hall during written examinations. The
senior invigilator has overall control of the course of events during the written examination.
3. The invigilators are responsible for enforcing discipline in their respective sections before, during and after the examination. The invigilator will draw up a written report in the event of fraud. The student in question may continue to take the examination.
4. During the first half hour of each written examination, at least one examiner will be present in one of the rooms where the written examination is being held.
5. Candidates taking an examination must follow the instructions of the invigilator. If a candidate fails to do this, the invigilator will draw up a written report of the incident and send it to the Examination Board.
6. Silence is required before, during and after the examination in the examination room. All forms of communication are excluded during the examination, except for communication with the invigilator and the lecturer.
7. Students taking the examination must arrive at the examination room and take their seats there in good time to ensure that the examination proceeds in a quiet and orderly fashion. The M Hall is subdivided into sections. Each section can accommodate a maximum of 47 students. The sections are subdivided in advance on the basis of student numbers. The first and last numbers in each section are indicated on signs.
8. It is still possible to start an examination up to 15 minutes after the examination has commenced; after that this is no longer possible unless the senior invigilator gives permission for late participation in the examination as a result of a demonstrably serious traffic inconvenience. It is not possible to appeal against the decision to deny a student participation in an examination due to late arrival.
9. Students are not permitted to leave the examination room until one hour after the examination has begun. Any student handing in his answers to the examination paper to the invigilator before the end of the examination must ensure that the other students are disturbed as little as possible.
10. Students may not leave the examination room during the last 15 minutes of an examination.

Article 3.4 Specific provisions on discipline during written examinations
1. In cases where suitable facilities are provided for the safe storage of students’ personal property outside the room where the examination is being held, no coats and bags may be taken into the examination room. Students must hang their coats over the back of their chairs if no such facilities are provided. Bags and the like must be closed and remain out of reach.
2. Students may only have the following items on their desks: a valid ID, writing materials, food and drink for personal consumption and proof of registration.

3. All candidates must be able to provide proof of identity by means of an EUR student card, a driving licence, an ID card, a passport or a valid public transport pass with photograph. Students are not permitted to take the examination if they cannot show the invigilator any of these means of identity.

4. If a certain source of information may be used during an examination (e.g. a dictionary), the examiner must inform the students of this in advance and this information must also be included on the cover page of the examination paper.

5. Sources permitted during an examination may not include any personal notes unless the examiner has informed the students of this in advance and this information is also included on the cover page of the examination paper.

6. Equipment and other permitted sources may be borrowed from another candidate, on the condition that the transfer takes place before the examination. If such equipment or other sources contain information that would enable fraud to be committed, both the owner and the borrower will be held responsible.

7. Each student may visit the toilets once during an examination, however no more than one person from each section shall be given permission at any one time. Students must notify the invigilator that they have to visit the toilets and the invigilator’s instructions must be fully complied with. Students may not visit the toilet during the first hour and the last half hour of an examination except in extremely exceptional circumstances (medical or otherwise), and the student must inform the invigilator of these circumstances in advance.

Article 3.5 Disciplinary rules: examination papers and answers

1. Students may only use paper provided by the University for answering examination papers during the examination. The use of the student’s own paper is not permitted.

2. The time when the examination ends is also the time at which all examination papers and answers must be handed in. Students should write their student number, name and signature (in pen) on all forms to be handed in and ensure that they are handed in to the invigilator as such. The invigilator will collect all the examination papers at the end of the examination.

3. Students may not take the examination questions home after the examination unless stated otherwise on the cover page.

4. Students may not take scrap paper supplied by the university home after the examination.
SECTION 4 FRAUD AND SANCTIONS

Article 4.1 Fraud
1. The term fraud is understood to mean any acts or omissions on the part of a student that make it impossible for the examiner and the Examination Board to form an accurate opinion of the student's acquired knowledge, insight and skills (or those of his fellow students).
2. The student must avoid any possible appearance of fraud in connection to himself during the examination and if the student is in any doubt about this he should immediately report to the invigilator.
3. The following shall in any event be deemed to be fraud:
   a. obtaining knowledge concerning the questions or assignments in a certain examination prior to that examination;
   b. assuming someone else’s identity or being represented by someone else during an examination;
   c. consulting or having within reach information sources (e.g. books, syllabi, personal paper, notes written on skin or on fabric, calculators that can be programmed, mobile telephones and smartphones), the use of which is not explicitly permitted during an examination by virtue of Article 3.4, paragraph 4 of these Regulations. Mobile telephones, smartphones et cetera should be switched off and remain off during examinations;
   d. copying from or exchanging any information whatsoever with fellow students, either inside or outside the examination room, during the examination; giving another person the opportunity to commit fraud will also be deemed fraud;
   e. exchanging or swapping the issued question papers or answer papers with other students;
   f. making any changes to previously submitted examination answers during a subsequent inspection;
   g. committing plagiarism, which shall be taken here to mean the copying of a passage containing more than a few words from his own or someone else’s work, either literally or in translation, from an individual or group assignment, project, thesis or any other type of text that is part of an examination, without indicating this by quotation marks, even if a bibliographically traceable and correct source reference is included. Providing other students with the opportunity to commit plagiarism is also deemed to be fraud;
   h. taking the examination without being entitled to do so;
   i. making it partially or completely impossible, by means of misleading acts, omissions or in any other way, for the examiner and the Examination Board to form an accurate assessment of the student’s knowledge, insight and skills.
4. Academic achievements in writing may only be evaluated in credits once. Students are not permitted to submit a previously written thesis, assignment or any other form of text written in connection with the student’s present or previous programme at or outside the Faculty a second time in the same course or a different course without first consulting the examiner and obtaining his approval (with respect to the part for which the text is submitted a second time or is intended to result in credits a second time) or to use any part of a previously produced project, either in amended form or otherwise, when writing a thesis, assignment or other project for the purpose of obtaining credits for it a second time, without prior consultation with the examiner and obtaining his approval.

5. In addition to the general obligation to give clear source references, students are under a special obligation to be completely transparent at all times with respect to re-using their own work and they can be held explicitly accountable on this point.

6. If a written examination is not taken under the supervision of an invigilator, such as an assignment or thesis, the examiner must carry out a plagiarism check.

Article 4.2 Sanctions
1. Students who act in breach of the rules specified in Articles 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 4.1 of these Regulations or give reason to do so are guilty of fraud.
2. If fraud is established or there is a grave suspicion of fraud during an examination, the invigilator or examiner must inform the student without delay. The invigilator or examiner must note this down on the work to be submitted by the student, and must take possession of any documentary evidence. The student will be given the opportunity to finish the examination and to hand in his work.
3. The invigilator must report the suspected or established fraud to the Department for Exam Administration on a standard report form immediately after the examination has finished. Any documentary evidence must be submitted together with this report. If the student refused to hand over any such documentary evidence, the invigilator must state this on the form. The Department for Exam Registration must send the report form filled in by the invigilator, together with any documentary evidence, to the Examination Board immediately after the end of the examination period.
4. If plagiarism is established after an individual or group project, assignment or thesis has been submitted, or if there are grave suspicions of plagiarism (e.g. by using a plagiarism detection tool), the examiner must report this to the student immediately. The student will be given a maximum of one week to submit his response to the suspicion of plagiarism to the examiner.
5. The examiner must report the plagiarism, or grave suspicion of plagiarism, to the Examination Board within one week of its discovery at the latest. The report should be accompanied by the evidence and the student’s response, if any.

6. The Examination Board will investigate the circumstances before making a decision.

7. Depending on the gravity of the fraud committed and taking any previous instances of fraud by the same student into account, the Examination Board may impose sanctions on the student, including the following:
   a. a reprimand;
   b. invalidation of the relevant individual or group project or assignment;
   c. invalidation of the relevant examination;
   d. invalidation of the relevant thesis;
   e. exclusion from the relevant examination for a period not exceeding one year;
   f. exclusion from one or more examination periods;
   g. exclusion from defending his thesis for a period not exceeding one year;
   h. a combination of the aforementioned measures;
   i. a proposal submitted to the Executive Board to permanently terminate the student’s enrolment in the bachelor programme of Philosophy.

8. If fraud or plagiarism is established with respect to a group project, this will be imputed equally to each member of the group. The onus of proving the contrary lies with each member of the group.

SECTION 5 EXAMINATIONS: CONTENTS, ASSESSMENT STANDARDS, MARKS AND COMPENSATION

Article 5.1 Content of the examinations
1. Changes to the topics of the examination during the course must be within reason.
2. The student may lodge an appeal against changes in the topics of the examination during a course with the Examination Board.
3. The questions and assignments of the examination will cover the topics of the course in a balanced way, with due regard to the learning objectives of the course in question.
4. The questions and assignments of an examination must be clear and unambiguous, and phrased so that the student will know how extensive and detailed the answers must be.

Article 5.2 Assessment standards
1. Written examinations will be assessed on the basis of clear standards which are preferably incorporated into model answers.
2. In the event an examination is arranged by more than one examiner and the result of the examination is assessed by several examiners, those examiners must ensure that the assessment is based on the same standards. If necessary, the Examination Board will assign final responsibility for the examination assessment to a single examiner.

Article 5.3 Marks
1. An examination result of 5.5 or higher will qualify as a passing mark.
2. A fraction of 0.4 or lower will be rounded down and a fraction of 0.5 or higher will be rounded up. Marks with more than one decimal place will be rounded up or down accordingly to a mark with one decimal place.
3. Alphanumerical results will be given in the following cases:
   * students who are registered for an examination but who have not actually sat it will be awarded an NS (No Show);
   * students who are enrolled for a course but did not take a certain examination component will be awarded an NC (Not Completed) for the relevant examination component;
   * students who completed a component but did not receive a mark for it may be awarded a C (Completed);
   * students who have been granted an exemption by the Examination Board will be awarded an EX (Exempted);
4. If a student has not enrolled and thus is not eligible to take an examination, any grade given for the relevant examination will be declared null and void.

Article 5.4 Compensation
1. A compensation arrangement applies to the seventeen courses of the bachelor Philosophy of a specific discipline as listed in Article 3.6, paragraph 1a. To this end, the courses have been divided into a total of four compensation sectors. Each compensation sector consists of two or more courses of 3.75 credits. Each course can only belong to one compensation sector. Compensation can only be arranged within a compensation sector.
2. Compensation sector 1 contains the following eleven courses: (1) The Early Enlightenment; (2) The Quest for Man 1; (3) Eight Contemporary Challenges; (4) Thought Experiments; (5) General Philosophy of Science; (6) Critical Creative Reasoning and Problem Solving (7) Technology and Social Change; (8) Critique; (9) Analytic Metaphysics; (10) Descartes and Spinoza; (11) Aesthetics. Within this compensation sector arrangement, the unsatisfactory course results of no more than two courses, of which the result is at least a 4.5, may be compensated with the satisfactory result of another course within the same compensation sector, on condition that the sum of the results of the courses requiring compensation and the result of the compensating course equal at least
12.0 and on condition that each course with a satisfactory result is never used more than once as compensation for a course with an unsatisfactory result.

3. Compensation sector 2 contains the two courses The Quest for Man 2 and Ecophilosophy. The unsatisfactory course result of one of the courses of at least a 4.5 may be compensated with the result of the other course, on condition that the sum of the result of the course requiring compensation and result of the compensating course equal at least 12.0.

4. Compensation sector 3 contains the two courses The High Enlightenment 1 and 2. The unsatisfactory course result of one of the courses of at least a 4.5 may be compensated with the result of the other course, on condition that the sum of the result of the course requiring compensation and result of the compensating course equal at least 12.0.

5. Compensation sector 4 contains the two courses Social, Political and Moral Philosophy 1 and 2. The unsatisfactory course result of one of the courses of at least a 4.5 may be compensated with the result of the other course, on condition that the sum of the result of the course requiring compensation and result of the compensating course equal at least 12.0.

SECTION 6 THE BACHELOR THESIS

Article 6.1 The bachelor thesis

1. The student discusses the subject of the thesis with the intended (first) supervisor. After the intended supervisor has approved the subject of the thesis, the student submits his proposal for the subject of the thesis and the intended supervisor to the Examination Board. The student submits a proposal to the Examination Board for the subject of the thesis and the intended supervisor (first supervisor). If the Examination Board approves the subject of the thesis and the intended supervisor, the Examination Board will notify the student. The Examination Board will also inform the student which lecturer will be his advisor (second supervisor) in the same letter. The letter will also be sent to the supervisor and the advisor.

2. The student drafts the structure for his thesis on one page. For more information, please see the ‘Manual for writing a bachelor thesis’; please visit www.eur.nl/fw/informatievoor/studenten/bachelorthesis_en_bachelorexamen/. Once this draft has been approved by the supervisor, it is submitted to the advisor for approval. Once this draft has been approved by the advisor, the student can start work on thesis itself.

3. The thesis should contain approximately 7,500 to 10,000 words.
4. Once the supervisor has approved the thesis, it is submitted to the advisor for advice. If the student wants to participate in one of the examination days, the advisor must have received the thesis at least twenty working days before the final submission date fixed by the Examination Board. (Please see Article 7.1 of these Regulations for the examination day.) In the advice formal and/or material shortcomings are discussed and suggestions for remedying these shortcomings are given.

5. Both the first and second advice (please see paragraphs 2 and 4 of this Article) are submitted by the advisor to the supervisor in writing; copies of each advice should be sent to both the relevant departmental section (Dutch: ‘leerstoelgroep’) and the Examination Board. The Examination Board will consider files from which those papers are omitted as incomplete.

6. Once the student has incorporated the advisor’s second recommendation, and once that incorporation has been approved by the supervisor, the supervision is finished. The supervisor informs the Examination Board, by means of the relevant assessment form, that the thesis may be assessed by the graduation committee.

7. A graduation committee appointed by the Examination Board assesses the thesis. That committee consists of two members (and preferably no more): the supervisor and the advisor. The committee discusses the thesis and gives the final mark.

8. The final mark for the thesis is the average of the marks given by the members of the graduation committee, unless one or more members of the graduation committee have given a failed mark for the thesis.

SECTION 7 EXAMINATION DAY AND THE DISTINCTION

Article 7.1 The examination day

1. The Examination Board annually stipulates two (and if necessary three) examination days for the conferral of the bachelor degree certificates: the third (and if necessary fourth) Monday in September and the third Monday in January. On those examination days, the students in question will hold a short speech on their bachelor theses lasting ten minutes.

2. The student concerned should submit the following items to the Examination Board at least twenty working days prior to the intended date of the examination day mentioned in the previous paragraph:
   * three paper copies and a PDF copy of the approved bachelor thesis and the PDF copy of a 100-word summary, which are both to be filed with the university thesis repository;
   * the assessment form, including the final mark for the bachelor thesis, signed by the members of the graduation committee.
3. After the presentation, the thesis supervisor will be given the opportunity to briefly address the student in question, after which the Dean of the Faculty or his deputy presents the certificate to the student.
4. Students are not obliged to participate in the examination day; please see the Course and Examination Regulations, Article 6.1, paragraph 5.

**Article 7.2 The distinction**

One single distinction may be mentioned on the statement of the results of the bachelor examination: ‘with honours’ (‘Cum Laude’). This distinction is conferred on the basis of the weighted average of the final marks for the components of the programme, for which the rules for rounding the marks up or down specified in Article 5.3.2 of these Regulations are taken into account. The distinction is conferred if the weighted average of the final marks for the components of the programme is 8.25 or higher and none of the final marks is lower than 7.5. The distinction for the programme Philosophy of a specific discipline only refers to the corresponding programme of 90 credits of courses given by the Faculty of Philosophy. (For the programme, please see Article 3.6 of the relevant Course and Examination Regulations.)

SECTION 8 TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**Article 8.1 Special clause**

In cases that these regulations do not provide for, do not provide for unambiguously, or that manifestly have an unreasonable outcome, a decision will be taken by the Examination Board.

**Article 8.2 Amendments**

1. Amendments to these Regulations will be laid down by the Examination Board.
2. Amendments to these regulations have no effect in the ongoing academic year, unless such amendments will not unreasonably prejudice the interests of students.
3. No amendment may disadvantage a student by influencing a decision that was already taken previously in accordance these Regulations.
4. The provisions of Article 8.1 also apply to questions that might arise from differences between the current Regulations and previous versions.

**Article 8.3 Publication**

The Examination Board is responsible for the publication of these Regulations, as well as for any amendments.
Article 8.4 Effective date
These Regulations will come into effect on 4 September 2017.
III. The appeal procedure
A student may lodge an appeal against any decision of an examiner (e.g. assessments) or the Examination Board with the Board of Appeal for Examinations (CBE) of Erasmus University. In urgent cases, the chair of the CBE may be requested to impose a provisional measure.

The appeal may be lodged by an interested party, i.e. the person whose interests are directly involved in a decision. The appeal should be lodged within six weeks of the announcement of the contested decision. If the appeal is lodged against an overdue decision, it should be submitted within a reasonable term.

The appeal should be submitted to the CBE in writing and addressed to the secretary of that Board. The appeal may also be lodged through the EUR Facility of Protection of Rights where all notices of objection and appeals may be submitted online.

Before an appeal is handled by the CBE, a term for settlement will be put into effect, during which the Examination Board or examiner investigates whether the claimant’s appeal may be settled (formal settlement attempt). During this term, parties may explain their positions in more detail, and the decision of the CBE will be carefully scrutinised.

The CBE assumes that the claimant has first been in touch with the examiner in question or the Examination Board in an attempt to reach an agreement (substantive settlement attempt). It should be noted that the term of six weeks for submitting a notice of appeal to the CBE will continue without interruption. With that in mind, a provisional notice of appeal may be submitted.

The interested party may submit an appeal to the Appeals Tribunal for Higher Education PO Box 636, 2501 CN The Hague, The Netherlands, against the decision of the Board of Appeal for Examinations within six weeks. This appeal is not possible, however, if the decision of the Board of Appeal for Examinations pertains to a decision that contains:
* the assessment of the student’s knowledge or skills that was or were the subject of the examination in this matter or tested in any other way (Article 8.4, under e of the Dutch General Administrative Law Act (Awb));
* the establishment of the questions, assessment standards or more detailed rules for that examination or test (Article 8.4, under e of the Dutch General Administrative Law Act (Awb)).
More information about appeal procedures is available on the CBE-EUR’s website:
http://www.eur.nl/abd/bjz/cluster_rechtsbescherming_studenten_en_personeel/
college_van_beroep_voor_de_examens/.
Appendix 1: an outline of the curriculum of the bachelor Philosophy in a specific discipline, 2017-2018
Appendix 2: the two possible trajectories for the curriculum of the bachelor in Philosophy of a specific discipline

### CURRICULUM A

#### Double Degree with Philosophy

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#### Advanced Courses in Philosophy and Thesis

- 1.0 ECTS Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations
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#### Blocks and Courses Overview

- **Block 1**: Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations
- **Block 2**: Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations
- **Block 3**: Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations
- **Block 4**: Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations

#### Number of ECTS per Bachelor Year

- Philosophy: 3.5 ECTS
- Main Study: 80 ECTS

#### Courses Overview

- **General Knowledge**: 4.5 ECTS
- **Communication**: 2.5 ECTS
- **Social and Political Science**: 6.5 ECTS
- **Philosophy**: 10 ECTS
Appendix 3: Intended learning outcomes 2017-2018

Knowledge and understanding
- To possess elementary knowledge of the scientific discipline involved;
- to have general knowledge of systematic philosophy, the history of philosophy, in particular the period of the Enlightenment, and contemporary philosophy;
- to have obtained such a knowledge of the philosophy of one’s own scientific discipline that he/she is able to explain the concepts and ideas of relevant authors (by speech as well as in writing) and knows how to gain access to primary and secondary sources;
- to have an understanding of the presuppositions and position of one’s own scientific discipline compared to other scientific disciplines.

Skills and communication
Besides the skills the student acquires within his/her own scientific discipline, within the philosophy curriculum the following skills are trained:

- To think and reason in a logical, analytical and critical way;
- to make a report, a summary and/or an argumentative text;
- to do a brief literature study and do some research in preparation of the writing of the thesis;
- to write a short thesis for the philosophy curriculum;
- to be able to reflect on one’s main scientific discipline, thereby deepening and broadening the knowledge of that specific scientific discipline, which can be of later use in further studies (master, postdoc, PhD) and/or in a professional career.

Attitude and judgmental capabilities
- A positive and critical attitude with respect to the relation between philosophy and the scientific discipline involved;
- receptivity/receptiveness to the societal, scientific and ethical importance of philosophical issues in relation to the scientific discipline involved and be able to interpret the relevant literature and collected data from that perspective;
- the ability to reflect on one’s own scientific discipline in an attentive and thoughtful manner.

Learning skills
To be better prepared for further studies (master, postdoc, PhD) because of the acquired learning outcomes mentioned above.