What is important in the Teaching and Examination Regulations?

The Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER) describes all regulations regarding obtaining grades and taking tests. The university has a peculiar structure when looking at the TER. This structure is due to the Twente Education Model (TEM). This document briefly describes the parts of the TER that are relevant for most students. If there are any problems, the advice is to look into the TER yourself.

In Enschede we know the guideline TER and the program-specific TER attachments. The guideline TER is the part of the TER which is established by the Executive Board and the University Council. The TER contains regulations which mainly concern TEM and general themes of which is ought that every student and teacher follows them. The program-specific TER describes affairs concerning the program it relates to. In the program-specific TER there are extensions on regulations. For example: getting a positive BSA or the test scheme for every module in which the test is specified.

Freshmen

For the freshman, getting a positive Binding Study Advice (BSA) is top priority. A positive BSA is required to continue the programme after the first year. Article 5 of the program-specific TER for BIT and TCS shows that a freshman can receives a positive BSA in two ways. The first way is to successfully completing of three complete modules. The second way is successfully completing 45 credits of module components, including at least three mathematics modules. A module component has been successfully completed if it is part of a fully completed module, or if the test results of the completed module component is a 5.5 or higher in the case of a module that has not yet been completed.

An example of this is as follows: when a TCS student successfully completes the first module with a pearls grade higher than a 7 and a 5 for the math component, both module components are marked as successfully completed. Whenever the same student gets at least a 5.5 for the programming and design part in the second module, but unfortunately failed the math component, the student has 15 EC + 12 Virtual EC. If the opposite happens, at least a 5.5 for the math component and failed the other components, in the third module, the student has 15 EC + 15 Virtual EC (12 VEC of module 2 and 3 VEC of module 3). When the student successfully completes the fourth module, the student receives a positive BSA because in total that student now has 30 EC + 15 Virtual EC of which there are three math components! Be cautious that the results obtained in the 2nd and 3th module do not necessarily continue to apply when doing the module again. This is up to the module coordinator to determine or make regulations on.

Tests and exams

For every student it is important to know what they are up against with regard to tests. Hence, the TER describes this topic extensively. This summary briefly states some rules to make students aware what their rights are regarding this topic. A test’s duration is at most three hours, but is allowed to be distributed over multiple time slots. A test must be specified in the test scheme which can be found for each module in the program-specific TER (during the year, adjustments can be made. Students will be informed as soon as possible). A
student has the right to obtain representative practice materials and its solutions and a description of the grading rules. These regulations can be found in Article 41 in the Guideline TER.

Grading periods of tests are specified in the test scheme of the module. An exam result, which is the final grade of a module, as well as test results are published 10 working days after the test or exam. A test grade is available as early that the student has at least 5 working days to prepare for the resit.

Exceptions

When a student finds itself in an exceptional situation, that student can send a letter to the Examination Board specific for the student’s programme. This letter describes, in general, a request and the reason for this request. For example, keeping partial grades. Visit the Study Advisor first, as the Study Advisor can help you in preparing the request.