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COURSE AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

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Master's programme Archaeology.

These Course and Examination Regulations (henceforth OER) have been drawn up in accordance with the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*; WHW] (henceforth the Act) and the following Leiden University regulations:

- the Leiden Register of Study Programmes Framework Document;
- the Academic Calendar;
- the Regulations for Student Registration;
- the Regulations for Admission to Master's Programmes.

Pursuant to Article 7.14 of the Act, the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the OER and considers, for the purpose of monitoring and adjusting the study load, how much time it takes students to comply with them. In accordance with Article 9.18 of the Act, the departmental committee is assigned the task of annually assessing the implementation of the OER

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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1.1 Scope of the regulations

These regulations apply to the teaching and examinations of the Master's programme(s) Archaeology, henceforth referred to as the programme.

The programme is instituted in the Faculty of Archaeology of Leiden University, hereinafter referred to as: the Faculty, and is taught in Leiden.

Article 1.2 Definitions

In these regulations the following definitions apply:

- a. Board of Admissions: the Board established by the Faculty Board that has the duty of determining, with the application of the entry requirements referred to in Article 7.30b, (1) and (3) of the Act and the University Regulations for Admission to Master's Programmes, which applicants can be admitted to this Master's programme;
- b. Board of Examiners: the Board of Examiners for the programme, established and appointed by the Faculty Board in accordance with Article 7.12a of the Act;
- c. component: a unit of study in the programme, as defined in Article 7.3 of the Act. The study load of each component is expressed in whole credits. Each component is associated with an examination;
- d. credit: the unit in EC that expresses the study load of a component as referred to in the Act. According to the ECTS, one credit equals 28 hours of study;
- e. degree classification: further degree classification by the Board of Examiners;
- f. ECTS: European Credit (Transfer System);
- g. e-Prospectus: the electronic prospectus containing specific and binding information about the programme. The e-Prospectus is included as an attachment to these regulations;
- h. examination: an inspection of the knowledge, understanding and skills of the student with respect to a particular component, and an assessment thereof (in accordance with Article 7.10 of the Act). An examination may consist of several constituent examinations. The inspection is conducted according to the method determined by the Board of the Examiners to assure the quality of examination;
- i. examiner: the person appointed by the Board of Examiners to conduct examinations, in accordance with Article 7.12c of the Act;

- j. final examination: the examinations associated with the components belonging to the programme or the propaedeutic phase of the programme, including an investigation to be carried out by the Board of Examiners itself, as referred to in Article 7.10 of the Act;
- k. first/second reader the first or second examiner to read and assess the thesis/final paper/final report. The first reader/reviewer is also the supervisor;
- l. Leiden Register of Study Programmes register of the programmes offered by Leiden University, maintained under the supervision of the Executive Board, as referred to in Article 7 of the Executive and Management Regulations;
- m. level: the level of a component according to the abstract structure as defined in the Leiden Register of Study Programmes Framework Document¹;
- n. nominal duration of study the study load in years of study as established in the Central Register of Higher Education Programmes;
- o. portfolio: a monitoring and assessment file with which students (1) demonstrate that they have achieved a sufficient level of academic education to be awarded the degree; (2) record their personal process of academic learning during the programme; and (3) receive appropriate supervision and study advice;
- p. practical: a practical assignment that contributes to an examination or final examination, as referred to in Article 7.13 (2) (d) of the Act, that takes one of the following forms:
- writing a thesis/final paper/final report,
 - writing a paper or creating an artistic work,
 - carrying out a research assignment,
 - participating in fieldwork or an excursion,
 - completing an internship, or
 - participating in another educational activity aimed at acquiring particular skills;
- q. programme: the programme to which the OER relate: a coherent set of components, aimed at achieving clearly defined objectives relating to the knowledge, understanding and skills that a graduate of the programme is expected to have acquired. Each programme is associated with a final examination;
- r. student: a person enrolled at Leiden University in order to follow the courses, and/or sit the examinations and final examinations associated with the

¹ <http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/kaderdocument-leids-register.pdf>

- programme;
- s. the Act: the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*; WHW];
- t. working day: Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and the compulsory closure days specified by the Executive Board;

The other definitions have the meaning that the Act ascribes them.

Article 1.3 **Codes of conduct**

1.3.1 The Leiden University Code of Conduct on Standards of Behaviour between Lecturers and Students is applicable.² The aim of this code is to create a framework for a good, safe and stimulating work and study environment within Leiden University, in which teachers and students respect each other and in which mutual acceptance and trust are important values.

1.3.2. The Leiden University Regulations on ICT and Internet Use are also applicable.³ These regulations define what is considered appropriate use of ICT and internet and how usage checks will be made. They also explain which conduct is not tolerated and the consequences that apply.

Chapter 2 Description of the Programme

Article 2.1 **Objectives of the programme**

The programme has the following objectives:

The primary aim of the archaeological Master's programme is to convey the knowledge, insights and skills that will enable the graduate to independently formulate research questions, translate these into a research plan and subsequently execute that plan.

In addition the graduate will also be qualified to hold a authoritative position within archaeological projects or an archaeologically relevant policy position. Accordingly the graduate should stay adequately informed on the ethical and social implications of their activities as well as the organizational structure of the archaeological system.

A completed Master in archaeology should, in principle, allow graduates to enroll in PhD programmes in both the Netherlands and abroad. The final requirements that every student of archaeology in Leiden is expected to meet at the conclusion of their master's degree have been defined within final qualifications on a curricular, cross-curricular and research level.

Article 2.2 **Specialisations**

- Heritage Management in a World Context
- Museum Studies

²[Leiden University Code of Conduct on Standards of Behaviour between Lecturers and Students](#)

³[Leiden University Regulations on ICT and Internet Use](#)

- Archaeology of the Americas
- Heritage of the Indigenous Peoples
- Palaeolithic Archaeology
- Prehistory of Europe
- Archaeology of the Roman provinces, Middle Ages and Modern period
- Archaeology of the Near East
- Classical and Mediterranean Archaeology
- Archaeobotany and Archaeozoology (MSc)
- Human Osteology and Funerary Archaeology (MSc)
- Material Culture Studies (Msc)
- Digital Archaeology (MSc)

Students admitted to the MSc-programme choose either the specialisation Archaeobotany and Archaeozoology, Human Osteology and Funerary Archaeology, Material Culture Studies or Digital Archaeology.

The Curriculum 2018 will have the following specialisations:

- World Archaeology
- Archaeological Science
- Heritage and Museum Studies

Article 2.3 **Learning outcomes**

Graduates of the programme have attained the following learning outcomes, listed according to the Dublin descriptors:

a. The theoretical context

The graduate:

is capable, within their chosen specializations, of placing research questions and relevant related archaeological data within a broader scientific, philosophical and theoretical framework and reflect critically upon it.

b. Occupation specific knowledge and understanding

The graduate:

possesses a general knowledge and understanding of the theories and methods used in Archaeology as a whole;

possesses thorough knowledge and understanding of the theories and methods used in their two chosen specializations and as such is able to interpret any relevant archaeological data.

c. Applied archaeological skills and methods

The graduate:

possesses thorough knowledge and understanding of the methods and techniques required for field and laboratory research for their two chosen specialisations at a level that they can make an informed choice regarding their own archaeological research/field work within the chosen specialization;

is capable to a reasonable degree of independently of planning and executing this research/fieldwork including adequately managing organizational, legal, logistical, social and administrative aspects, and efficiently using available time and resources.

d. Multidisciplinary skills

The graduate:

is capable of critically considering developments in adjoining alpha-, beta- and gamma disciplines regarding possible applications within their chosen specialization hence placing their own research/fieldwork within a multidisciplinary framework.

e. Academic skills

The graduate is capable to a reasonable degree of independently:

drawing up and carrying out a research/fieldwork work plan within their chosen specialization
gathering literature on a particular archaeological subject or topic using both traditional and modern (digital) techniques and selecting this literature on the basis of relevance and quality;
analysing archaeological literature in terms of data- and/or artifact interpretation and arguments and conclusions, and of assessing the interpretative and argumentative merits of said literature;
analysing and interpreting archaeological data using modern (digital) techniques and instruments;
producing a clear written summary of archaeological texts, issues, positions, etc., and providing these with their own constructive criticisms, or solution oriented comments;
reporting on their own research/fieldwork ultimately culminating in a substantiated personal position and recommendations for further research;
being capable of taking criticism in a constructive and business-like manner and where necessary to revise their own previous position;
adequately applying and integrating graphical footage into a presentation so as to clarify and/or strengthen their argumentation (and vice versa).

f. Social orientation

The graduate:

has the ability to convey research data and -interpretations along with corresponding theoretical and methodological approaches to an audience of non-specialists, in both the spoken and the written word;
is capable of introspection concerning their own perceptions and will allow for, accept but also question other points of view;
is capable of debating the latest archaeological developments and their significance to society;
is able to form an opinion within their professional field on the basis of incomplete or limited information;
can reflect on the ethical-social aspects of archaeology;
is capable of independently determining their own course within the archaeological profession, and similarly of finding their place within society.

Article 2.4 Structure of the programme

The programme Archaeology offers full-time tuition.

The part-time programme is offered as a daytime programme.

The nominal duration of the part-time programme is 1 years.

Article 2.5 **Study load**

The programme has a study load of 60 ECTS credits.

Article 2.6 **Start of the programme; uniform structure of the academic year**

The programme starts on 1 September and on 1 February of each year. In terms of regular courses, the programme is based on the university semester system and comprises 42 teaching weeks.

Article 2.7 **Final examinations of the programme**

The programme is associated with a final examination.

Article 2.8 **Language of instruction**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct on the Language of Instruction and Examination⁴ the language(s) of instruction and examination in the programme is: *English* Students are expected to have an adequate command of the language(s) of instruction and examination in the programme, in accordance with the requirements stated in Article 5.2.3. As appropriate, the Faculty publishes OER in English for English-taught programmes.

Article 2.9 **Quality**

The programme is accredited by NVAO⁵ and meets the national and international quality requirements for degree programmes. The programme's teaching also meets the quality standards for teaching set out in the Leiden Register of Study Programmes Framework Document.

Chapter 3 **Curriculum**

Article 3.1 **Compulsory components**

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components worth a total study load of 50 ECTS credits. These compulsory components include the set components from which students are obliged to choose. For MSc-students the compulsory components have a total study load of 55 ECTS.

3.1.2 The e-Prospectus further specifies the actual structure of the programme, i.e. the study load, level,⁶ contents and structure of the components on the curriculum.

⁴ <http://www.reglementen.leidenuniv.nl/gedragcodes/gedragcode-voertaal.html>

⁵ The Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders.

⁶ In accordance with the 'abstract structure', as described in the Framework Document of the Leiden University Register of Study Programmes.

Article 3.2 **Optional components**

3.2.1 Alongside the components referred to 3.1.1, the student selects components worth a total study load of 10 ECTS. For MSc-students the optional components consist of 5 ECTS.

3.2.2 The Board of Examiners must approve the student's selection of components.

3.2.3 In addition to the components taught at this university, and subject to the approval of the Board of Examiners, students may also select components offered by other Dutch or foreign universities, or components offered by another legal entity offering accredited undergraduate higher education programmes.

3.2.4 Students who are enrolled in the programme may assemble their own programme of components that are taught by an institution, as long as a final examination is associated with these. They will require the permission of the most appropriate Board of Examiners. When granting such permission, the Board of Examiners also indicates to which University programme the programme is considered to belong.⁷ If necessary, the Executive Board appoints a Board of Examiners to take this decision.

3.2.5 If a student is enrolled for two programmes, he/she may have an overlap of maximal 10 erts in the optional part of the programme, after permission of the Board of Examiners. This overlap will be registered in uSis as an exemption for one of the programmes. Please note that the overlap can never occur in the thesis.

Article 3.3 **Practicals**

3.3.1 For each component, the e-Prospectus specifies which practicals are included, the nature and scope of the student's workload for these practicals and whether participation in these is a condition of entry to the examination for the component. The Board of Examiners may exempt students from a practical, in which case the Board choose to apply alternative conditions.

3.3.2 The e-Prospectus specifies the scope and study load of the thesis/final paper/final report, including the requirements that the final assignment/thesis/final report must meet.

Article 3.4 **Sitting examinations and taking part in programme components**

3.4.2 Students are allocated to components in order of registration, on the provision that, provided they register in good time, students who are enrolled in a programme are guaranteed access to the components that are obligatory to the programme. Students may only take certain components once they have passed the examination of a preceding component. The e-Prospectus specifies the components to which this condition applies.

Article 3.5 **Distribution of study materials**

3.5.1 Students are not permitted to make audio or video recordings of lectures without the explicit prior permission of the relevant lecturer. Should such permission be granted, students are only legally

⁷ In accordance with Article 7.3d of the WHW ('free curriculum in higher education').

permitted to use the recording for their own use; all forms of distribution or publication of the recordings are prohibited.

3.5.2 Students are prohibited from all forms of distribution or publication of study materials. The materials are for students' own use only.

Chapter 4 Examinations, Final Examination and Further Education

Article 4.1 Frequency of examinations

4.1.1 Examinations are held twice during the academic year for each component offered in that year. The Board of Examiners determines the manner of resit for practicals.

4.1.2 If a component comprises a practical, students may only sit the examination as referred to in 4.1.1 if they have passed the practical, unless the Board of Examiners decides otherwise.

4.1.3 If the mark for a component results from several constituent examinations, it is possible to depart from the number of examinations and resits as referred to in 4.1.1, on the understanding that students are given the opportunity to resit and pass the component by taking an examination that is representative for the component. If applicable, this is specified in the e-Prospectus.

4.1.4 Compensation between several constituent examinations may be possible if this is stated in the e-studyguide and is only possible if the lowest grade is minimal a 4.5.

4.1.5 In accordance with Article 7.13 (2) (h) of the Act, the e-Prospectus specifies the dates of the examinations.

4.1.6 The Board of Examiners may set certain rules for taking the resit. These rules are specified in the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Examiners.

4.1.7 Contrary to the provisions of Article 4.1 and at a student's request, the Board of Examiners may in exceptional circumstances allow an additional resit.

4.1.8 If a student has passed an examination linked to a given component but nevertheless resits this examination without the permission of the Board of Examiners after the academic year in which the student passed this examination, the result of the last sitting will not be assessed

Article 4.2 Obligatory sequence

4.2.1 The e-Prospectus specifies the sequence in which examinations must be taken. Students may only sit examinations that are subject to a compulsory sequence once they have passed the examinations for one or more other components.

4.2.2 For the components and their attendant examinations which must be completed in a given sequence, the Board of Examiners may in special cases, and following a substantiated written request by the student, agree to an alternative sequence.

Article 4.3 Form of examination

4.3.1 The e-Prospectus states whether an examination or constituent examination for a component will take the form of a written, oral or other test.

4.3.2 Students with a disability or chronic medical condition are given the opportunity to apply for individual examination arrangements adjusted to their particular disability or condition. These arrangements may not affect the quality or level of difficulty of the examination. If necessary, the Board of Examiners seeks expert advice, as referred to in the Protocol on Studying with a Disability,⁸ before reaching a decision.

4.3.3 In special cases, the Board of Examiners may, at the request of the student and within the scope of the OER, permit a student to sit an examination in another manner than specified in the e-Prospectus.

4.3.4 Examinations are held in the language(s) of instruction for this programme that are specified in the OER. At the request of the student, the Board of Examiners may permit him or her to sit an examination in another language.

4.3.5 The final report is presented in a seminar.

Article 4.4 **Oral examinations**

4.1.1 Students take oral examinations individually, unless the Board of Examiners decides otherwise.

4.4.2 Oral examinations are public, unless the Board of Examiners or the examiner concerned decides otherwise owing to special circumstances, or unless the student objects.

Article 4.5 **Rules and regulations set by the Board of Examiners**

4.5.1 In accordance with Article 7.12b (3) of the Act, the Board of Examiners establishes rules concerning the performance of its tasks and responsibilities and the measures it can take in the event of fraud.

4.5.2 The Board of Examiners must guarantee that students are entitled to appeal against decisions of the Board of Examiners or the examiners.

Article 4.6 **Assessment**

4.6.1 The examiner determines the mark immediately after an oral examination has been conducted. The student is informed of this through the University study progress system.

4.6.2 The examiner marks any written examination or constituent examination within 15 working days of the day on which the examination or constituent examination was taken, and informs the departmental office of the result by entering this into the University study progress system. The student is informed of this through the University study progress system.

⁸ <http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/protocol-studeren-met-een-functiebeperking-2012-versie-cvb-28-08-12.pdf>

4.6.3 If the examiner is unable to comply with the period of 15 working days specified in Article 4.6.2, the student is notified accordingly through Blackboard and in a personal mail to the student's u-mail address before this term expires. This notification includes the latest date by which the student will be informed of the result.

4.6.4 The examination result is expressed as a whole number or a number to a maximum of one decimal place up to and including 1.0 and 10.0. The result is not be expressed as a number between 5.0 and 6.0.

4.6.5 The result of the examination is considered to be a pass if the result is 6.0 or higher.

4.6.6 If students must complete a practical to be permitted to sit an examination, the Board of Examiners may decide that students have passed the examination once they have passed the practical.

4.6.7 Together with the written or electronic notification of examination results, students are also informed of their right to inspect their marked examination papers, as referred to in Article 4.8, as well as of the appeals procedure.

4.6.8 The Board of Examiners may draw up rules that specify under which conditions it may exercise its power as specified in Article 7.12b (3) of the Act to determine that students do not have to pass every examination and/or under which conditions the results of constituent examinations can compensate for each other. These rules are specified in the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Examiners.

Article 4.7 **Validity of examinations**

4.7.1 The Faculty Board may limit the validity of an examination pass, subject to the authority of the Board of Examiners to extend the period of validity in individual cases. The period of validity of an examination pass may only be limited if the examined knowledge, understanding or skills are demonstrably outdated.

4.7.2 The Board of Examiners may, in accordance with the criteria specified in the Rules and Regulations and at the request of the student, extend the validity of examinations for a period to be specified by the Board itself.

4.7.3 The validity period referred to 4.7.1 starts on 1 September of the academic year following that in which the mark was obtained or the exemption granted.

Article 4.8 **Inspection and final evaluation**

4.8.1 Students are entitled to view their marked examination for a period of 30 days following the publication of the results of a written examination.

4.8.2 During the period referred to in 4.8.1, students may inspect the examination questions and assignments, as well as the marking schemes used to mark the examination.

4.8.3 The time and manner of the feedback session on the examination is specified in the e-Prospectus.

4.8.4 The Board of Examiners is authorised to decide whether the viewing of the examination paper and the feedback session are to be collective or individual.

4.8.5 The examiner determines where and when the viewing of the examination paper and the feedback session will take place.

4.8.6 Students who are unable to attend the feedback session due to demonstrable circumstances beyond their control are granted another opportunity, if possible within the period referred to in 4.8.1.

Article 4.9 **Exemption from examinations and/or practicals**

At the student's request and after consultation with the examiner in question, the Board of Examiners may grant the student exemption from one or more examinations or practicals if the student:

- has completed a component at a research university or university of applied sciences that is similar in content and level to the component for which the student is requesting exemption, or
- has demonstrated, through relevant work or professional experience, that he or she has acquired sufficient skills and knowledge in relation to the component in question.

Article 4.10 **Final examination**

4.10.1 The Board of Examiners awards a degree certificate when there is sufficient proof that the final examination has been passed.

4.10.2 As part of the final examination, the Board of Examiners is entitled to conduct its own evaluation of the knowledge, understanding and skills of the examination candidate and assess the results.

4.10.3 The degree is only conferred once the Executive Board has declared that all procedural requirements (including the requirement to pay tuition fees) have been met. One degree certificate is awarded for each programme. The degree certificate states that the programme or specialisation was delivered by Leiden University.

4.10.4 Pursuant to the regulations referred to in Article 7.11 (3) of the Act, a student who is entitled to graduate may ask the Board of Examiners to postpone graduation, as long as the student has not exceeded the maximum period of enrolment of four years for the programme in question.

4.10.5 This request must be submitted within five working days of the student receiving notification of his or her final examination results. In the request the student must indicate when he or she wishes to receive the degree certificate.

4.10.6 The Board of Examiners may also approve the request if refusing it would result in a considerable injustice.

4.10.7 A supplement in Dutch or in English that conforms to the standard European Diploma Supplement format is attached to the degree certificate. In addition to the degree certificate, students are issued with a translation of the degree certificate and a certificate in Latin.

Article 4.11 The degree

4.11.1 The degree of Master of «Arts or of Science » is awarded to those who have passed the final examination of the programme.

4.11.2 The degree certificate specifies which degree has been awarded.

Article 4.12 Degree classification

4.12.1 The student is awarded a mark for the final examination.

4.12.2 The final mark is based on the weighted average of the marks obtained for all examinations that form part of the final examination, with the exception of the examinations for which an exemption was granted or examinations for which the student only obtained a proof of attendance. Components completed from other programmes, including components followed abroad, must be approved by the Board of Examiners.

4.12.3 The weighted average of all marks is determined by multiplying the number of ECTS credits for each component by the mark awarded for this component, adding these together and then dividing the result by the number of credits earned.

4.12.4 Without prejudice to the provisions of 4.12.6 and 4.12.7, the degree certificate and diploma supplement include the 'cum laude' classification if the following conditions are met for the full-time programmes:

- the weighted average for all components is 8.0 or higher;
- the mark for the Master's thesis is 8.0 or higher;
- the examination was passed within the nominal duration of study + 1 year.
- a maximum of two components are graded with grades lower than 7.0

The Faculty Board sets corresponding conditions for part-time programmes.

4.12.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of 4.12.6 and 4.12.7, the degree certificate and the diploma supplement include the 'summa cum laude' classification if the following conditions are met for the full-time programmes:

- the weighted average for all components is 9.0 or higher;
- the mark for the Master's thesis is 9.0 or higher;
- the examination has been passed within the nominal duration of study.
- a maximum of two components are graded with grades lower than 7.0

The Faculty Board sets corresponding conditions for part-time programmes.

4.12.6 The Board of Examiners may also decide to award a distinction in other, exceptional cases, on the condition that the weighted average mark does not differ by more than 0.5 from the marks stipulated in the fourth and fifth paragraphs above. This may involve such considerations as the student's development throughout his or her study programme, any exceptional performances on the part of the student in completing the final paper or thesis and any other relevant exceptional circumstances.

4.12.7 If a student has been subject to disciplinary measures as a result of irregularity, fraud or plagiarism, he or she is not awarded a distinction.

Article 4.13 **Further education**

The degree awarded grants the holder access to a PhD programme.

Chapter 5 **Admission to the Programme**

Article 5.1 **Confirmation of admission**

5.1.1 The Faculty Board provides confirmation of admission if the student meets the entry requirements specified in Articles 5.2 and 5.3, as long as the maximum number of students that the Executive Board has determined may be enrolled in the programme has not been exceeded. If admission is on the basis of Article 5.2.1, the proof of registration is also confirmation of admission.

5.1.2 Confirmation of admission must be applied for according to the rules set out in the Regulations for Admission to Master's Programmes.⁹

Article 5.2 **Admission to the programme**

5.2.1 Pursuant to Article 7.30b (1) of the Act holders of one of the following degrees may be admitted to the programme and one of its specialisations:

- not applicable

5.2.2 The Board of Admissions may, on request, admit persons to the programmes who do not meet the requirements specified in 5.2.1 but who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Admissions that they possess the same level of knowledge, understanding and skills as the end qualifications of the BA Archaeology offered at the Leiden University, possibly under further conditions, without prejudice to the conditions specified in 5.2.4.

5.2.3 As further clarification of Article 2.9 concerning the student's command of the language of instruction, the language requirement for English-taught master's programmes is IELTS 7.0 (every band score needs to be sufficient, 6.0)/ TOEFL 100 (internet based)/TOEFL 600 (paper based)/ TOEFL 250 (computer based) or Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE) with minimum grade C). The language requirement for the Dutch-taught master's programmes is *TUL-halfgevorderd* (= *staatsexamen* NT2-II) or *TUL-gevorderd*. The Board of Admissions may request that applicants demonstrate an adequate

⁹[Regulations for Admission to Master's Programmes](#)

command at this level. If required, language requirements can be included as one of the qualitative admission requirements referred to in Article 5.2.4.

5.2.4 Alongside the requirements specified in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, the following qualitative admission requirements apply for the programme pursuant to Article 7.30b (2) of the Act:

- Who are in possession of qualities in the areas of knowledge, understanding and skills which should have been acquired by the end of (one of) the bachelor's programme Archaeology at Leiden University; and
- Who have obtained a bachelor's degree from a university, or who can prove that they fulfil the requirements of such a degree; and
- For the MA: students with an average (BA2 and 3) lower than 6.0 are rejected. For the MSc: Students with an average (BA2 and 3) lower than 7.0 are rejected; and
- Who have proven prior knowledge of the chosen specialization. In case of MSc-specializations students need to show proof of a science background and analytic skills in the desired specialization; and
- Who are able to write a motivation letter (max. 500 wrds), in which they prove that they are eligible for our programme. The letter should address the following: why they chose this specific combination of specialisations, did they understand what these specialisations entail and can they show the relevance of their prior education and experience in relation to these specializations; and
- Who show in an academic paper of ca. 1500 words, that they possess a sufficient level of knowledge, understanding and skills cf. the end qualifications defined in art. 2.3 of the BA Archaeology Course and Examination regulations to start in their desired MA specialisation and will be assessed conform the requirements for this essay as defined in appendix. This essay should contain the following:
 1. Introduction of topic and research question,
 2. Data (case studies, examples)
 3. Discussion
 4. Conclusions
 - 5.

5.2.5 If the Executive Board has determined a maximum capacity for the programme, the order of admission will be determined by the qualitative admission requirements as referred to in sub-article 5.2.4.

Article 5.3 **Deficiencies**

5.3.1 Holders of a bachelor's degree from a research university or an equivalent diploma with 15 ECTS of deficiencies, may be admitted to the programme, as long as it may reasonably be expected that they will meet the entry requirements within a reasonable period of time.

5.3.2 Students who still have the deficiencies referred to in 5.3.1 when admitted to the programme may participate in the programme but may not sit any final examinations or examinations that the Faculty Board has specified in its decision to grant admission.

5.3.3 For the admission referred to in 5.3.1 the Board of Admissions assembles a catch-up programme with examination opportunities.

5.3.4 If students is admitted to the programme on the basis of 5.3.1 and must sit examinations to meet the entry requirements, these are not considered part of the curriculum of the Master's programme.

Article 5.4 **Bridging programmes** (Pre-master's)

5.4.1 The department has developed the following bridging programmes (for the following target groups) in order to remove deficiencies: minor for students of the Saxion HBO Archeologie consisting of 30 ECTS.

5.4.2 Information on other bridging programmes can be requested from the department (secretary Admissions Committee: c.g.slappendel@arch.leidenuniv.nl).

Chapter 6 Student Counselling and Study Advice

Article 6.1 **Student progress report**

6.1.1 The Faculty Board keeps records of the results of individual students.

6.1.2 Students may inspect their results in the student progress system at any time.

Article 6.2 **Introduction and student counselling**

The department is responsible for the introduction and student counselling.

Article 6.3 **Supervision of the thesis/final paper/final report**

6.3.1 The student draws up a plan for the thesis/the final paper/final report together with the first reader, as referred to in 3.3.2. This plan is based on the study load for this component, as specified in the e-Prospectus.

6.3.2 The plan referred to in 6.3.1 also specifies the frequency and manner of supervision.

Article 6.4 **Professional sports**

Students who play sports at a professional level are given the opportunity to adjust their study programme to their sporting activities wherever possible. The department determines who falls within this category in line with the guidelines drawn up by the Executive Board.

Article 6.5 **Disability or chronic medical condition**

Where possible, students with a disability or chronic medical condition are given the opportunity to adjust their study programme to the limitations resulting from their disability or chronic medical condition. The programme can be adjusted to the individual disability or chronic medical condition of

the student in question, but this must not affect the quality or level of difficulty of the components or the programme itself.¹⁰

Article 6.7 **Study and internships abroad**

Special measures will be taken for students who suffer from a demonstrable delay in their studies as a result of study or an internship abroad that has been approved by the Board of Examiners, in order to limit the delay.

Chapter 7 Evaluation of the Programme

Article 7.1 **Evaluation of the programme**

The programme is evaluated as follows:

- Every course is evaluated
- Every three years a curriculum evaluation will take place

Chapter 8 Final Provisions

Article 8.1 **Amendments**

8.1.1 Amendments to these regulations are implemented by a separate order of the Faculty Board with the prior consent of the Faculty Council.

8.1.2 Amendments to these regulations which apply to a particular academic year must be implemented before the start of that year and published in the prescribed manner, unless earlier implementation of an amendment to the regulations is strictly necessary and in all reasonableness does not harm the students' interests.

8.1.3 Amendments to these regulations may not adversely affect any prior decision pertaining to students taken by the Board of Examiners on the basis of these regulations.

Article 8.2 **Publication**

The department is responsible for publishing these regulations, the rules and guidelines set by the Board of Examiners, and any amendment to these articles via the University website.

Article 8.3 **Term of application**

The OER apply for the duration of one academic year.

Article 8.4 **Entry into force**

These regulations enter into force on 1 September 2017.

¹⁰[Protocol on studying with a disability](#)