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**The Teaching and Examination Regulations set out the specific rights and obligations that apply to each degree programme taught at the University of Groningen, for both the students and the degree programme.
The University-wide section of the Student Charter sets out the rights and obligations that apply to all students.**

Section 1 General provisions

Article 1.1 – Applicability

This Regulation applies to the admission to the English-taught programmes of the Faculty of Law.

Article 1.2 – Admission decisions

1. The Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law decides with regard to admission to her programmes.
2. The Faculty Board has mandated the admission to the English-taught programmes to the Admissions Board for the English-taught programmes, as appointed by the Faculty Board.
3. The members of the Admissions Board are appointed for a period of two years and can be re-appointed.

Article 1.3 – Admissions Board

The Admissions Board consists of seven members of the academic staff, one of whom functions as the chairperson. Each member has one deputy.

The study adviser for the degree programme (or an equivalent member of Faculty staff) will be an advisory member and also secretary.

Article 1.4 – Language requirement for foreign certificates

Students who have been admitted to a degree programme on the basis of a foreign certificate or degree may be required by the Board of Examiners – before registration – to pass an English language test to be administered by an agency stipulated by the Board.

Section 2 The bachelor’s degree programme International and European Law

Article 2.1 – Admission to the programme

1. In conformity with article 2.1 TER bachelors, general part, a VWO diploma (with any profile) grants admission to the degree programme.
2. Students without a VWO certificate are not automatically admitted to the degree programme.
3. Notwithstanding article 2.1.2, student with an HBO propaedeuse International and European Law from the ‘Haagse Hogeschool’ are also granted admission to the bachelor’s degree programme International and European Law.

4. All students holding degrees as mentioned in article 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 are held to participate in matching activities in order to be admitted to the propaedeutic phase. Not participating in such activities blocks registration for the propaedeutic phase of the bachelor's degree programme International and European Law.
5. An exception for the bachelor programme International and European Law to what is determined in Article 2.1.2 is made for students who have obtained a propaedeuse from or have completed the propaedeutic phase at a research university. These prospective students are also exempt from the matching activities.

Article 2.2 – Language requirement for admission to the bachelor's degree programme International and European Law

The requirement of a sufficient command of English can be met by presenting one of the following:

- internet-based TOEFL score of at least 92;
- IELTS score of at least 6.5;
- CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English);
- CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English).

All components of these tests must be passed.

Article 2.3 – Matching

1. The matching activities for the bachelor's degree programme International and European Law consist of the following components:
 - Completing the matching questionnaire;
 - Completing their online file in the Online Application System (OAS).
2. The online file is complete if the following components are uploaded in the Online Application System (OAS):
 - A motivation letter (maximum 650 words);
 - A curriculum vitae;
 - One academic reference;
 - A transcript of studies;
 - A degree certificate of the pre-university education degree).
3. Assessment of the online file as mentioned in article 2.3.2 leads to a green (positive) or orange (reconsideration) study advice for the student.
4. Not participating in the activities mentioned in article 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 will lead to a blockade of the registration for the bachelor's degree programme International and European Law.
5. If the matching obligation has been fulfilled, the given study advice mentioned in article 2.3.3 will be valid for the next two consecutive academic years.

Article 2.4 – Entrance examination (Colloquium doctum)

1. Students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set out in Articles 2.1 and 2.3 may participate in an entrance examination (colloquium doctum) in accordance with Article 7.29 of the Act.
2. Students who wish to take the entrance examination must be aged 21 or over on the date on which the examination is held. An exception to the age requirement may be made if the student in question has gained a certificate abroad that would grant admission to a university degree programme in his/her home country, or if the student has refugee status and for this reason is unable to present a degree certificate.
3. A colloquium doctum completed at a different Law Faculty does not grant automatic access to the Bachelor International and European Law. Admission based on such a colloquium doctum is always at the discretion of the Admissions Board.
4. Content, validity, influx and execution are arranged for in article 2.4 Teaching and Examination Regulations Law bachelors, general part.

Article 2.5 – Criteria for admission to the post-propaedeutic phase

1. Students who have passed the accompanying first year and have completed the propaedeutic phase are admissible to the second year of the programme.
2. In deviation of article 2.5.1 students who have passed a minimum of 45 ECTS in the first year of the propaedeutic phase and/or who have been granted a positive study advice by the Binding Study Advice Committee are conditionally admissible.
3. Admission to the post-propaedeutic phase as discussed in articles 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 is granted automatically.

Article 2.6 – Admission assessment: times

Admission as arranged for in article 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 is done continuously with due consideration for the application and registration moments as arranged for in article 2.6 Teaching and Examination Regulations Law bachelors, general part.

Section 3 The English-taught master programmes

Article 3.1 – Entry requirements

1. Holders of a certificate from the Bachelor's degree programme in International and European Law and of the track 'Internationaal en Europees Recht' within the Bachelor's degree programme in 'Rechtsgeleerdheid' of the University of Groningen will be admitted to the degree programme.

2. Students with a Dutch or foreign certificate of higher education in Law that indicates that they have knowledge, understanding and skills at the level of a university Bachelor's degree and who can demonstrate the following specific knowledge, understanding and skills will be admitted to the degree programme:
 - a. a thorough basic knowledge of the field of law covered by the degree programme to the level of a Bachelor degree.
 - b. a GPA (Grade-point Average of Bachelor degree) of 7/10, 70/100, 3.5/5, 2.75/4 or the equivalent, in level at least the equivalent of a second class honours degree within the British educational system.
3. Students who satisfy the requirements listed in Articles 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 will be selected on the basis of an assessment of the following additional requirements:
 - a. motivation and talent
 - b. level of relevant knowledge of and skills in the methods and techniques used in the relevant field
 - c. general academic level of thinking and working
 - d. proficiency in the language(s) used in the programme (further arranged for in Article 3.3).
4. Holders of a non-legal Bachelor's degree programme (research university level) can, provided they successfully complete a Pre-Master's programme set by the Faculty Board, be admitted to one of the Master's degree programmes mentioned in Article 1.1 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations LLM programmes, with the exception of the LLM in International Business Law.
5. Holders of a Law Bachelor's degree from a University of Applied Science (HBO) or equivalent can, provided they successfully complete a Pre-Master's programme set by or behalf of the Faculty Board, be admitted to one of the Master's degree programmes mentioned in Article 1.1 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations LLM programmes, with the exception of the LLM International Business Law.
6. Bearing in mind the admissions procedure for the degree programme within the meaning of Article 3.2.8, the Admissions Board shall assess the knowledge and skills of the candidate. In addition to the written proofs of degree programme(s) already followed, the Board may ask experts from within or outside the university to test certain areas of knowledge and skills.
7. Only in highly exceptional cases the Admissions Board can decide to take additional factors into consideration for admission if one of the admission requirements is not fully met.
8. Admission under the terms of Article 3.2.1 grants, in combination with a positive result of the admissions assessment as set out in Article 3.2.2 and 3.1.3 or based on successful completion of the Pre-Master's programmes mentioned in Article 3.2.4 and 3.2.5, the right to register for the degree programme.

Article 3.2 – Language requirements for foreign certificates English-taught master programmes

The English language proficiency requirement can be met by passing an internet based TOEFL score of 92; or an IELTS score of at least 6.5. All separate sections of both tests must be sufficient (21 for all sections in the TOEFL test but 23 for the writing section; 6.0 for all sections in the IELTS test, but 6.5 for the writing section). A CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English) or a CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English) is also accepted. For the International Business Law programme the scores are determined to be at least 100 (TOEFL) and 7.0 (IELTS). The internet based TOEFL score should hold a 'spoken' part. The IELTS should be an academic IELTS test.

Article 3.3 – Admission to the Pre-Master's programme

1. Admission to the Pre-Master's programmes is limited to the diplomas mentioned in Article 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. The specific admission requirements per Master's degree programme are available in the Articles 3.12, 3.14, 3.16, 3.19 and 3.21 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations LLM programmes.
2. The Admissions Board has the power to take decisions on behalf of the Faculty Board in matters concerning admission to the Pre-Master's degree programmes.

Article 3.4 – Admission assessment: times

1. Admission as arranged for in article 3.1 and 3.2 is done continuously with due consideration for the application and registration moments as arranged for in article 2.1.2 and 2.5 Teaching and Examination Regulations LLM programmes.
2. The Admissions Board decides within the stated periods in article 2.5 Teaching and Examination Regulations LLM programmes.

Section 4 – Deviations and final provisions

Article 4.1 – Hardship clause

In extraordinary cases of a pressing nature, the Admissions Board can derogate, in favour of a student, from what is determined in these Admission Regulations, with the exception of article 2.2.2.

Article 4.2 – Publication

1. The Faculty Board will duly publish this Regulation and any amendments to this document.
2. Copies of this Admission Regulation are available from the Faculty Office. This document can also be found on the Faculty website via 'Study Info' on the Student Portal.

Article 4.3 – Date of commencement

This Regulation will take effect on 1 September 2018.

This Regulation was decreed by the Board of the Faculty of Law on 11 April 2018.

Enclosure 1 Appointed Admissions Board

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