

Teaching and Examination Regulations

Master's Degree Programme

Law and Politics of International Security

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Section A: faculty section

1. General provisions

Article 1.1 Applicability of the Regulations

1. These Regulations apply to the teaching and examinations for the Master's degree programmes provided by the Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as: the faculty) of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
2. These Regulations consist of a faculty section (A) and a programme-specific section (B). Section A contains general provisions and applies to the teaching and examinations of the Master's degree programmes of the Faculty of Law. Section B contains programme-specific provisions. Together, Sections A and B form the Teaching and Examination Regulations for the programme.
3. The Regulations can be declared to apply *mutatis mutandis* to the joint degree programmes and units of study, pursuant to Section 7.3c of the WHW, also provided by the faculty.
4. These Regulations apply to anyone enrolled in the programme, irrespective of the academic year in which the student was first enrolled in the programme.
5. Section B of these Teaching and Examination Regulations may contain additional general provisions for the relevant degree programme.

Article 1.2 Definitions

The following definitions are used in these Regulations:

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| a. EC (European Credit) | a credit with a workload of 28 hours of study; |
| b. examination: | the final examination of the Master's programme; |
| c. semester: | the first (September - January) or second half (February - August) of an academic year; |
| d. (educational) component: | a unit of study of the programme within the meaning of the WHW; |
| e. period: | a part of a semester; |
| f. programme: | the totality and cohesion of the course components, teaching activities/methods, contact hours, testing and examination methods and recommended literature; |
| g. thesis: | a component comprising literature research and/or a contribution to scientific research, always resulting in a written report; |
| h. SAP/ SLcMVU: | the Student Information System; |
| i. course catalogue/
study guide: | the guide for the degree programme that provides further details of the provisions and other information specific to that programme. The course catalogue is available electronically at www.vu.nl/en/study-guide ; |
| j. workload: | the workload of the unit of study to which an interim examination applies, expressed in terms of credits = EC. (The workload for 1 year (1,680 hours) is 60 EC credits); |
| k. academic year: | the period beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the following calendar year; |
| l. examination | an assessment of the student's knowledge, understanding and skills relating to a course component. The assessment is expressed in terms of a final mark. An examination may consist of one or more partial examinations. A resit always covers the same material as the original interim examination; |
| m. Admissions Board | the committee that assesses, on behalf of the faculty board, whether a candidate meets the requirements for admission to the Master's degree programme of his/her choice. If there is no Admissions Board appointed |

- for the degree programme, the Examinations Board (within the meaning of Section 7.12 of the WHW) functions as Admissions Board;
- n. University: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- o. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, WHW);
- p. special needs: needs which arise from a temporary or permanent condition which affects the student's ability to take a degree programme, to sit examinations or to complete practicals;
- q. examiner: lecturer authorized by the Examination Board to assess an examination, constituent examination or practical;
- r. working day: Monday to Friday, except for public holidays or days designated as holidays by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- s. Blackboard: electronic system intended for the sharing of educational information.

The other terms have the meanings ascribed to them by the WHW.

2. Previous education and admission

Article 2.1 Previous education

1. In order to qualify for enrolment in a Master's degree programme, a Bachelor's degree obtained in academic higher education (WO) is required. The requirements that the Bachelor's degree must meet are specified in Section B.
2. In the event that a candidate does not have a Bachelor's degree as referred to in paragraph 1, the Admissions Board of the degree programme will assess suitability for admission to the programme on the basis of the requirements stipulated in Section B.
3. In order to qualify for enrolment in a Master's degree programme for teaching in pre-university education, the individual concerned must have been awarded the Master's degree in the relevant subject area, pursuant to Section 7.10a of the WHW.

Article 2.2 Registration and enrolment

1. The deadline for registering for the Master's programme is stipulated in Article 3.2 (Section B).
2. After registering on time, the student must enrol before 1 September.

Article 2.3 Faculty Admissions Board

The faculty board will establish one or more Admissions Boards. The faculty board will appoint its members after consultation with the programme directors and Examinations boards of the relevant degree programmes.

Article 2.4 Admissions procedure

1. The Admissions Board is responsible for admission to the programme.
2. With a view to admission to the programme, the Admissions Board assesses the candidate's knowledge, understanding and skills. The Board may request experts within or outside the University to test certain types of knowledge, understanding and skills, in order to supplement written evidence of the programme/programmes the student has already completed. In its assessment, the Board includes knowledge of the language in which the programme will be taught.
3. Candidates receive either confirmation of admission or a negative decision. An appeal against a negative decision can be lodged with the Examinations Appeals Board within six weeks.

Article 2.5 Refusal or termination of enrolment (*unsuitability/judicium abeundi*)

1. Based on the provisions of Section 7.42a of the WHW, the Faculty Board or the Examinations Board may, in exceptional cases, ask the Executive Board to terminate or refuse a student's enrolment in a programme, if that student's actions or remarks show that he/she is unsuitable either for practising one or more of the professions for which the programme in question is preparing the student or for the practical preparation for professional practice.
2. If a student is suspected of being unsuitable as described in paragraph 1, the Examinations Board or the Faculty Board will institute an inquiry, of which the student will be informed immediately. The Examinations Board or the Faculty Board will not issue any recommendation without carefully considering the interests involved and giving the student the opportunity to be heard.

3. Degree programme structure

Article 3.1 Structure of academic year

1. Every degree programme will be offered in a year divided into two semesters.
2. Every semester consists of three consecutive periods of eight, eight and four weeks.

Article 3.2 Organization of the programme

1. The programme comprises the units of study included in Section B.
2. The size of the degree programme in EC is stipulated in Section B.
3. A unit of study comprises 6 EC or a multiple thereof.
4. By way of exception to paragraph 3, Section B may stipulate that a unit of study comprises 3 EC. The Executive Board has to give permission for this.
5. The programme is made up of compulsory part and an individual Master's thesis or academic work placement and, if applicable, a subject-specific optional component as specified in more detail in the programme-specific section.
6. If the student wishes to choose a different unit of study than those stipulated in Section B as part of his/her electives, prior permission is required from the Examinations Board.

4. Examinations

Article 4.1 Signing up for education and interim examinations

1. Every student must sign up to participate in the Master's programme and, if registration is required for participation, every student must sign up for examinations and resits. Signing up may only take place in the designated periods. The procedure for signing up is described in an annex to the Student Charter.
2. By way of exception to the provisions of paragraph 1, any student who has correctly signed up for participation in the instruction/classes for a particular course and has been admitted will also be signed up for the subsequent examination, unless the degree programme stipulates a different approach.

Article 4.2 Type of examination

1. Section B / The study guide stipulates the way in which a unit of study is concluded and the form any examination will take.
2. At the student's request, the Examinations Board may permit a different form of examination than stipulated in the course catalogue. If applicable, more detailed regulations on this are included in the Rules and Guidelines for the Examinations Board.
3. In the case of a unit of study that is no longer offered, in the academic year following its termination, at least one opportunity will be provided to sit the examination(s) or parts thereof and a transitional arrangement will be included in the programme-specific section for the subsequent period.

Article 4.3 Oral examinations

1. Unless otherwise specified for the relevant unit of study in Section B, no more than one student will be examined orally at the same time.

2. An oral examination is public unless the Examinations Board or examiner determines otherwise in an exceptional case. A student may submit a reasoned request to the Examinations Board to depart from the public nature of the oral examination. The Examinations Board will balance the interests of the student against the interests of a public examination.
3. Unless otherwise specified by the Examinations Board, an oral examination will be taken in the presence of a second examiner.

Article 4.4 Determining and announcing results

1. The examiner determines the result (= mark) of a written examination as soon as possible, but at the latest within ten working days. Contrary to the provisions of the first sentence, the marking deadline for theses and final assignments is no longer than twenty working days. The examiner will then immediately ensure that the marks are registered and also ensures that the student is immediately notified of the mark, taking due account of the applicable confidentiality standards.
2. The examiner determines the result (i.e. mark) of an oral examination as soon as the examination has finished and informs the student accordingly. The third sentence of the first paragraph applies.
3. In the case of alternative forms of oral or written examinations, the Examinations Board determines in advance how and by what deadline the student will be informed of the results.
4. Together with the result of an examination, the student's attention will also be drawn to their right to inspect the assessed work and have a post-examination discussion as stipulated in Articles 4.8 and 4.9, as well as his/her option to appeal to the Examinations Appeals Board (Cobex).
5. A student may lodge an appeal against the way in which the result was reached with the Examination Appeals Board within six weeks of the announcement of the result.

Article 4.5 Examination opportunities

1. An opportunity will be offered to (re)sit examinations in the degree programme twice in each academic year.
2. Paragraph 1 does not apply in the case of a retake for a work placement or a thesis. The options for retaking work placements and theses are detailed in the relevant work placement manual, teaching regulations or thesis regulations.
3. The most recent mark will apply in the event of a resit. A retake is allowed for both passed and failed units of study.
4. The resit for a (partial) examination will not take place within ten working days of the announcement of the result of the (partial) examination being resat.
5. The student who has passed all but one of the examinations necessary to meet the degree requirements may submit a reasoned request to the Examination Board asking for the opportunity to take this examination at an earlier date and, if necessary, by alternate means.
Herewith the following requirements will be attached :
 - the next regular examination opportunity is disproportionately long for the student to wait for and
 - the student must have taken part on at least one occasions in the regular examination relating to year of study.

If necessary, the method of examination may deviate from the provisions in the study guide. This scheme does not include the skills components (incl. thesis) and the written assignment parts, these are education units without a scheduled final test. Due to the construction of these units of study it is not possible re-sit these examinations on an alternative date. Requests for an additional examination opportunity must be submitted to the Examination Board no later than 1 July.

Article 4.6 Marks

Marks are given on a scale from 1 to 10. Partial marks are given with a maximum of one decimal after the point. Final marks are rounded to whole and half numbers except the 5.5.

Article 4.7 Exemption

1. At the written request of the student, the Examinations Board may exempt the student from taking one or more examination components, if the student:

- a) has passed a course component of a university or higher professional education programme that is equivalent in both content and level; or
 - b) has demonstrated through his/her work and/or professional experience that he/she has sufficient knowledge and skills with regard to the relevant course component.
2. The Examinations Board will make a decision within twenty working days of receiving the written request.
 3. This exemption does not apply to the Master's thesis.
 4. If a student wishes to meet the requirements of a specific examination by studying at a different faculty or university, prior approval from the Examinations Board is required.
 5. Further requirements for obtaining an exemption are defined in the programme-specific part of the Teaching and Examination regulations.

Article 4.8 Validity period for results

1. The validity period of examinations passed and examination exemptions is specified in Section B.
2. The validity period of a partial examination is limited to the academic year in which it was sat or until the end of the course concerned, as stipulated for the relevant units of study in Section B.
3. The Examinations Board can extend the limited validity period of an examination or exemption if a student submits a reasoned request to that effect. The Examinations Board can decide to permit the extension of the validity only after the individual making the request has successfully completed a supplementary examination on the relevant subject matter.
4. Where there is a restriction in the sense used under the abovementioned section B, the validity of successful examinations in the event of special circumstances as referred to in Article 7.51, second paragraph WHW, shall be minimally extended with the duration of the expiry date pursuant to Article 7.51, paragraph 1 WHW with granted financial support.
From the moment of the Board's decision until its withdrawal/removal of achieved study credits, the student is given the opportunity to formally request the extension of the abovementioned period of validity on the grounds of special circumstances with equal right to the relevant financial support as indicated above, or in accordance with a declaration from the receiving party of the allowance. In that case, and when no explicit period is indicated, the term of extension is equal to the duration of the individual grant. The faculty annually requests a list of students who may be eligible for an extended period of credit validity from associations connected with the faculty in accordance with Article 7.51, first paragraph, WHW.

Article 4.9 Post-examination discussion and inspection

1. For at least twenty working days after the announcement of the results of a written examination, the student can, on request, inspect his/her assessed work, the questions and assignments set, as well as the standards applied for marking.
2. Within twenty working days after the announcement of the results of a written examination there will be an post-examination discussion. Place, date and specified time will be announced at least 10 working days before the post-examination discussion.
3. The post-examination discussion is collective, unless otherwise decided by the examiner. The examiner can decide that the individual post-examination discussion will be done by email. If a student is unable to attend the collective discussion due to compelling personal circumstances, the examiner will allow an individual post-examination discussion on request.
4. The student can inspect his/her assessed work as well as the standards applied for marking, if available. On request the examiner will explain the marking.
5. The student can be issued with a copy of the marked work at his/her request after the post-examination discussion date, regardless whether the student were at the post examination discussion.
6. Regarding article 4.9 the examiner may add restrictions to the right of inspection. These restrictions have to be announced at least ten days before the post-examination discussion.

Article 4.10 Master's final examination

1. The Examinations Board determines the final examination result and the date on which the student obtains his/her degree after it has been established that the student has passed all the units of study belonging to the programme.
2. A diploma can only be awarded after the Executive Board has declared that the student has satisfied all the procedural requirements, including the payment of tuition fees.

Article 4.11 Diplomas and transcripts

1. The Examinations Board grants a diploma as proof that the student has passed his/her final examination. The Executive Board sets the model for the diploma. The Examinations Board adds a diploma supplement to the diploma providing information on the nature and content of the degree programme completed. The diploma supplement is drawn up in Dutch or English and complies with the European format.
2. Individuals who have successfully completed one or more components of the programme and who cannot be awarded a diploma as stipulated in paragraph 1 will, on request, receive a statement to be issued by the relevant Examinations Board stating at least the components that have been successfully completed together with the units of study they involved, the number of EC obtained and the way in which the examinations were taken.
3. The student can, without needing to provide reasons, request that the Examinations Board not proceed to award a diploma, unless the student him-/herself submitted the request for its issue.
4. On the certificate, the classification 'cum laude' of 'summa cum laude' can be mentioned. In the Examination Regulations, the Examination Board sets rules concerning the requirements that must be met to obtain the classification 'cum laude' of 'summa cum laude'.

Article 4.12 Fraud and plagiarism

1. The provisions of the (VU) Rules and Guidelines for the Examinations Board apply in full.
2. Electronic detection software programs may be used to detect plagiarism in texts. In submitting a text, the student implicitly consents to the text being entered into the database of the detection program concerned.

5. Study supervision and study progress

Article 5.1 Administration of study progress and academic student counselling

1. The faculty board is responsible for the correct registration of the students' study results in SAP/SLM. After the assessment of an examination component has been registered, every student has the right to inspect the result for that component via VUnet and also has a list of the results achieved at his/her disposal in VUnet.
2. Enrolled students are eligible for academic student counselling. The types of academic student counselling available are listed in Section B.

Article 5.2 Adaptations for students with special needs

1. A student with special needs can submit an electronic request to the study adviser to qualify for special adaptations with regard to teaching, practical training and interim examinations. These adaptations will accommodate the student's individual needs as much as possible, but may not alter the quality or degree of difficulty of a course or an examination. In all cases, the student must fulfil the exit qualifications for the degree programme.
2. The request referred to in the first paragraph must be accompanied by a statement from a doctor or psychologist. If possible, an estimate should be given of the potential impact on the student's study progress. In case of a chronic disability a single (one time) request suffices.
3. In the case of dyslexia, the statement must come from a BIG, NIP or NVO registered testing agency.
4. The faculty board or, on its behalf, the College/Graduate School director or the programme director decides on the adaptations concerning the teaching facilities and logistics. The Examinations Board will rule on requests for adaptations with regard to examinations.

5. In the event of a positive decision in response to a request as referred to in paragraph 1, the student will make an appointment with the study adviser to discuss the details of the provisions.
6. A request for adaptations will be refused if it would place a disproportionate burden on the organization or the resources of the faculty or university were it to be upheld.
7. If the condition which causes the special needs justifies an extension to the time in which the examination may be sat, the Examination Board will issue a statement testifying to the entitlement to an extension. If other provisions are required due to the specific nature of the condition, then the study adviser may initiate appropriate actions.
8. The decision may specify a limited validity of the special adaptations.

6. Hardship clause

[Article 6.1 Hardship clause](#)

In instances not regulated by the Teaching and Examination Regulations or in the event of demonstrable extreme unreasonableness and unfairness, the Faculty Board responsible for the degree programme will decide, unless the matter concerned is the responsibility of the Examinations Board.

Section B: Programme-specific section

1. General provisions

Article 1.1 Degree programme information

1. The programme Law and Politics of International Security CROHO number 60685 is offered on a full-time basis and the language of instruction is English.
2. The programme has a workload of 60 EC (nominal 1 year).
3. A unit of study comprises 6 EC or a multiple thereof.

Article 1.2 Intake dates

The programme is offered starting in the first semester of the academic year only (1 September). The intake date mentioned in this paragraph ensure(s) that a programme can be completed within the nominal study duration set for the programme.

2. Programme objectives and exit qualifications

Article 2.1 Programme objectives

1. The programme's objectives are as follows:
 - to prepare the student to practice professionally in the field of Law and Politics of International Security;
 - to teach the student specialized knowledge, skills and understanding in the field of Law and Politics of International Security;
 - to prepare the student for academic work in the field of Law and Politics of International Security.
2. The degree programme also promotes the academic education of the student, in particular with reference to:
 - independent, academic thought processes and performance;
 - communicating at an academic level;
 - applying specialist academic knowledge in a wider and/or philosophical and social context.
3. The degree programme focuses attention on the student's personal development, promotes his or her awareness of social responsibility and develops skills of expression.

Article 2.2 Exit qualifications

A. Objective of the programme

The general objective of the Master programme is to impart to the student the knowledge, skills, insight and attitude required to operate as an independent professional within the field of international security, to cooperate with others and to conduct academic research. The overall aim of the programme is to train students to acquire a high academic and intellectual level and to take an interdisciplinary approach to matters of international security. Students should have a thorough understanding of the core concepts of the disciplines of international law and international relations, which are relevant to studying problems of international security. They are expected to have an in-depth understanding of the interplay between international conflict and security law and international politics. Students should be able to reach an academic level of intellectual analysis and have the skills to autonomously conduct research. They should be able to use their intellectual and analytical skills in a professional environment.

B. Final Attainment Levels

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

1. International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;
2. Contemporary theories of international security, as developed in political science (especially IR theory);

3. The nature and development of contemporary armed conflicts;
 4. The overlaps and differences between the legal and political science approaches to international security;
 5. The interrelationship between international law and international politics in the area of international security;
 6. The difficulties involved in the application of 'traditional' legal and political science concepts to contemporary armed conflicts.
- C. Being capable of:
The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a capability to:
1. Identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
 2. Identify the differences and overlaps between the various methodologies used in law and political science;
 3. Independently set up a legal and political arguments in the area of international conflict and security law;
 4. Independently apply research methods and interpret results;
 5. Independently set up, carry out and report the result of research projects;
 6. Critically reflect on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domains.
- D. Show evidence of:
The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:
1. The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
 2. The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
 3. Existing policy solutions in the field of international conflict and security;
 4. Existing scientific theories in the area of international security;
 5. Academic research as well as research results.

3. Further admission requirements

Article 3.1 Admission requirements

1. Applicants must have a Bachelor's or equivalent degree in Law, Social Sciences or Liberal Arts, and a basic knowledge of international law or international relations theory (the Admissions Board will also take into account the average grades of the applicants).
2. Applicants who do not meet the abovementioned requirement(s) are also encouraged to apply, provided that they have a sound academic background and considerable experience in the field of Law, Social Sciences or Liberal Arts.
3. The Admissions Board will investigate whether the interested person meets the admission requirements.
4. Candidates will be selected in the following way:
The LPIS Admissions Board will make a **merit based** selection of students.
For their application, candidates must submit:
 - a. Transcript
 - b. CV
 - c. Motivation letter
 - d. Letters of recommendation
 - e. Proof of academic writing
 - f. Proof of proficiency English (article 3.3)
5. In addition to the requirements referred to in the first and fourth paragraph, the Board will also assess requests for admission in terms of the following criteria:
 - a. Academic excellence (as evidenced by overall grade average, CV, recommendations, and writing sample)
 - b. Motivation and fit with the program (as evidenced by motivation letter, (optional) courses and extracurricular activities)

- c. Diversity of the cohort
6. When the programme commences, the candidate must have fully completed the Bachelor's programme allowing admission to this Master's programme.
 7. The certificate of admission relates exclusively to the academic year following the academic year in which the application for the certificate was submitted, unless the Admissions Board decides otherwise.

Article 3.2 Final deadline for registration

A candidate must submit a request to be admitted to the programme through Studielink before 1 June, but before 1 April in case of non-EU students.

Article 3.3 English language requirement for English-language Master's programmes

1. The proficiency requirement in English as the language of instruction can be met by the successful completion of one of the following examinations or an equivalent:
 - IELTS: 6.5
 - TOEFL paper based test: 580
 - TOEFL internet based test: 92-93
 - Cambridge Advanced English: A, B or C.
2. Exemption is granted from the examination in English referred to in the first paragraph to students who, within two years before the start of the programme:
 - met the requirements of the VU test in English language proficiency TOEFL ITP, with at least the scores specified in paragraph 1, or
 - had previous education in secondary or tertiary education in an English-speaking country as listed on the VU website, or
 - have an English-language 'international baccalaureate' diploma or
 - have an English-language diploma of a Bachelor or Master degree programme which has been accredited by the NVAO in the Netherlands.

Article 3.4 Free curriculum

1. Subject to certain conditions, the student has the option of compiling a curriculum of his/her own choice which deviates from the curricula prescribed by the programme.
2. The concrete details of such a curriculum must be approved beforehand by the Examinations Board.
3. The free curriculum is put together by the student from the units of study offered by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam or another institution of higher education and must at least have the size, breadth and depth of a regular Master's programme.

4. Curriculum structure

Article 4.1 Composition of programme

1. The programme consists of the following components:
 - a. compulsory courses of study
 - b. optional courses

In addition, units of study are categorized as specialized (400), research oriented (500) and highly specialized (600) level.

Article 4.2 Compulsory courses

The compulsory courses of study are:

Name of course component	Course code	Number of credits	Period	Level
International Humanitarian Law	R_Int.hum.l	6	2	500
Security Studies	R_SecStud	6	2	500

Theories and Approaches to War and Collective Security	R_TAWCS	12	1	500
Politics of International Law	R_PoILL	6	4	500
Master's Thesis	R_MthLPIS	18	All year	600
Two (2) optional courses totaling <i>at least</i> 12 EC see article 4.3				

The teaching method and type of examination are captured in the Study guide.

Article 4.3 Optional courses

The student can take the following optional courses:

Name of course component	Course code	Number of credits	Period	Level
Corporations and International Crimes	R_CorIC	6	4	500
Human Rights Protection in Europe	R_Hum.ri.pro	6	4	400
International Criminal Courts and Tribunals	R_Int.cr.c.t	6	2	500
International Law Clinic	R_IntLClin	12	1 to 6	500
Perpetrators and Bystanders	R_Perp.bysta	6	4	500
Philosophy of International Law and Migration	R_Phil.int.l	6	5	500
Public International Law	R_Pub.int.l	6	1	600
Selected issues in: International Security	SSIIS_O	6	2	500
Terrorism & Security	R_TerrSec	6	5	500
Theories and Approaches in International Relations	S_TAIR	6	1	400

If the student wishes to take a different course than the subjects of study listed, advance permission must be obtained in writing from the Examinations Board and the Programme Board. Permission is discretionary and granted only in exceptional cases.

Article 4.4 Extra-curricular

If a student wishes to follow extracurricular courses and meets the requirements of the courses as mentioned in the Study Guide, he or she may be able to take the following courses:

- Research Seminar International Crimes (3 or 6 ec, level 500)
- Capita Selecta Law and Politics of International Security (3 or 6 ec, level 500)
- ICC Moot court (6 ec, level 600)
- Amsterdam Law Forum (6 ec, level 600)

Article 4.5 Maximum exemption

Students are only eligible to obtain the LPIS master diploma if they have acquired 60 EC in the Master Program proper. In case a student has already obtained EC for one or more of the obligatory or optional courses (or similar courses at other institutions), (s)he has to take extra optional courses in the LPIS master programme until (s)he meets the 60 EC criterion.

Article 4.6 Validity period for results

The validity period of examinations and exemptions from examinations is limited, as follows:

1. A successful result for the completion of an examination component is valid for a period of four years.

2. If it has been over four years since the student successfully completed the partial examination in a given component, the Examinations Board may decide that he or she is required to sit an additional or replacement interim examination in that component before being permitted to sit the final examination.
3. Unless the Study Guide or transitional arrangements states otherwise, the partial examination is valid until the resit of the course in the same academic year the constituent examination is taken.

Article 4.7 Degree

Students who have successfully completed their Master's final examination are awarded a Master of Laws degree (abbreviated LL.M.). The degree awarded is stated on the diploma.

Article 4.8 Access to subsequent programmes of professional study leading to qualification as a lawyer or a member of the judiciary

1. If the combination of a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Law entitles the graduate to enter the subsequent programmes of professional study leading to qualification as a lawyer or a member of the judiciary the Examinations Board will mention this on the Master's degree diploma supplement.
2. To enable the Examinations Board to assess a graduate's qualification for an annotation as mentioned in paragraph 1, students who didn't obtain their Bachelor's degree in Law at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, have to hand in a certified written statement of the Examinations Board of the Bachelor's degree programme stating the requirements which still need to be fulfilled to qualify for the annotation in principle. The requirements mentioned in the statement need to be met by taking components at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The Examinations Board defines which components (Bachelor's or Master's components of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam degree programmes) are required to qualify for the annotation. The certified written statement of the Examination Board of the Bachelor's degree programme needs to be handed in at the admission's application to the LPIS Master's degree programme.

5. Transitional and final provisions

Article 5.1 Amendments and periodic review

1. Any amendment to the Teaching and Examination Regulations will be adopted by the faculty board after taking advice from the relevant Programme Board. A copy of the advice will be sent to the authorised representative advisory body.
2. An amendment to the Teaching and Examination Regulations requires the approval of the authorised representative advisory body if it concerns components not related to the subjects of Section 7.13, paragraph 2 sub a to g and v, as well as paragraph 4 of the WHW and the requirements for admission to the Master's programme.
3. An amendment to the Teaching and Examination Regulations can only pertain to an academic year that is already in progress if this does not demonstrably damage the interests of students.

Article 5.2 Publication

1. The faculty board will ensure the appropriate publication of these Regulations and any amendments to them.
2. The Teaching and Examination Regulations will be posted on the faculty website and are included in the course catalogue.

Article 5.3 Effective date

These Regulations come into effect from 1 September 2017.

Advice from Programme Committee 13 March 2017.

Adopted by Joint Meeting, dated 23 Juni 2017.

Adopted by the Faculty Board on 23 Juni 2017.

Appendix I Signing up for examinations

The deadlines for signing in and out for courses can be found on the [Vrije Universiteit portal VUnet](#).