Student Charter: Study supervision and Student counselling

The Executive Board is responsible for providing the necessary facilities in the area of study supervision provided by lecturers and study advisers, and student counselling by student counsellors, student psychologists, student physician and confidential advisers for students. These facilities are available for all students enrolled at Wageningen University in a CROHO registered study program, for students enrolled at other institutions for higher education who take one or more courses at Wageningen University ('bijvakken') and for international exchange students.

Study supervision

Every study programme has one or more study advisers who support students to make well based choices within their studies and regarding their study progress. The position of the study adviser towards the student is one of a coach. The study adviser stimulates that students find their own solutions in their way to adulthood, independence and helps developing the student’s ability to make own choices. This related to the study, but also in student life and with respect to the orientation and position in society. If necessary, the study adviser may refer a student to lecturers, student counsellors, alumni organizations and institutions and businesses.

The study adviser also mediates between individual students and lecturers, examiners and Examining Boards regarding educational matters.

Wageningen University provides students a permanent overview of their approved individual study programme and their study results. The Education and Examination Regulation for the Bachelor and Master study programmes are yearly reviewed and adapted, if necessary. Extra attention is paid to the feasibility of the study planning and the study load of the programmes.

At the end of the first year of enrolment in a Bachelor study programme, the student receives the Examining Board’s advice about the continuation of the study: the Binding Study Advice (BSA). If the BSA is negative and also if desired for other reasons, the study adviser may help the student to orient for another study programme of Wageningen University or elsewhere. More information about the Binding Study Advice may be found on https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/Current-Students/Show-SSC/Binding-Study-Advice.htm

During the second year of the BSc study programme there is a compulsory discussion with the study adviser about planning the study and about the tentative, individual set of examination courses. The study adviser contacts the student and makes an appointment for this purpose.

Study advisers confirm the agreements with the student in writing and provide the necessary declarations which are required when applying for grants and funding, courses taken outside Wageningen University, Master permission regulation etc.

If necessary, study advisers refer students to a student counsellor, student psychologist or the confidential adviser for students.

Student counselling

Student life is fun and exciting, inspiring, sometimes tough and inevitably causes stress. You may come across problems that you can’t solve all by yourself. There’s nothing wrong with that!

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Do you need help, support or advice? There are people at WUR who can help you, but you can also follow group training via Student Training & Support or register with the new (free) e-health platform Gezondeboel. This overview shows how to find your way to student counselling at WUR: https://www.wur.nl/en/education-programmes/current-students/student-guidance.htm