Regulations for Enrolment non regular education Wageningen University

2015-2016

Non regular: National and international guest student, PhD candidate, participant in regular courses, participant in open courses
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Concepts and abbreviations

- Academic year: the year that runs from 1 September through 31 Augustus of the following year
- AMC/ ACT: Academic Master Cluster/Academic Consultancy Training (courses mentioned in the Study Handbook, with codes starting with a 6)
- BBC: Proof of Payment of Tuition Fees
- Credit (European credit):
- CROHO: Central Register Studies in Higher Education in the Netherlands
- EB: Executive Board from Wageningen University
- EC: European credit: measure for the size of a course
- EER: Education and Examination regulations of Wageningen University
- IN: internship
- Institute Tuition Fee: the tuition fee rate established by the Executive Board for students who are not required to pay the statutory rate (there are several rates of institutional fee).
- LLP: Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus)
- Semester: half of the academic year (the first semester contains tuition periods 1, 2 and 3, the second semester tuition periods 4, 5 and 6)
- SIS: Student Information System
- SSC: Student Service Centre
- Statutory fee: the fee established by law for students complying with article 7.45a WHW (1906€ for 2015-15)
- Studielink: the electronic system for registration and enrolment
- TH: thesis
- VHL: Van Hall Larenstein
- WHW: Higher Education and Research Act
- WU: Wageningen University
- WUR-card: a card from Wageningen UR which every student receives once (with the first enrolment). In combination with the proof of enrolment that is issued each year, the WUR card grants the holder certain rights.
Introduction

This decision contains the rules of Wageningen University for enrolment and termination of enrolment for those who can not enrol as a regular student or extraneus in a study programme at WU, but only for parts of a programme or for courses. This is called non-regular education. Enrolment as a student, linkage student or extraneus is part of the Regulations of Enrolment regular education 2015-2016.

Wageningen University distinguishes five forms of enrolment for non-regular education:

- National guest student (Section 3)
- International guest student (Section 4)
- PhD candidate (Section 5)
- Participant in regular courses (Section 6)
- Participant in open courses (Section 7)

Section 1 and 2 state the general regulations for all five forms of enrolment. Sections 3 to 7 explain the specific regulations per form of enrolment.

1  General regulations for enrolment

1.1 Those who want to use the educational and/or exam facilities of Wageningen University and can not enrol as a student or as an extraneus as described in Article 7.32 WHW, or do not register for a full study programme, can enrol in one of the following five forms:
   a. National guest student
   b. International guest student
   c. PhD candidate
   d. Participant in regular courses
   e. Participant in open courses

1.2 General conditions for enrolment are:
   a. Submission of a request for enrolment by filling in the WU registration form 2015-2016 with attachments
   b. Paying the owed tuition, course or exam fees.
   c. When attending education in the Netherlands: satisfy the conditions of legal residency in the Netherlands
   d. When enrolling for a minor or course taught in English: demonstrably satisfying the language conditions for prospective master students (see: www.wageningenur.nl/en/education-programmes/prospective-master-students.htm )

1.3 After enrolment the applicant will receive proof of enrolment and a WUR-card from the university, with the exception of:
   a. PhD candidates, who will receive a WUR-card from the HR-department of their science group.
   b. Enrolers for open courses. Per course will be decided if WUR-cards are issued.
   c. Applicants with the distinction distance learning will not receive a WUR-card.

2  General regulations for the termination of enrolment

2.1 The date of termination of enrolment depends on the form and duration of enrolment. In all cases, enrolment always ends on the final day of the academic year, 31st of August, 2016.

2.2 If, following enrolment, it is established that, at the time of enrolment, the enroller failed to satisfy any conditions for enrolment, the enrolment will be terminated with immediate effect.
2.3 Enrolment can be terminated:

ea. when the enroller violates the conditions for enrolment;
b. when the enroller, after a reminder by the university, does not satisfy the conditions for timely payment of (instalments of) the tuition fees, course or exam fees.
c. when the enroller:
   • commits serious fraud as described in in Article 7.12b part 2 WHW and the Examining Board proposes to terminate the enrolment.
   • is in breach of the regulations and measures adopted by the Executive Board for enrolment or for the use of buildings and premises, or otherwise causes serious disturbance, and after a reminder of the Executive Board does not stop this disturbance.
   The enrolment will be terminated enrolment with immediate effect and definitively.

3 Enrolment as a National Guest Student

National guest students are students studying at a Dutch institute for Higher Education who want to enrol at Wageningen University for one or more courses, being part of their original study.

Conditions for enrolment

3.1 Additional conditions for enrolment for the national guest student are:

a. The applicant is enrolled during the academic year 2015-2016 as a student at a Dutch institute for Higher Education for a CROHO-registered study.
b. The student must submit a declaration of the Examining Board of his home institute that he or she participates in WU courses as part of his study elsewhere (preferably by submitting an approved list of examination courses) and he can not follow these courses in his home institute.
c. The student is not allowed to participate in a IN-course (internship). Applicants need permission in writing by the WU Examining Board to participate in TH en AMC/ACT courses.
d. When enrolling for a minor in the first semester, the request for enrolment must be submitted before 1 August 2015. For a minor in the second semester the request must be submitted before 15 December 2016.
e. When enrolling for one or a few courses, enrolment must take place before the final application date for the first course (see: agenda and calendar academic year)

Enrolment duration

3.2 National guest students are registered for a maximum of 12 months. In that period they can participate in courses up to a maximum of 42 credits. When in these twelve months a student has participated in less than 42 credits, a request for an extension can be submitted at SSC. When the period of twelve months is stretched over two academic years, re-enrolment per September 1 of the second year is required. A student from a Dutch institute for Higher Education who wants to participate in more than 42 credits of courses, must register for a second study programme at WU.

Tuition fees

3.3 The national guest student who, in case he should enrol at Wageningen University as a regular student should be entitled to the statutory fee, is granted exemption from the tuition fee if he can submit a Proof of Payment of Tuition Fees (BBC) from his home institute and the tuition fee due in Wageningen is equal to or less than the tuition fee paid for the first enrolment. If the tuition fee for Wageningen University is higher, the owed tuition fee equals the difference between the two fees.
3.4 The national guest student who, in case he should enrol at Wageningen University should not be entitled to the statutory fee, must pay the applicable institute fee¹.

3.5 A guest student from VHL, who was enrolled as a national guest student at WU during academic year 2013-2015 and granted exemption to pay the institutional fee, is, when he is allowed to enrol again as a national guest student in 2015-2016, also granted exemption in this academic year.

Rights after enrolment
3.6 Those who are enrolled as a national guest student have the following rights:
   a. Participation in all courses of WU (except IN), unless the Executive Board has limited participation (see also Article 3.9);
   b. Taking interim exams of the above mentioned courses;
   c. Admittance to and use of the libraries, laboratories and other scientific institutes and collections that belong to the university, unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   d. Use of student facilities including the services of the Student Counselling and Health Services, sports and cultural facilities unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   e. Right to study supervision by lecturers and study advisors;

3.7 For national guest students participating in education and examination, the relevant rules of the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of Wageningen University are applicable.

3.8 A national guest student registered for a bachelor programme in a Dutch institute of Higher Education can not add the courses followed at Wageningen University to the list of examination courses of a possible subsequent WU Master study programme.

3.9 The Executive Board set a maximum of participants for several courses (see Study Handbook). National guest students are last in line to participate in these courses. When they register for these courses, even when they are part of a chosen minor, they simultaneously have to choose a second course as an alternative, in case of non-admission to their first choice course.

Termination of enrolment
3.10 The enrolment of the national guest student will be ended when the enrolment at the first institution will be finished.

3.11 The enrolment will be ended after a request of the student, from the first of the month following the request of the student.

3.12 The enrolment will be ended immediately when the national guest student has been registered at Wageningen University for 12 months (the enrolment can be stretched over several academic years).

4 Enrolment as an International Guest Student

International guest students are students studying (or working) at a foreign institute for Higher Education who want to enrol at Wageningen University, within the framework of a cooperation or exchange programme.

Conditions for enrolment
4.1 Additional conditions for enrolment for the international guest student are:

¹ See the flow chart in Regulations for enrolment regular
a. during the academic year 2015-2016, the international guest student is enrolled as a student at a foreign Institute for Higher Education and participates in a European Exchange Programme (in 2015-2016: Erasmus for Higher Education, part of Life Long Learning Programme) or
b. during the academic year 2015-2016, the international guest student is enrolled as a student or working as an employee at a foreign Institute for Higher Education that has a bilateral exchange agreement with Wageningen University.
c. The international guest student is only allowed to participate in a IN-course (internship) when the IN-course is part of a double degree master’s programme with WU as one of the partners.
d. Applicants need permission in writing by the WU Examining Board to participate in TH en AMC/ACT courses.
e. When enrolling for a minor in the first semester, the request for enrolment must be submitted before 1 August 2015. For a minor in the second semester the request must be submitted before 15 December 2016.
f. When enrolling for one or a few courses, enrolment must take place before the final application date for the first course (see: agenda and calendar academic year)
g. Tuition fees
4.2 The international guest student who participates in an Erasmus exchange LLP is granted exemption from tuition fees.
4.3 The international guest student who participates in another cooperation agreement than Erasmus exchange LLP pays the tuition fee conform the cooperation agreement or is granted exemption from tuition fee.

Rights after enrolment
4.4 Those who are enrolled as an international guest student have the following rights:
   a. Participation in all courses of WU (except IN), unless the Executive Board has limited participation (see Article 4.7). Participation in IN courses is allowed when this is explicitly part of the cooperation agreement;
   b. Taking interim exams of the above mentioned courses;
   c. Admittance to and use of the libraries, laboratories and other scientific institutes and collections that belong to the university, unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   d. Use of student facilities including the services of the Student Counselling and Health Services, sports and cultural facilities unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   e. Right to study supervision by lecturers and study advisors;
4.5 For international guest students participating in education and examination, the relevant rules of the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of Wageningen University are applicable.
4.6 An international guest student registered for a bachelor programme in a foreign institute of Higher Education can not add the courses followed at Wageningen University to the list of examination courses of a possible subsequent WU Master study programme.
4.7 The Executive Board set a maximum of participants for several courses (see Study Handbook). International guest students are last in line to participate in these courses. When they register for these courses, even when they are part of a chosen minor, they simultaneously have to choose a second course as an alternative, in case of non-admission to their first choice course.

Termination of enrolment
4.8 The duration of enrolment of the international guest student is in most cases determined beforehand and therefore will be terminated automatically. Enrolment will be terminated earlier when the enrolment at the first institution will be finished within the duration.

4.9 International guest students are registered for a maximum of 12 months (the enrolment can be stretched over several academic years). When the student has been registered for up to 12 month in the bachelor phase, he or she can be registered again as an international guest student for another 12 months in the master phase. After twelve months in one phase, enrolment will be terminated immediately.

4.10 The enrolment will be ended after a request of the student, from the first of the month following the request of the student.

5 Enrolment as a PhD candidate

Those who do research leading to a PhD grade of Wageningen University, are registered in the administrative system PROMIS. Within the framework of the PhD track a candidate can register for courses in the regular study programmes. To enrol, the candidate must register for courses in the Student Information System.

Conditions for enrolment

5.1 Additional conditions for enrolment for a PhD candidate are:
   a. Formal admission to one of the Graduate Schools of Wageningen University or permission by the Wageningen University professor involved to start the PhD track (with reservation for the formal admission);
   b. PhD candidates under the obligation of a residence permit and a work permit, need a valid residence permit and work permit;
   c. If applicable: the ‘university fee’ and ‘departmental fee’ are paid for.

Tuition fees

5.2 The PhD candidate pays no tuition fees.

Rights after enrolment

5.3 PhD candidates have during their period of enrolment at WU the following rights:
   a. Participation in the education and taking interim examinations as part of the Training and Supervision Plan (TSP);
   b. Participation in courses up to a maximum of 12 credits, focused on the elimination of deficiencies through a qualifying exam, within 18 months after the start of the PhD track;

5.4 For PhD candidates participating in education and examination, the relevant rules of the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of Wageningen University are applicable.

Termination of enrolment

5.5 The enrolment ends immediately after:
   a. the completion of the PhD track. The enrolment as a PhD candidate will be terminated on the first day of the month following the month the doctorate is conferred.
   b. A premature ending of the PhD track. The enrolment as a PhD candidate will be ended on the date the contract is ended.
After termination of enrolment, participation in interim examinations or resits is not permitted.
6  Enrolment as a contractor

Those who want to participate in one or more courses in the regular education of Wageningen University (not being a guest student or PhD candidate) without the mean to study or complete a full study programme, can enrol as a contractor. A special category of the contractor are talented pupils from secondary schools, who are admitted by a programme director to a first year BSc course.

Conditions for enrolment

6.1 Additional conditions for enrolment for a contractor are:
   a. The contractor will register for a regular course. The size of the course is measured in European credits (ec)
   b. To participate in a course, contractors need permission in writing by the lecturer who is responsible for the course (related to the required knowledge and the available room for extra students).
   c. The contractor cannot register for a IN-course (stage). They need permission in writing by the WU Examining Board to participate in TH and AMC/ACT courses.
   d. The participant is enrolled only for that period wherein the course is scheduled and offered.
   e. When enrolling for a minor in the first semester, the request for enrolment must be submitted before 1 August 2015. For a minor in the second semester the request must be submitted before 15 December 2016.
   f. When enrolling for one or a few courses, enrolment must take place before the final application

Course fee

6.2 The contractor pays a course fee per European Credit (ec). A course starting in academic year 2015-2016 costs 252 euro per credit.

6.3 For alumni of WU (MSc, ir. or PhD degree) a course costs 106 euro per credit.

6.4 Talented pupils from secondary schools in the network of WU, who have permission to enrol in a first year bachelor course, do not pay any course fee.

Rights after enrolment

6.5 Contractors have during their period of enrolment at WU the following rights:
   a. Participation in the registered and paid courses, unless the Executive Board has limited participation;
   b. Admittance to and use of the libraries and other scientific institutes and collections that belong to the university, unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   c. To take a test or an interim exam to complete the course.
   d. To take a resit once, not later than in the next exam period when the test or interim exam is offered.
   e. To receive a certificate naming the course and the result of the interim examination;
   f. on the request of the candidate and if the candidate participated, right on a certificate of participation.
   g. Use of student facilities if and as far as described in the contract between WU and the the contractor.

6.6. For contractors participating in education and examination, the relevant rules of the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of Wageningen University are applicable.

6.7. The Executive Board set a maximum of participants for several courses (see Study Handbook). Contractors are last in line to participate in these courses.
Termination enrolment
6.8. The enrolment will be ended after the period where the course is scheduled. When the contractor failed to pass the interim exam, one re-enrolment for one month can be granted during the first possible re-exam period.

7 Enrolment as a participant in an open course

Besides regular education, Wageningen University offers open courses. For these courses one can enrol as a participant.

Conditions for enrolment
7.1 Additional condition for a participant in an open course:
   a. The participant in an open course is registered for one course only.

Course fee
7.2 The participant in an open course pays a fee. The fee is determined for each course separately.

Rights after enrolment
7.3 The participant in an open course has the following rights:
   a. Participation in the registered and paid courses, unless the Executive Board has limited participation;
   b. Admittance to and use of the libraries, laboratories and other scientific institutes and collections that belong to the university, unless the Executive Board has limited use;
   c. To receive a certificate of participation naming the course.

Termination enrolment
7.4 Every enrolment ends automatically after the end of the course.

8 Distance learning

In all of the categories mentioned above, courses can be offered in distance learning mode. Those who want to follow a course by distance learning, will be enrolled, depending on their situation, in one of the categories above, with the distinction ‘distance learning’. Conditions and rights of that category will be applied.

9 Other provisions

9.1 Hardship Clause
   In special circumstances and on request of the applicant, the Executive Board can deviate from the conditions of this Regulation on behalf of a student. This will be the case if the application of the regulation would lead to an unreasonably strong disposition. A request in this regard must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board and, if possible, accompanied by proof.

9.2 Compensation
   Those who are not enrolled and use the education and exam facilities at Wageningen University must pay damages not to exceed the highest institutional rate. In order to still be enrolled, the party involved must meet the conditions in this regulations.

9.3 Implementation of the enrolment decision
   h. The head of the Student Service Centre is responsible for implementing the conditions of this enrolment regulations.
9.4 Objection and Appeal
   a. National and international guest students and PhD candidates may submit an appeal to decisions made on the basis of this regulation, to the Executive Board within 6 weeks after the receipt of the decision. This possibility will be mentioned in the decision.
   b. Participants in regular or open courses cannot submit an appeal. They can, if they do not agree with a decision made on the basis of this regulation, file a complaint at the Student Service Centre.

9.5 Term of Validity
   These regulations applies for the academic year 2015-2016, unless the legal basis for parts of the Regulations in the interim expires.

This decision is enacted by the Executive Board at its meeting of June 8, 2015