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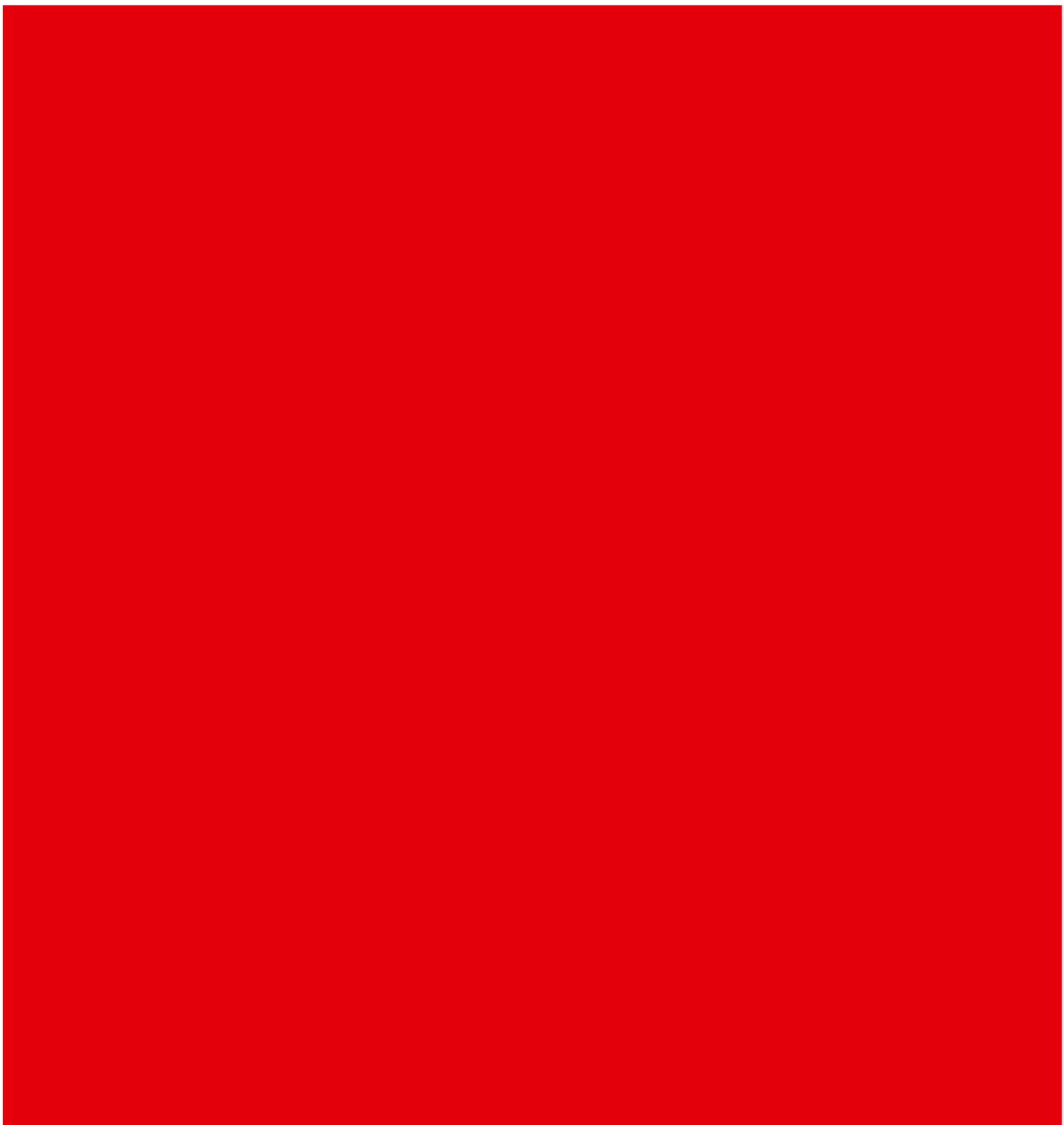


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Part 1 General Provisions

Paragraph 1 General Provisions

Article 1.1 Aim and Applicability

1. These Education and Examination Regulations (EER) (hereinafter, regulations) apply to the Master's degree programme in **Social and Cultural Science research master**, CROHO 60132, (hereinafter, the programme). The programme is set up by the Executive Board of Radboud University (hereinafter RU) and is offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences (hereinafter, the faculty). Part 2 of these regulations lists the provisions applicable to all Master's degree programmes of the faculty. Part 3 specifies the additional provisions applicable to this particular programme.
2. The present regulations apply to all students enrolled in the programme in 2024-2025.
3. In order to prevent students from being disadvantaged by changes to these regulations, a programme may decide to make appropriate transitional arrangements. Such transitional arrangements specify the students to whom they are applicable. Transitional regulations are valid for one academic year. If no transitional arrangements are made or if transitional arrangements are terminated, students may apply the hardship clause (Article 11.1).

Article 1.2 Guidelines Executive Board

1. With a view to the organization and coordination of the provisions in these regulations, the executive board has adopted the following guideline:

[Guidelines Distinctions Regulation](#).

2. The provisions in these education and examination regulations apply respecting the provisions of the guideline referred to in paragraph 1 of the present article.

Article 1.3 Definitions

1. The terms used in these regulations, which are also used in the Higher Education and Research Act ([Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek](#), hereinafter, the Act) will have the same meaning as these terms have in the Act.
2. Apart from the terms referred to in paragraph 1, it is understood by:
 - o EC (European Credit): the course load entity in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), in which 1 EC is equivalent to 28 hours of study;
 - o education week: week in which education is provided, as laid down in the RU's annual time table;
 - o examination: the entirety of interim examinations, resulting in a Master's degree certificate
 - o examiner: a person appointed by the Examination Board to administer examinations and determine the results;
 - o extra-curricular elective unit of study: component to be determined by the student, which is not part of the regular curriculum;
 - o fraud: any act or omission by a student which, in its nature, is intended to have as an effect that proper assessment of the knowledge, understanding and skills of that student or another student, is made fully or partially impossible ([Appendix 1](#));
 - o free elective unit of study: component entirely to be determined by the student, which is part of the free elective room of the regular curriculum;
 - o final assignment: final paper for the programme, also known as dissertation or thesis;
 - o interim examination: an umbrella term for all assessment methods, as referred to in article 7.10 paragraph 1 of the Act and as described in article 4.1.1;
 - o interim examination date: the date on which the interim examination is administered by or on behalf of the examiner;

- module examination: an examination concerning the knowledge, understanding and skills of the examinee, as well as the assessment of the outcomes of that examination, which in coherence with one or more other examinations referred to here, constitute the interim examination as referred to in article 7.10 paragraph 1 of the Act. Where these regulations refer to interim examination, this term also includes module examinations, unless stipulated otherwise;
 - pre-master: a programme as referred to in article 7.30e of the Act to support students who do not meet the admission requirements;
 - prospective student: a student who has registered in Studielink, but has not yet enrolled;
 - resit: the re-examination of an examination as referred to in article 7.10 paragraph 1 of the Act. Where these regulations refer to interim examination, this term also includes resits, unless stipulated otherwise;
 - unit of study: part of the degree programme (component) as referred to in article 7.3 of the Act;
 - working day: Monday to Friday, with the exception of public holidays as specified in the CAO for Dutch Universities *and* the collective free days designated by the Executive Board;
3. Where these regulations refer to 'the student', the prospective student is included, wherever relevant.

Part 2 General Part

Paragraph 2 Structure and form of the programme

Article 2.1 Master's final examination, degree and distinction

1. The programme will be concluded by the Master's final examination.
2. The student who has passed the final examination of the Master's degree programme will be awarded the Master of Science (MSc) degree.
3. The Examination Board may award a distinction to a student who has successfully passed the Master's final examination. The rules for awarding a distinction have been laid down in [the Guideline for Distinctions](#).

Article 2.2 Learning outcomes and curriculum

1. The programme comprises the total units of study as described in article 9.4 of the programme-specific part of these regulations, aimed at the realisation of well-defined objectives in the areas of the knowledge, understanding and skills that those completing the course are deemed to possess.
2. The learning outcomes of the programme are laid down in article 9.1 of the programme-specific part of these regulations.
3. In the context of the programme the student is required to write a final assignment as an individual proof of competence. The Examination Board may decide this requirement is to be replaced by participation in a research project or by an internship which is subject to an individual report in accordance with applicable academic standards.

Article 2.3 Adding units of study (extra-curricular)

1. Adding elective units of study outside the programme, obtained during registration of the programme, is permitted. These units of study may be either at bachelor level or at master's level.
2. No permission of the Examination Board is needed for adding units of study at the RU, Dutch and partner universities abroad. However, permission is required for the incorporation of extra-curricular components from institutions other than those mentioned in this paragraph.
3. In the event that workload and study results of the units of study to be incorporated differ from those provided for in these regulations, achieved results will be registered as 'sufficient' (voldoende) or 'fail' (onvoldoende).
4. Added units of study will be listed on the diploma.

Article 2.4 Exemptions

1. Granting exemptions from units of study is permitted, unless provided otherwise in the programme-specific part of these regulations.
2. The Examination Board does not grant exemptions on the basis of results obtained in the period in which the student was banned from sitting interim examinations as referred to in the Regulations on fraud ([Appendix 1](#)).

Article 2.5 Elective programme

1. The programme's Examination Board decides on a request for permission to attend an elective programme as meant in article 7.3d of the Act. The Examination Board will verify whether the programme fits within the degree programme's domain which the Examination Board is accountable to, if it is sufficiently coherent and if the level is adequate in the context of the programme's learning outcomes.
2. The request in question will have to be submitted at least two months prior to the start of the programme.

Article 2.6 Teaching periods and interim examinations

1. The programme will be offered in an annual schedule consisting of two semesters, set by the Executive Board.
2. A semester is divided in two periods.

3. At the end of each period interim examinations are scheduled.
4. The programme-specific part at least arranges in which semester the opportunity is provided to attend courses and to sit the interim examinations of the units of study.
5. In derogation of the provision in paragraph 1 and 2 of this article, the Master's programmes can adjust the semester schedule to fit educational needs.

Article 2.7 Language

The programme's language of instruction is determined by the executive board, in a separate decision. The programme is taught in the English language, which is the programme's language of instruction.

Paragraph 3 Admission to the programme and education

Article 3.1 Admission requirements and procedures

1. Decisions on admission to the programme are taken, on behalf of the dean, by the Admission Board.
2. The admission requirements are laid down in article 8.2 of the programme-specific part of these regulations.

Article 3.2 Admission to tuition and examinations

1. Students who are enrolled in the programme may attend all units of study in that programme and may sit the corresponding interim examinations.
2. In derogation of the provision in paragraph 1 programme specific admission requirements may be requested for a unit of study. These are laid down in article 8.5 of the programme specific part of these regulations.
3. In special circumstances, the Examination Board may exempt the student from the entry requirements, with or without imposing alternative requirements.
4. Registration for tuition and examinations is not made dependent on other financial contributions than tuition fees, unless costs should be involved, to be determined by the dean in a separate decision, in relation to participation in any practical exercises, educational excursions or workshops in the degree programme that follow from the special nature of the degree programme. If any costs referred to in this paragraph should be involved, these costs are listed in the Education catalogue. The dean offers an alternative, free of charge, unless the educational facility cannot be replaced.
5. In order to take an elective unit of study from another degree programme, students must meet the applicable admission requirements of that programme.

Paragraph 4 Examinations

More detailed provisions regarding the assessment of the units of study are outlined in [the Rules and Regulations of the Examination Board](#).

Article 4.1 Structure and requirements of the interim examinations

1. Each unit of study of the programme will be completed by an interim examination. Interim examinations may comprise more than one module examination. For example, written or oral examinations and can be taken either in physical presence or digitally. Apart from written or oral examinations, tests with multiple choice and/or open questions, papers, theses, assignments, take-home examinations, reports, presentations or a combination of any of these are possible.
2. In addition to the provisions outlined in paragraph 1 for units of study that also comprise a practical and/or work group, attendance levels and the degree of active participation may be included in the final grading.
3. In principle, oral interim examinations are administered in public and these examinations consist of an individual test in which normally no more than one person is tested at the same time.
4. Oral interim examinations are administered in the presence of at least a second examiner or an observer appointed by the Examination Board. Otherwise the interim examination is to be recorded. In the case that a

presentation is part of the final examination, the same rules apply. The same applies to presentations that count for 40% or more of the final grade. This provision does not refer to practical assignments.

5. At the request of the student the Examination Board may, on behalf of the dean, decide that students with an impairment, by way of special examination facilities, sit the interim examinations in a form adapted to that impairment. Prior to making a decision on this matter, the Examination Board may seek expert advice. In so far as facilities in the context of a 'digital test' are concerned, the Examination Board, when formatting the facility, may seek advice from the faculty's digital testing coordinator.
6. In the Education catalogue information will be provided for each individual unit of study on the way in which the interim examinations will be administered.
7. Representative sample questions will be made available to the students at least one week prior to the examination. The student is given the opportunity to check their answers to the sample examination (e.g. via a question & answer lecture or answer model). The sample questions are representative of the format and content of the upcoming interim examination. More sample questions will be available for interim exams with a substantial amount of content. For examination forms such as papers, theses/theses, assignments, reports and presentations, the assessment criteria should be available to students when the assignment is given.
8. The course manual must be published at least one week before the start of the unit of study on the online learning environment. The course manual includes materials for the interim examination preparation, compulsory literature, a table outlining the workload for students, examination methods and weighting of various interim examination parts in the determination of the final grade.
9. Interim examination dates must be announced no later than one month before the start of a semester.
10. If a unit of study starts on the first day of an academic period set by the Executive Board, no requirements may be imposed on students regarding literature having been studied or assignments having been completed for that unit of study on that day. Necessary preparatory actions - such as reading course manuals or looking for an internship - are permitted.
11. If there are legitimate grounds for it, the Examination Board may decide in special cases to use an assessment method other than that which is specified in the course manual.

Article 4.2 Rules when administering interim examinations

For the proper course of events during examinations that are administered in the examination rooms of the Radboud University, the dean has adopted the Regulations on Examination Rooms Radboud University in a separate decision. In order to provide the student with proper and clear information these rules have been attached to these regulations as [Appendix 2](#).

Article 4.3 Frequency of interim examinations

1. For each unit of study the opportunity is given for one interim examination and one resit each academic year, on the dates set by the programme director unless provided otherwise in the programme-specific part of these regulations.
2. If the examination referred to in paragraph 1 consists of module tests, the resit also consists of module tests, unless stated otherwise in the programme specific part.
3. Contrary to the stipulation in paragraph 1, there will be only one opportunity to take an interim examination for a unit of study not taught in that particular academic year. The Examination Board may decide otherwise.

Article 4.4 Language of the interim examinations

The interim examinations are offered in the programme's language of instruction, unless provided otherwise in the programme specific part of these regulations.

Article 4.5 Registration and application for interim examinations

1. Students register through OSIRIS for a unit of study of the programme.
2. If students are registered for a unit of study, they are also registered for the first interim examination in the corresponding academic year.

Article 4.6 Resit of interim examinations

1. Interim examinations may be retaken once within the same academic year, even when the result is a pass.
2. In derogation of the provision in paragraph 1 of this article, a paper (report, essay, assignment) that receives a passing grade cannot be resubmitted unless otherwise indicated in the course manual.
3. If students wants to resit an interim examination they have to register themselves.
4. Registering for a resit is possible until 11.59 pm on the day before a period of five working days preceding the date of the resit meaning there must always be five full working days between the registration deadline for a particular resit and the date of that resit. The day on which the resit takes place is never included in this period of five working days. After this date registration no longer is possible. The Examination Board, on behalf of the dean, may in special cases decide otherwise as long as this is logistically possible.
5. If a student resits an interim examination, in all cases the most recent grade will determine the final result.
6. The course manual contains provisions on retaking modular interim examinations.
7. If students do not pass the interim examination within the academic year the student must retake the entire unit of study a following academic year, unless the examiner decides otherwise.

Article 4.7 Determination of results

1. The final grade of a unit of study will be rounded to the nearest whole and half grade points, as follows: 1; 1.5; 2; 2.5; 3; 3.5; 4; 4.5; 5; 6; 6.5; 7; 7.5; 8; 8.5; 9; 9.5; 10, unless the grade is not expressed as a number, see 4.8.
2. As determined in paragraph 1, the results of a unit of study cannot be set at 5.5. For arithmetical scores between 5 and 6, a score lower than 5.50 will be rounded to 5 and a score equal to or higher than 5.50 will be rounded to 6. The degree programme's course manual contains provisions on rounding scores of modular interim examinations for the different units of study.
3. If the result of a unit of study equals or is greater than 6.0 points, the unit of study is passed. If the result of the unit of study equals or is less than 5.0 points, the student has failed the unit of study.

Article 4.8 Alphanumeric results

Without prejudice to the provisions of article 4.7, the following alphanumeric results are established and registered in Osiris in the following cases:

- a. 'P' (pass, voldaan), if the student has met the requirements for completing the unit of study;
- b. 'NA' (not accomplished, niet voldaan), if the student does not meet the requirements for completing the unit of study (for example: this is the case when a student has not participated in a compulsory educational activity);
- c. 'EX' (exemption, vrijstelling), if the Examination Board has granted an exemption, with due consideration for the provisions in these regulations, for a unit of study of the examination programme;
- d. 'SU' (sufficient, voldoende), if the student passed the unit of study;
- e. 'F' (fail, onvoldoende), if the student has failed the unit of study;
- f. 'FR': fraud (fraud, 'fraude'): if the Examination Board has established that fraud was committed when the interim examination was administered and the Examination Board has declared the result of the interim examination in question invalid, with due consideration of the provisions of the Regulations on Fraud attached to these regulations as [Appendix 1](#).

Article 4.9 Publication of results

1. The examiner will determine the results of an examination and is ultimately responsible for the correct registration of results in OSIRIS.
2. Grading period:
 1. In case of an oral interim examination, the examiner will determine the result immediately or within five days after the interim examination was administered.
 2. In case of written or digital interim examinations, the grading period is no longer than fifteen working days after the day the interim examination was administered. This also applies to written and digital module examinations and to assignments/papers. If there are more than one hundred participants, a grading period of twenty working days applies to assignments/papers and examinations containing open questions.

3. By way of exception the Examination Board may - in consultation with the examiner - extend the period referred to in paragraph 2 or reduce this period. Students must be informed before the expiry of the deadline.
4. The grading period is mentioned in the examination form or the digital learning environment.
5. A minimum period of ten working days must be maintained between the date of the announcement of the result and the date of the resit, except for units of study in the fourth period with both the interim examination and the resit in the same period, where this minimum period is five working days.
6. In derogation of paragraph 5, for module examinations the period between the announcement of the result and the date of the resit may be shorter than ten working days.
7. When the results are published, the student will be informed about the right to inspect his or her marked work as referred to in article 4.8 and about the possibility of appealing at the Examinations Appeals Board.
8. During completion of the programme's final project an independent second reader will be consulted as well as a thesis supervisor.
9. In the case of suspected fraud or plagiarism, the provisions contained in the Regulations on Fraud during interim examinations and examinations must be followed ([Appendix 1](#)).

Article 4.10 The right to inspect the interim examinations

1. Within a period of a maximum of twenty working days following the publication of the results of a interim examination, module examination or resit the student in all cases has the right to inspect the questions and the work marked, as well as receive an explanation of the formal assessment criteria.
2. If deemed necessary, the Examination Board can, after consultation with the examiner, extend or shorten the period of twenty working days as mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.
3. The inspection will take place under supervision of at least an examiner and/or another person with substantive knowledge regarding the course.
4. The examiner may decide that inspection will take place for all students at the same time, on a date and at a time and place set prior to the start of the unit of study.
5. Time, date and - preferably - place of the inspection will be announced at least five working days in advance.
6. If a student is unable to attend the inspection due to demonstrable circumstances beyond his or her control a separate inspection can be arranged upon their request, preferably within the period of time referred to in paragraph 1 of the present article.
7. In all events, inspection will take place no later than five working days before the resit of the interim examination in question is administered.
8. The provision in paragraph 7 does not apply to units of study in the fourth period with both the interim examination and the resit in the same period, where this minimum period is two working days.
9. If there is an assessment method that cannot be inspected and reviewed in accordance with the procedure described in paragraph 1, the course manual will describe how it can be inspected in that instance.

Article 4.11 Validity term of examinations

1. The validity term of any interim examination that has been passed is indefinite, unless provided otherwise in the programme specific part of these regulations, with due observance of the stipulations on this matter laid down in the Act.
2. In case of a restricted validity term, the Examination Board, in special circumstances and in individual cases, may extend the validity term. In the event a student has been granted financial support under the Profiling Fund, as referred to in the Act, because of an impairment or chronic illness, the Examination Board extends the period, at any time, at least by the number of months that the financial support has been granted by the Executive Board.
3. The student is notified, at least 16 weeks prior, of the expiry of the validity term applicable for an examination that was passed. This notification, by or on behalf of the dean, states that the relevant knowledge, understanding and/or skills are outdated and explains the reasons why.
4. The provisions in paragraph 1 of the present article do not apply for modular examinations. The validity term of modular examinations is always limited to the end of the relevant unit of study.

Article 4.12 Determination of final Master's examination results

1. When students have completed all interim examinations successfully, they must apply for the final Master's examination themselves.
2. The Examination Board will determine the results of the examination as soon as the student has passed the interim examinations forming part of the units of study of the programme in question and has submitted proof thereof. An examination shall be dated on the date of the last successfully passed interim examination, as long as the Master's examination is requested within four weeks after the last interim examination at the latest. If four weeks or more have passed, the examination date will be the day of the month on which the Master's examination was requested.
3. Before determining the results of the final Master's examination, the Examination Board itself may conduct an inquiry into the student's knowledge concerning one or more units of study or aspects of the degree programme. If this is the case, this will be elaborated upon in the programme-specific part of these regulations.

Paragraph 5 Study progress, student counselling and course advice

Article 5.1 Study progress and student counselling

1. The dean is responsible for the registration of the study results in such a way that every student can obtain an updated overview of the results registered in the system OSIRIS at that moment.
2. The dean is responsible for providing adequate student counselling.

Paragraph 6 Teaching evaluation

Article 6.1 Teaching evaluation method

With due observance of the quality assurance system of the university, as laid down in the Handbook Quality Assurance System Degree Programmes Radboud University (Handboek Kwaliteitszorg Onderwijs Radboud Universiteit), the dean sees to it that the units of study taught in the programmes will be systematically evaluated.

Paragraph 7 Miscellaneous stipulations

Article 7.1 Code of conduct

The faculty has instituted a Code of conduct that both students and employees are expected to follow. This Code of conduct is attached in Appendix 3 of these regulations.

Article 7.2 Scientific integrity

Regarding research and education within the faculty, [regulations on scientific integrity](#) are in place as elaborated by the University's of the Netherlands (UN).

Part 3 Programme specific regulations

Paragraph 8 Admission to the programme and the education

Article 8.1 Registration and admission

The annual programme entry date is September 1. Interim registration is only allowed with explicit written authorisation of the Examination Board declaring that entry into the education programme is still possible.

For admission the following certificates are required:

1. the BA/BSc-diplomas mentioned in article 8.2.3 or diplomas equal to those;
2. if applicable according to article 8.4, written proof of the adequate command of English.

Article 8.2 Selection requirements

1. Applicants for the programme have to apply by submitting a letter of motivation in the English language, curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation by lectures or supervisors (with contact details), and copies of the certificates mentioned in paragraph 4 to the Admission Board. Applicants with a Sociology, Political Science, or Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies bachelor's degree from Radboud University Nijmegen have to hand in a standard letter of recommendation.
2. The Admission Board - constituted by the Examination Board, the studyadvisor, and the directorate of the Programme decides about the admission by means of an individual check which may include a personal (online) interview. Candidates will be selected based on their prior education and qualifications in social science research and the strength of their motivation to become a scientific researcher.
3. To the individual procedure are admitted Bachelor's graduates who passed with good results the Bachelor's examination in Communication Science, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration and Human Geography at university level, or a Bachelor's examination that the Admission Board deems to be equivalent.
4. The Admission Board may decide that a candidate is admitted to the programme despite deficits but may require the candidate to take additional courses in the faculty.

Article 8.3 Language requirements

1. To be admissible to the programme, a prospective student should be sufficiently proficient in English, to be proven by one of the following examinations:
 - a. a bachelor diploma from a Dutch research university;
 - b. a bachelor diploma from a country with English as a first language (see the [Registration Regulations](#) for a specification of countries);
 - c. TOEFL iBT: ≥ 90 & subscores ≥ 22 ;
 - d. IELTS Academic: $\geq 6,5$ overall. Subscores $\geq 6,0$, writing subscore $\geq 6,5$;
 - e. Cambridge C1 Advanced: Overall minimum score 176, minimum component score 169, minimum writing component score: 176;
 - f. C2 Proficiency: Overall minimum score 180, minimum component score 169, minimum writing component score: 176.

Article 8.4 Entry requirements

The interim examinations of the following units of study can only be taken after the interim examinations of the units of study mentioned below have been completed:

- Master's thesis after completion of all first-year examinations.

Paragraph 9 Structure and form

Article 9.1 Aims and final qualifications of the programme

1. The aims of the Master's programme are:
 - a. to teach and train students to become scientific researchers in the field of leading comparative societal research in social and cultural science;
 - b. to train highly qualified researchers who can successively carry out internationally oriented doctoral projects relating to both fundamental and applied comparative questions on societies;
 - c. to train students in such a manner that:
 - i. they will be able to work successfully for national or international institutions and organisations engaged in comparative societal research;
 - ii. they will be suitable candidates for PhD positions that will enable them to obtain their doctorate through scientific research.
2. Students who successfully completed the Master's programme will have:
3. Advanced knowledge of state of the art in comparative research on societies;
4. an understanding of the way in which innovative comparative questions can be formulated;
5. skills to formulate clear and specific qualitative research questions and/or to develop theoretical knowledge from various disciplines, and formulate concrete expectations with a comparative nature.
6. an overview of the range of quantitative and qualitative methods and techniques, as well as an understanding of the most suitable methods and techniques that are available to examine qualitative research questions and to test comparative hypotheses;
7. skills to report about research questions, theories, and analytical designs, and to analyse and discuss the results, i.e., the skill to write comprehensive research papers, research reports and contributions to refereed international scientific journals;
8. other scientific and communicative skills to successfully carry out internationally oriented research projects in the social and cultural sciences, focusing on the comparison of societies or societal questions.
9. Upon the conferral of a Research Master's degree in Social Cultural Science, you have attained at least the following qualifications.

Theoretical and methodological knowledge and insight

You have advanced knowledge of comparative social cultural research as well as relevant and up-to-date insights into:

1. Scientific questions concerning social inequality, cohesion and diversity;
2. multi-disciplinary theoretical developments; and
3. quantitative and qualitative research designs and associated methods.

Research and communication skills

1. You can formulate innovative comparative research questions concerning social inequality, cohesion and diversity.
2. You can formulate clear and specific qualitative research questions and/or derive innovative and relevant hypotheses from comparative (multi-disciplinary) social science theories.
3. You are competent to obtain (collect or acquire) relevant data and to employ suitable and sophisticated analytical methods to adequately describe, interpret and/or explain the social phenomena of interest (social inequality, cohesion and diversity).
4. You are able to synthesize and structure academic work on qualitative and quantitative research questions, theory building, deriving hypothesis, methodological research design and analytical techniques, and results and findings in a coherent manuscript, while you are also able to reflect on its implications critically.
5. You are competent in composing and writing research proposals, scientific research papers of sufficient quality to be published in international scientific journals and compiling an MSc thesis.
6. You are competent to present findings of comparative academic work to academic and non-academic audiences, and critically reflect upon this research.

7. You are qualified to apply for a PhD position in the social sciences and pursue an academic career.
8. You are qualified to apply for a research position within national or international institutions and organisations outside academia engaged in comparative societal research;

Academic attitudes and learning skills

1. You show an open academic attitude and present constructive criticisms of social science questions and theories, methods and findings. Critique is constructive and done in a fair manner to improve academic research and scientific output in general.
2. You are aware of social, cultural and ethical issues with regard to data collection and data management and publishing issues.
3. You are familiar with The Netherlands Code of Conduct for Scientific Integrity and act accordingly.
4. You express an academic attitude in collaborating and participating in joint research initiatives and team performances.
5. You are able to perform academic research with a high degree of autonomy.
6. You demonstrate the ambition to become an independent researcher in the social sciences and to study relevant scientific material comprehensively to gather information on relevant and up-to-date developments in the social sciences, especially regarding issues and questions emerging from social inequality, cohesion and diversity.

Article 9.2 Type of programme

The programme will be offered exclusively as a full-time programme. The Executive Board determines the programme's form in a separate decision.

Article 9.3 Study load

The study load of the programme is 120 EC (2 × 60 EC). The Executive Board has set the programme's study load in a separate decision.

Article 9.4 Composition of the programme

1. The programme offers three tracks:
 - a. [Comparative Sociological Research](#)
 - b. [Comparative Anthropological Research](#)
 - c. [Comparative Political Research](#)

Students have to enrol in one of the three tracks.

2. The programme of Track 1
 1. The programme of Track 1 comprises the following units of study, with reference to study load (in EC; 120 in total):

1.a Comparative Sociological Research			
<i>Course name</i>	<i>Course code</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Period</i>
Master 1			
Comparative Societal Questions	SCS101	3	1
Comparative Methodology	SCS104	3	1 en 2
Radicalization	SCS119	6	1
Multilevel Regression Analysis	SCS131	3	1
Advanced Research Methods A	SCS123	3	2

Panel Regression Analysis	SCS132	3	2,3
Comparative Sociological Research	SCS105	6	2,3
Comparative Research Project	SCS111	12	2,3,4
Structural Equation Modelling	SCS107	3	3
Interdisciplinary Research in Practice	TBD	6	3 en 4
Electives		12	1,2,3,4
	Totaal EC	60	
Master 2			
Diversity in organizations	SCS210	6	1
Social Networks	SCS211	6	1
Research proposal	SCS245	6	2
Thesis	SCS240	30	2,3,4
Electives		12	1,2,3,4
	Totaal EC	60	

b. The programme of Track 2 comprises the following units of study, with reference to study load (in EC; 120 in total):

1. b Comparative Anthropological Research			
<i>Course name</i>	<i>course code</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Period</i>
Master 1			
Comparative Societal Questions	SCS101	3	1
Comparative Methodology	SCS104	3	1 en 2
Contemporary Theory of Societies and Change	SCS125	6	1
Multiple Regression Analysis	SCS130	3	1
Multilevel Regression Analysis	SCS131	3	1
Advanced Research Methods A	SCS123	3	2
Advanced Research Methods B	SCS124	3	2

Comparative Research Project	SCS111	12	2,3,4
Interdisciplinary Research in Practice	TBD	6	3 en 4
Doing Qualitative Research and Analysis	SCS220	6	4
Electives		12	
	Totaal EC	60	
Master 2			
Diversity in organizations	SCS210	6	1
Grassroots Initiatives, Development and the State	ADSM100	6	1
Research proposal	SCS245	6	2
Thesis	SCS240	30	2,3,4
Electives		12	1,2,3,4
	Totaal EC	60	

c. The programme of Track 3 comprises the following units of study, with reference to study load (in EC; 120 in total):

1. c Comparative Political Research			
<i>Course name</i>	<i>Course code</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Period</i>
Master 1			
Comparative Societal Questions	SCS101	3	1
Comparative Methodology	SCS104	3	1 en 2
Theoretical Approaches to Comparative Politics: Between Structure and Agency	SCS113	6	1
Multi-level Regression Analysis	SCS131	3	1
Advanced Research Methods A	SCS123	3	2
Panel Regression Analysis	SCS132	3	2,3
Comparative Research Project	SCS111	12	2,3,4
Advanced Research Methods B	SCS124	3	2
Institutions and Revolutions	SCS225	6	3

Political Sociology	SCS113	6	4
Interdisciplinary Research in Practice	TBD	6	3 en 4
Electives		6	1,2,3,4
	Totaal EC	60	
Master 2			
Diversity in organizations	SCS210	6	1
Research proposal	SCS245	6	2
Thesis	SCS240	30	2,3,4
Electives		18	1,2,3,4
	Totaal EC	60	

d. The programme offers three courses as electives:

course	code	period	EC
Internship	SOW-SCS207	1-4	12
Internship B	SOW-SCS208	1-4	6
Reflection on MSc SCS curriculum	SOW-SCS230	1-4	1

e. The maximum credits a student can receive by following internships is 12EC.

f. The course 'reflection on MSc SCS curriculum' is only intended for students in their second year who have obtained 23EC on electives.

- In the first year students have 6EC or 12EC electives. Students have to ask approval for their choice of electives from the Examination Board. A standardized form is available by the secretary of [the Examination Board](#).
- In the second year students have 12EC or 18EC electives. Students have to ask approval for their choice of electives from the Examination Board. A standardized form is available by the secretary of [the Examination Board](#).
- A minimum of 3EC and a maximum of 6EC of electives are used as part of a deliberate choice in personal and professional development (PPD).
- The programme may include a compulsory, non-credited English language unit of study.
- A detailed description of all units of study, instructional methods, (summary of) learning objectives, form of interim examinations and contact hours included- is reported in the programme's online prospectus.
- The student may add extra-curricular units of study to the programme, to a total of 18 EC.
- If the student, with permission of the Examination Board, replaces units of study, they

still have to obtain 120 EC for the Master's programme.

Article 9.5 Instructional methods

1. All units of study of the Master's programme, as mentioned in article 9.4, involve education in the form of lectures and/or tutorials and/or seminars
2. Class attendance is compulsory for all education and training forms (lectures, tutorials, seminars, discussion meetings, practical training, presentations).
3. An interim examination cannot be taken unless the corresponding practical has been completed.
4. The programme is completed with a Master's thesis. The Master's thesis is (co-) supervised by at least one researcher affiliated to RSCR or Political Science.

Article 9.6 Exemptions

The maximum EC for exemptions is 12.

Article 9.7 Double Master's programme

Does not apply for this programme.

Article 9.8 Interim Examinations

1. The qualifications (grades) for the interim examinations of the units of study of the programme are determined by the examiner in accordance with the European assessment system.
2. Assignments have to be turned in by students on or before the assignment deadlines. If a student receives a failing grade for an assignment, the student is required to produce a new and different assignment.

Part 4 Transitional provisions and final stipulations

Paragraph 10 Transitional provisions

Article 10.1 Transitional arrangements

Does not apply for this programme in 2024-2025

Article 10.2 Transitional provision for judicia

No transitional provision for judicia in 2024-2025.

Paragraph 11 Final stipulations

Article 11.1 Safety net scheme and hardship clause

1. The dean will make decisions in individual cases not covered or insufficiently covered by these regulations.
2. In individual cases of extreme unfairness, the Examination Board or the dean is authorised to make an exception to the provisions of these regulations in favour of a student.

Article 11.2 Adoption of these regulations, employee participation and any amendments

1. Notwithstanding the provisions in article 7 of the Structure Regulations of Radboud University, these regulations are drawn up or amended by the dean after receiving advice from the programme committee and after having obtained the approval of the faculties' general assembly (facultaire gezamenlijke vergadering).
2. In special cases, an amendment made to these regulations can take effect in the present academic year, only if this does not disproportionately compromise the interests of the students.

Article 11.3 Coming into effect

1. The dean will be responsible for suitable publication of these regulations and of possible amendments to these.
2. Any interested party may consult the EER on the faculty's website.

Article 11.4 Publication

These regulations will come into effect on **2 September 2024**.

Any Education and Examination Regulations laid down previously for the degree programme will cease to apply from that date onwards.

As established by the dean on 13 June 2024.

Appendix 1

Regulations on Fraud Radboud University

Paragraph 1 Introductory provisions

Article 1 Purpose and scope of these regulations

To prevent fraud during interim examinations and bachelor/master examinations as referred to in article 7.12b WHW, relating to the education and examination in the degree programme mentioned in article 1.1 of this EER, the dean of the faculty of Social Sciences of Radboud University (hereinafter: RU), adopts the following regulations.

Article 2 Definitions

The terms that are used in these regulations - in so far as these terms are also used in the Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek, hereinafter: WHW) - have the same meaning that is given to these terms in the WHW or the EER.

Paragraph 2 Definition fraud, procedure and sanctions

Article 3 Definition of fraud

1. At RU, fraud is understood to mean any act or omission by a student which, in its nature, is intended to have as an effect that proper assessment of the knowledge, understanding and skills of that student or another student, is made fully or partially impossible.
2. Fraud is in any case understood to mean:
 - a. fraud when taking written interim examinations, including
 - having materials available which are not permitted under the House Rules Examinations Rooms RU Regulations (Regeling Huisregels Tentamenruimten RU);
 - copying or exchanging information;
 - passing oneself off as someone else, or being represented by someone else during interim examinations;
 - b. fraud when producing theses and other papers, including
 - plagiarism in the sense of using or copying someone else's texts, data or ideas without complete and correct source references, plagiarism in the sense of copying the work of another student and presenting this as one's own work and other specifically academic forms of plagiarism; insofar as it leads to the description in paragraph 1.
 - fabricating (making up) and/or falsifying (distorting) research data;
 - submitting a thesis or another paper that was written by someone else.
 - c. other fraud in the context of interim examinations or examinations, including
 - taking possession of assignments, answer keys and the like, prior to the time the interim examination or examination is to take place;

- changing answers to assignments in an interim examination or examination after it has been handed in for assessment;
 - providing incorrect information when applying for an exemption, extension of validity period, and the like, of an interim examination or an examination.
3. An attempt to commit fraud will also be seen as fraud for the purpose of these regulations.

Article 4 Procedure for establishing fraud

1. When fraud is suspected, the examination board or the examiner immediately informs the student of this suspicion. If the suspicion of fraud is established when the interim examination or the examination is administered, the examination board or the examiner will allow the student to complete the interim examination or the examination.
2. The examination board or the examiner may order the student to make any material related to the suspicion of fraud available to them.
3. For the purposes of the provisions in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present article, examiner is also understood to mean the invigilator or any other RU member of staff.
4. The examination board or the examiner drafts a report of the suspicion of fraud. If the examiner drafts the report, he will send this report to the examination board without delay.
5. The examination board makes the report referred to in article 5 available to the student without delay and then starts an investigation into the matter. The examination board provides the student with the opportunity to respond to the report in writing. The examination board hears both the examiner and the student.
6. Within four weeks following the date the report was made available to the student, the board of examiners decides whether fraud was actually committed. The examination board informs both the student and the examiner of their decision in writing. The four-week period may be extended by two weeks.

Article 5 Remedial action

If the examination board has established fraud:

- a. the examination board declares the relevant interim examination or examination invalid, and
- b. the examination board includes a statement in the student's student file that it has established fraud and, if applicable, which sanctions have been imposed.

Article 6 Sanctions

1. If the examination board has established fraud has been committed, the board may:
 - a. determine that the student may not sit one or more interim examinations or examinations during a period to be set by the examination board, which period will be a maximum of one year;
 - b. determine that no distinction will be awarded on the degree certificate;
 - c. make a recommendation to the Dean of the Honours Academy that the student should not be admitted to the honours programme of the university or the faculty or recommend that the student's participation in the honours programme of the university or the faculty should be ended.

2. If the examination board has established that serious fraud has been committed, the board may also
 - a. make a recommendation to the executive board that the student's registration for a programme should be terminated with definitive effect.
3. After the examination board has established that serious fraud has been committed, the executive board - upon examination boards' recommendation - may terminate the student's registration for a programme with definitive effect.
4. The sanctions as referred to in this article are imposed as from the day following the date the student is notified of the decision that sanctions are imposed.

Paragraph 3 Transitional provisions

Does not apply.

Paragraph 4 Final provisions

Article 7 Decisions and legal protection

1. Decisions pursuant to these regulations may be sent to the student digitally and/or by email.
2. The student can appeal against any decision made under these regulations, within six weeks following the date on the relevant decision, by lodging a notice of appeal at the Examinations Appeals Board (College voor Beroep van de Examens [CBE]).

Article 8 Adoption, medezeggenschap and amendment

1. These regulations are adopted by dean.
2. In so far as the content of these regulations relates to the duties and powers of the degree programme's examination board, the content must also be confirmed by that examination board.

Article 9 Effect

These regulations take effect on 1 September 2019. These regulations will then replace any previous regulations.

Article 10 Publication

1. The dean ensures the appropriate publication and possible amendments of these regulations.
2. For the purpose of appropriate and clear provision of information to students and prospect students, the dean includes these regulations, every year, as an appendix to the Education and Examination Regulations (Onderwijs- en Examenregeling, OER) and as an appendix to the Rules and Guidelines (Regels en Richtlijnen, RR) of the programme.

Appendix 2

Regulations on Examination Rooms Radboud University

Paragraph 1 Introductory provisions

Article 1 Purpose and scope of the regulations

For the proper course of events during interim examinations and bachelor/master examinations relating to the education and examination of the degree programme mentioned in article 1.1 of this EER that are administered in examination rooms at the Radboud University (hereinafter: RU), the dean of the faculty of Social Sciences of the RU adopts the following regulations.

Article 2 Definitions

The terms that are used in these regulations - in so far as these terms are also used in the Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek, hereinafter: the Act) or the Education and Examination Regulations of the degree programme (hereinafter: the EER) - have the same meaning that is given to these terms in the Act and the EER.

Article 3 Examiners and invigilators

For the administration of examinations, the examination board of the degree programme as mentioned in article 1 (above) has appointed one or more examiners. The examiners appointed as referred to in paragraph 1 are responsible for the supervision and execution of the provisions in these regulations. On behalf of the examiner(s) appointed, one or more invigilators may be present in the examination rooms, assigned by or on behalf of the executive board. When invigilators have been assigned, at least one appointed examiner is also present in the examination room or, as appropriate, available on call.

Article 4 Instructions by the executive board

1. These regulations include instructions in the sense of article 7.57h of the Act. In view of the executive board's mandating decision dated 15 May 2019, the dean is authorised to adopt these instructions on behalf of the executive board. The student is obliged to comply with the instructions laid down in these regulations.
2. A student who fails to comply with any instructions under these regulations may be denied access to the examination room by or on behalf of the examiner. Non-compliance with the instructions may also lead to a suspicion of fraud in the sense of the Regulations on Fraud (*Regeling Fraude*).

Article 5 Guidelines for examiners

These regulations include instructions in the sense of Article 7.12b of the Act. The examiner is obliged to comply with the instructions laid down in these regulations.

Article 6 Instructions by examiners for students

1. The examiner may give instructions, in the context of the instructions described in these regulations, to a student in the RU examination room if a concrete situation should be cause for this. The student is obliged to comply with these instructions.
2. The student who fails to comply with the instructions referred to in paragraph 1 may be denied access to the examination room by or on behalf of the examiner. Non-compliance with the instructions may also lead to a suspicion of fraud in the sense of the Regulations on Fraud (*Regeling Fraude*).

Paragraph 2 House Rules

Article 7 Admission to the examination room and leaving it

1. With respect to entering and leaving the examination rooms, the following applies:
 - a. the examination room is accessible for the student at least 15 minutes before the examination starts;
 - b. except in the circumstances described in paragraphs c and d of the present article, the student is no longer admitted into the examination room after the examination has started;
 - c. the student who arrives too late at the examination room is given the opportunity, 15 minutes following the start of the examination, to be as yet admitted into the examination room;
 - d. the student is permitted to use the toilet during the examination;
 - e. the student is not allowed to leave the examination room within the first 30 minutes following the start of the examination.
2. In special circumstances the examiner may act contrary to the provisions in paragraph 1. If the provisions in paragraph 1 are departed from, the student will be informed of this in due time.

Article 8 Student ID

1. In the examination room the student must be able to furnish proof of identity, at any time, by producing a valid identity document.
2. The student who cannot furnish proof of identity as laid down in the first paragraph of the present article will not be admitted into the examination room or can as yet be denied access to that room.

Article 9 Start and duration of the examination

The examiner starts the examination at the time scheduled. If the examination starts at a later moment in time because of relevant circumstances, the examiner ensures that the scheduled duration of the examination can be fully used by the student.

Article 10 Materials permitted in examinations

1. When taking the interim examination, the student is not allowed to have materials available that serve or could serve as auxiliary materials for the examination paper, unless the use of that material has been explicitly permitted by the examiner before the start of the examination.

2. Materials for the purpose of these regulations include, amongst other things: textbooks and dictionaries, notes and lecture notes, and watches, laptops, tablets, telephones and other smart device's and/or wearables.

Article 11 *Handing in examination papers*

1. When the examination ends, the student is obliged to hand in the examination paper.
2. The student may also be required to hand in other examination materials, such as examination question papers and/or note paper used during the examination.

Article 12 *Peace and order, furniture and fixtures in the examination room*

1. Coats, satchels, bags, etc. must be put away in compliance with the examiner's instructions.
2. In order to prevent interference with the WIFI signal, any devices that are present in the examination room, such as watches, laptops, tablets, telephones, and any other devices or smart devices and/or wearables, must be switched off in compliance with the examiner's instructions.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions in the previous paragraphs, the examiner ensures, both during and after completion of the examination, that any measures are taken as required for adequate surveillance and for maintaining the necessary peace and order in the examination room.
4. Whenever an examination is administered, the examination room has at least one clock which is clearly visible for each student.
5. Eating and drinking is allowed during the examination, unless this should prevent appropriate surveillance and/or maintaining the necessary peace and order.

Paragraph 3 **Transitional provisions**

Does not apply.

Paragraph 4 **Final provisions**

Article 13 *Departure from rules and house rules*

In special circumstances the examiner may depart from the provisions in these regulations.

Article 14 *Adoption and amendment*

1. These regulations are adopted and amended by the dean.
2. In so far as the content of these regulations relates to the duties and powers of the programme's examination board, the content must also be confirmed by that examination board.

Article 15 *Effect*

These regulations take effect on 1 September 2019. These regulations then replace any previous regulations.

Article 16 Publication

1. The dean ensures the appropriate publication and any amendments of these regulations.
2. For the purpose of appropriate and clear provision of information to students and prospective students, the dean includes these regulations, every year, as an appendix to the Education and Examination Regulations (Onderwijs- en Examenregeling (OER). The examination board includes these regulations accordingly as an appendix to the Rules and Guidelines (Regels en Richtlijnen (RR)) of the programme that are laid down by that board.

Thus, adopted by the dean on June 26, 2019 and ratified by the examination board.

APPENDIX 3

Faculty of Social Sciences code of conduct

The Faculty of Social Sciences seeks to offer an inspiring learning and working environment where employees and students work and study with commitment and joy, aiming for scientific development, knowledge, insight and skill. To facilitate this, the faculty has adopted a number of rules governing conduct within the faculty. These rules of conduct are aimed at both students and staff, in addition to the Radboud University Code of Conduct (the university wide conduct applies to staff, but it is good for students to be aware of this code, too). It is our joint responsibility to ensure a pleasant and safe learning and working environment.

The faculty seeks to provide an atmosphere characterised by:

- mutual respect
- personal development;
- openness
- trust;
- cooperation; and
- responsibility.

This implies that

- we treat others with respect, without being offensive or hurtful, regardless of the role or function someone fulfills in the organization. We are an inclusive organization and do not tolerate discrimination;
- we are aware of our respective positions within the organization and the power disparities that come with that. We are extra mindful of safeguarding a socially safe environment in the case of dependencies between functions;
- respecting one another goes for all forms of all contact that occurs between staff, between staff and students and among students, and for all forms of communication, whether in real life or in digital spaces, verbal and written communication such as e-mail, Brightspace, social media such as Whatsapp, and course evaluations;
- we make sure to familiarise themselves with and act according to the rules in the various regulations (e.g. [EER](#), [student charter](#), [regulation on research integrity](#)) as well as agreements such as those made with respect to attendance, deadlines, review periods, completing assignments;
- we stick to the rules and agreements once made;
- students and staff are jointly responsible for the successful functioning of the educational process and both students and staff can and may appeal to each other's responsibility;
- we assume good intentions of each other;
- we do not adhere to prejudicial judgements;
- we respect each other's property and take good care of spaces and materials used;
- we try as best we can to look out for one another and check in with each other in case we feel that is necessary;
- students are aware that course material is protected by copyright and may not simply be copied or shared;
- we are aware that we all have a role and a responsibility to create a pleasant and safe learning and working environment in which we take care of one another.

In case you notice inappropriate behaviour, directed at yourself or towards others, [you can contact a confidential advisor](#), your supervisor, a colleague, your HR advisor or the Ombudsofficer. More information can be found [on the RU website](#).