

Bestuurlijke reactie BA Midden-Oostenstudies en MA Middle Eastern Studies

The programme appreciates all recommendations, advice and suggestions of the assessment panel. Based on the assessment report, the programme has drawn up a Plan of Action and is already implementing it to improve the quality of education.

Conclusions of the development dialogue

The development dialogue focused on a few ongoing discussions in our programmes, and we exchanged ideas on all these topics. The panel representative hoped the recommendations of the assessment report would result in further investment in our programme, because of its importance to the Netherlands. We appreciate the acknowledgement of the implications of a high teaching workload that is visible in the assessment report, and was emphasized in the development dialogue. We hope the faculty and the institute will take concrete measures to address the work load problem in our Institute and recognize that the university's desire to continue to be a research-led university with research-led teaching requires commitment. There was also a strong consensus that in order to continue to offer a quality programme, sufficient research time – and more than we are currently afforded – is essential.