

Teaching and Examination Regulations

2021-2022

for the Bachelor programme in
Philosophy of a Specific Discipline
at Erasmus School of Philosophy
at Erasmus University of Rotterdam

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Introduction

These Programme Regulations contain the Teaching and Examination Regulations (CER) for the Bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline. These Regulations were laid down by the Dean of the Erasmus School of Philosophy, following the advice of the Examination Board ('Examencommissie') and have been approved by the Faculty Council ('Faculteitsraad') and the Programme Committee ('Opleidingscommissie').

Teaching and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline

Introduction

The Teaching and Examination Regulations contain the specific rights and obligations of students taking the bachelor 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 Erasmus School of Philosophy on August 30th, 2021 with the consent of the Faculty Council on June 28th, 2021 and the Programme Committee on June 17th, 2021 and following the recommendation of the Examination Board on July 15th, 2021.

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 Philosophy of a Specific Discipline of the 2020-2021 academic year and pertain to all students that are enrolled in that programme. The programme is offered by the Erasmus School 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 Erasmus School 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. EUR discipline expertise modules: the components of the programme comprising a series of courses in a discipline of study that is covered by one of the bachelor programmes offered by one of the following EUR Faculties: ESE, ESL, ESSB, ESHCC, ESHPM, Erasmus MC, RSM or EUC; course: a series of lectures as referred to in Section 7.3 of the Act;
- g. Complementary programme: a bachelor programme offered by ESE, ESL, ESSB, ESHCC, ESHPM, Erasmus MC, RSM or EUC concurrently taken by a student in the programme referred to in Article 1.1. of these Regulations, with the aim of obtaining both degrees.
- h. Course: a series of lectures as referred to in Section 7.3 of the Act;
- i. block: an academic period of ten weeks;
- j. bachelor year: an academic period consisting of four blocks;
- k. examination: an assessment of the student's knowledge, insight and/or skills that concludes a course;
- l. 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;
- m. bachelor examination: the examination that concludes the programme Philosophy of a Specific Discipline;
- n. diploma supplement: the annex to the bachelor degree certificate explaining the nature and content of the programme;
- o. bachelor thesis: final thesis for the bachelor examination;
- p. supervisor: a lecturer who acts as the student's first supervisor;
- q. advisor: a lecturer who acts as the student's second supervisor;
- r. component: a part of the programme consisting of a course or the bachelor thesis;
- s. Teaching 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;
- t. 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;
- u. 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 (60 EC) of a recognised academic bachelor programme (the major degree programme) of a Dutch university may be admitted to the bachelor 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 1).

Article 3.2 Structure of the programme

Combined with the main bachelor programme the Philosophy of a Specific Discipline programme is fulltime and starts at the beginning of the academic year in September.

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, with the exception of some EUR-discipline expertise modules and Philosophy of an EUR discipline module courses.
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;
3. When writing essays, papers and the bachelor 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 main degree bachelor programme. The 90 credits for the main degree bachelor programme consist of 60 credits for the first year, 15 credits for the second year, and 15 credits for the third year.

Article 3.5 The programme

1. The components of the programme are determined by the Dean of the

Erasmus School of Philosophy.

2. The discipline of the student's main programme determines the main course of the programme in all subsequent years within the bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline, including:

- a. the exact composition of the EUR discipline expertise modules;
- b. the Philosophy of an EUR discipline module, containing mandatory and optional courses, as referred to in Article 3.6 of these Regulations;
- c. Information on the options can be found on myeur.nl.

3. Next to this, students can add courses fitting their specific discipline and specialization.

Article 3.6 Composition of the programme bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline

1.a. The first year of the programme consists of:

- *EUR discipline expertise module 1*, which comprises the entire first year (60 credits) of one of the bachelor programmes offered by one of the following EUR Faculties: ESE, ESL, ESSB, ESHCC, ESHPM, Erasmus MC, RSM or EUC.

1.b. The second year of the programme consists of:

- *EUR discipline expertise module 2*, which comprises a selection of courses, adding up to 15 credits, from the second year of the bachelor programme in the discipline of study of the student's choice;
- a selection of 12 philosophy courses, adding up to 45 credits, from the curriculum as described in Article 3.6, paragraph 2.a, of these Regulations.

1.c. The third year of the programme consists of:

- *EUR discipline expertise module 3*, which comprises a selection of courses, adding up to 15 credits, from the third year of the bachelor programme in the discipline of study of the student's choice;
- the remaining five philosophy courses, adding up to 18,75 credits, from the curriculum as described in Article 3.6, paragraph 2.a, of these Regulations;
- *Philosophy of an EUR discipline module*, which comprises a series of interdisciplinary courses, adding up to 15 credits, encouraging philosophical reflection on the discipline of study of the student's choice;
- the bachelor thesis (10 credits) and bachelor thesis tutorial (1,25 credits), in which the student is required to articulate the link between his philosophical expertise and discipline expertise, as specified in Article 3.7 of these Regulations.

2.a. The following 17 courses, each representing a study load of 3,75 credits, together constitute the main philosophy curriculum referred to in this Article, paragraph 1.b and paragraph 1.c, adding up to a total of 63,75 credits: (1) The Early Enlightenment; (2) Human Conditions I; (3) Essential Contemporary Challenges; (4) Thought Experiments; (5) Human Conditions II; (6) Ecophilosophy; (7) The High Enlightenment I; (8) The High Enlightenment II; (9) Social and Political Philosophy; (10) Moral Philosophy; (11) Foundations of Philosophy; (12) Philosophy of Science II; (13) Technology and Social Change; (14) Critique; (15) Philosophy of Science III ; (16) Descartes and Spinoza; (17) Aesthetics.

2.b. The courses listed in paragraph 1 of this Article can be spread out over three or more academic years.

3. The student should submit any changes in the programme as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article for approval to the Examination Board.

4. The student can only participate in the exchange programme of the Erasmus School of Philosophy after he has obtained 15 credits for the courses mentioned above in

paragraph 2.a. of this Article.

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; see Myeur.nl.
2. The topic of the bachelor thesis should establish a link between philosophy and the discipline of study of the student's choice.
3. 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.
4. 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.)

Article 3.8 Double your Degree with Philosophy programme

1. In collaboration with the EUR Faculties ESE, ESL, ESSB, ESHCC, ESHPM, Erasmus MC, RSM and EUC, Erasmus School of Philosophy developed the Double your Degree with Philosophy programme. This programme allows students to complement the Philosophy of a Specific Discipline programme with another EUR bachelor programme in the discipline of study of their choice and to complete both bachelor programmes in a period of four years.
2. At a student's request and having consulted the relevant examiner, the Examination Board of the Erasmus School of Philosophy can grant the student who complements the Philosophy of a Specific Discipline programme with another EUR bachelor programme exemption from the EUR discipline expertise modules 1, 2 and 3 as mentioned in Article 3.6 of these Regulations, if the student has already completed the courses these modules are comprised of in the context of the complementary bachelor programme.
3. Provided that a student is granted exemption from EUR discipline expertise modules 1, 2 and 3 (adding up to a total of 90 credits) on the grounds that he has already completed the courses these modules are comprised of in the context of the complementary bachelor programme, and provided that he combines both bachelor programmes according to one of two advised learning trajectories as laid out in Annex #, the student can complete both programmes in a period of four years, requiring an average additional study load of 10 credits per year during the last three years of the programme.
4. A student completing both programmes will obtain two bachelor's degrees: one from the main programme and a degree in 'Bachelor of Arts in the Philosophy of a Specific Discipline'.

Article 3.9 Exceptions

In all cases in which students wish to deviate from the examination programme, permission must be requested from the Examination Board in advance in a reasoned request.

Section 4 Courses

Article 4.1 Course enrolment

A student may only participate in a course if he 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 Course 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, student assistants, or tutors may not be appointed as examiners. The appointment of the examiners is announced in the course profiles in the Course guide.
3. The examiners appointed by the Examination Board are responsible for the content of the examinations 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 as well as the intended methods of assessment (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 Course guide or OSIRIS.
2. Examinations are held in writing; oral examinations will be allowed only in exceptional cases.
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, see Article 6.1 of the Rules and Guidelines).

Article 5.3 Examinations and resits: number and completion terms

1. All examinations can be taken at least twice per academic year.
2. Students may take a resit for five of the seventeen courses listed in Article 3.6, 2a, of these Regulations. The examination for a single course may consist of several sub-examinations or assignments.
3. 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.

4. A resit should be taken in the same academic year as the course was taught.

5. The Examination Board may, in exceptional cases, permit deviation from the provisions of the paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article to the benefit of the student.

Article 5.4 Examinations: times

1. Examinations administered as central written tests are announced in the month of August 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 student.

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 on the homepage of the EUR and on the Facebook page of ESSC.

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. The new examination dates will be published on timetables.eur.nl.

Article 5.5 Notification and registration of the examination results

1. The examiner will produce his assessment of the examination within 15 working days of the day on which the relevant examination was held.

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 student, the Examination Board, the Executive Board, the Board of Appeal for Examinations and the study advisor. Deviation from this provision are only permitted with the student's consent.

4. In the online statement of the assessment of an examination, the student is informed of the right of inspection (see Article 5.7 of these regulations) and of the possibility of appeal to the Examination Appeals Board (see part III of these Study Regulations).

Article 5.6 Validity

1. The validity of the examination results is indefinite.

2. Partial results (results for the part of an examination) remain valid only in the academic year in which they have been obtained.

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 and has the right for feedback on the assessed work.

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 (digitally).

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 examination for the Bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline if he:
 - a. has earned a pass mark for all components of the programme listed in Article 3.6.1 of these Regulations;
 - b. has complied with the rules for compensation (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. (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. (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.

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. Modifications of this regulation will be determined separately by the Dean, after having taken notice of the advice of the Examination Board, the Programme Committee and the Faculty Council; and after the approval of the Programme Committee and the Faculty Council relating to the sections of the Course and Examination Regulations (CER) for which those bodies have the right of consent, all in accordance with the law.

2. In Article 7.13 paragraph 2 of the law it is determined which sections the CER should at least contain. Article 9.18 paragraph 1a of the law determines for which sections of the CER (as determined in Article 7.13 paragraph 2) the Programme Committee has the right of consent. Article 9.38 paragraph b determines for which sections of the CER (as determined in Article 7.13 paragraph 2) the Faculty Council has the right of consent; on account of the general regulation in Article 9.37 paragraph 2 of the law the Faculty Council is allowed to give advice about the other sections of the CER.

3. Amendments to these regulations have no effect in the current academic year, unless such amendments will not unreasonably prejudice the interests of students.

4. No amendment may disadvantage a student by influencing a decision that was already taken previously in accordance these Regulations.

5. 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 1 September 2021.

Appendix 1: Intended learning outcomes 2021-2022

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.