Most important changes in the Teaching & Examination Regulations for 2019-2020

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Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes

Addition of a teaching evaluation article (BA art. A-7.1 & B-8.1; MA art. A-6.1 & B-6.1)
Pursuant to a change in legislation, a new chapter and article concerning teaching evaluation procedures have been added to Part A and Part B of the Teaching and Examination Regulations.

Changes in the examination method must be announced at the latest by the start of the study period (art. A-4.2)
With respect to courses given in eight-week study periods (i.e. study periods 1, 2, 4 and 5), changes to the examination method may no longer be announced up to six weeks before the examination; they must instead be announced by no later than the start of the study period. Since the examination method may not be altered during the period of instruction, students have clarity about the examination method from the start of the course in question. A six-week deadline still applies for announcing changes to the examination method for courses that take place in study periods 3 and 6.

The rules governing extra examination opportunities have been modified (art. A-4.5)
The two separate sets of rules governing extra examination opportunities have been combined into one regulation. The eligibility conditions for extra examination opportunities have been made somewhat less strict. From now on, a student must have received a minimum mark of four for the course in question at some point in order to qualify for an extra examination opportunity. In addition, the last and/or penultimate examination opportunity must have been utilised, and the next regularly scheduled examination opportunity must be more than two months removed from the extra examination opportunity.

Disabilities: exam registration ten business days prior to the exam (art. A-5.3)
A student with disabilities who wishes to qualify for an examination facility granted by the Student Counsellor no longer needs to confirm the facility two weeks before the date of the examination. From now on the only requirement is that the student registers for the examination at least 10 business days in advance; separate registration for the facilities is no longer necessary.
Master’s programmes

Admission deadlines on the website (art. A-2.2)
From now on, the registration deadlines for master's programmes will be listed on the website rather than in the Teaching and Examination Regulations.

Health Law added (art. B-2.3; B-4.3 & B-7.4)
As a consequence of the newly independent status of the Health Law track, the exit qualifications (art. B-2.3) and the curriculum (art. B-4.3) of the new Master's in Health Law have been added. In addition, transitional arrangements (art. B-7.4) were incorporated in the Teaching and Examination Regulations to accommodate students currently enrolled in the Health Law track of the Public Law programme.

The admissions criteria for various English-language master’s programmes have been modified (art. B-3.3)
Certain English-language master's programmes allow enrolment without any prior legal education. This is now stated explicitly in the English-language Master's Teaching and Examination Regulations.

Students with a Dutch Bachelor's degree in an academic discipline are exempt from the English language test (art. B-3.7)
A nationwide agreement stipulates that students who have completed a [Dutch] Bachelor's degree in an academic discipline must be exempted from taking a standardised English language test. Such an assessment incurs additional expense, which is not permitted by law. Paragraph 2 of Article B-3.7 of the English-language Master's programme has therefore been amended to include a Bachelor's degree from a Dutch university as grounds for granting an exception.

No February enrolment for two tracks of International & European Law (art. B-1.4)
Due to changes to the curriculum, it is no longer possible for students who wish to enrol in the tracks Public International Law and International Trade and Investment Law to start their master's in February. No changes have been made to the tracks European Union Law and European Competition Law and Regulation within the master's programme International & European Law.

Changes to the curriculum and inclusion of transitional arrangements (part B, H4&H7)
Many master's programmes have undergone minor changes to the curriculum. Those changes have been incorporated in the curricula (part B, chapter 4) and transitional arrangements, if any, have been amended or added (part B, chapter 7).