



UVA REGULATIONS GOVERNING RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHOICE OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

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Pursuant to Article 7.31a to 7.31d of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW*)

Article 1

Definitions

- a. Prospective students: persons who have applied, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the University of Amsterdam (UvA), who are not currently listed as enrolled in that programme and who are not eligible for enrolment in the subsequent phase of that programme.
- b. UvA Matching: the choice of degree programme activity that the UvA offers to prospective students for a given Bachelor's programme prior to the start of an academic year, with a view to providing a recommendation on their choice of degree programme. The activity comprises a teaching component and a test, which form the basis for the UvA's recommendation. Both the teaching component and the test are compulsory parts of the activity.
- c. Recommendation on choice of degree programme: a recommendation from the programme director concerning a prospective student's choice of degree programme, based on a test conducted as part of the UvA Matching process. A positive recommendation is not binding, it entitles the prospective student to admission to the degree programme and is valid in accordance with the UvA Enrolment Provisions.
- d. Entitlement to admission to a degree programme: prospective students are entitled to admission to a degree programme if they have received a valid positive recommendation on their choice of degree programme. This entitlement to admission is important for a prospective student's enrolment at the UvA.
- e. Enrolment: prospective students who meet the statutory educational entry requirements and the terms and conditions of admission stipulated in the UvA Enrolment Provisions can enrol as a student at the UvA. The head of the Central Student Administration is charged with implementing the Enrolment Provisions and determines whether prospective students can enrol as a student on the programme applied for.
- f. UvA Enrolment Provisions: the decision, as referred to in WHW Section 7.33, establishing the procedural rules on the basis of which students are enrolled at the UvA for a particular academic year.
- g. Selective degree programme: a Bachelor's programme to which a selection procedure, pursuant to Section 6.7, 7.53 or 7.56 of the WHW, applies.

Article 2

Submission of applications by 1 May

1. Prospective students who apply, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the UvA by 1 May at the latest must participate in the UvA Matching process, unless they already are or have been enrolled as a student at the UvA.
2. After participating in the UvA Matching process, prospective students are sent a recommendation on their choice of degree programme by email.
3. A positive recommendation on their choice of degree programme entitles prospective students to admission to the degree programme applied for, or another non-selective Bachelor's programme at the UvA.

Article 3*Recommendation on choice of degree programme*

1. Prospective students receive a recommendation on their choice of degree programme once they have participated in the full UvA Matching process, including the test which forms part of it.
2. The recommendation on choice of degree programme is based on the results achieved in the UvA Matching test for the relevant degree programme.
3. A positive recommendation on a prospective student's choice of degree programme also confers entitlement to admission to that degree programme in the academic year immediately following the academic year for which the prospective student completed the UvA Matching process.

Article 4*Students who are unable to participate in UvA Matching*

1. Prospective students who have not completed the full UvA Matching process are not entitled to admission to the degree programme applied for unless a valid reason prevented this.
2. At a prospective student's written request, the UvA Matching Case Committee can determine that a valid reason completely or partially preventing participation in UvA Matching existed if the prospective student has demonstrated that this failure to attend was due to compulsory attendance of classes for another programme he/she is completing, participation in another activity related to choosing a degree programme, participation in another activity related to the selection procedure for a selective degree programme, or exceptional personal circumstances. Another valid reason for failure to attend is the case in which the distance that a prospective student is required to travel between his/her place of residence and the location of UvA Matching is such that it causes the prospective student considerable difficulty, and sufficient efforts have not been made to enable the prospective student to participate in the UvA Matching process. The Case Committee may take account of aspects of a financial or medical nature in its decision.

Article 5*Reorientation programme*

Prospective students who have participated in the UvA Matching process are entitled to attend the UvA reorientation programme. This programme is intended to provide prospective students who have doubts about their choice of programme following the UvA Matching process or who have received a negative recommendation on choice of degree programme with an opportunity to identify a suitable degree programme.

Article 6*Applications submitted or changed after 1 May*

1. Prospective students who apply, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the UvA after 1 May are entitled to admission to that programme if they can demonstrate that they applied, via Studielink, for another Bachelor's programme at the UvA before 1 May and participated in the UvA Matching process.
2. Prospective students who applied, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the UvA after 1 May are entitled to admission to that programme if they can demonstrate that they applied, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at another Dutch institution of higher education or, via Studielink, for a selective programme by 1 May at the latest, but were not or no longer wish to be admitted to that other programme.

Article 7*Applications submitted after 1 May*

1. Prospective students who apply, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the UvA after 1 May and to whom Article 6 of these Regulations is not applicable are not entitled to admission



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- to that programme unless they already are (or have been) enrolled at the UvA, or if one of the exceptions referred to in the present article applies.
2. The UvA Matching Case Committee can declare that a prospective student is still entitled to admission to the programme applied for where he or she provides a written statement describing exceptional circumstances that prevented submission of the application by 1 May, and where the application of paragraph 1 of the present article results in significant unfairness.
 3. Prospective students who apply, via Studielink, for a Bachelor's programme at the UvA after 1 May are entitled to admission to that programme provided that they can demonstrate that they were issued a negative binding advice on continuation of studies, as referred to in WHW Section 7.8, for another degree programme at a time that made it impossible to submit the new application before the 1 May deadline.

Article 8

Applicability

1. These regulations apply to all Bachelor's programmes at the UvA, with the exception of selective degree programmes.

Adoption and entry into force

These regulations were adopted by the Executive Board in decision no. 2016cb0414 and took effect as of 1 January 2017, amended following the decision of 21 November 2017, no. 2017-064474.