

Explanatory notes transitional arrangements Bachelor College

Introduction

The Bachelor College is being revised and will start from September 1, 2023. For students who started a bachelor's program before September 1, 2023 and have experienced a study delay, transitional arrangements have been established. These transitional arrangements will be included in the bachelor's model PER 2023/2024, applicable to students who started the program before September 1, 2023. You can read more about this below.

BR and AR

To avoid confusion, for now the Guideline/Directive and PERs are abbreviated as follows, with BR (before revision) and AR (after revision) added (Art. 1.2 OERs 2023/2024 will include the following definitions):

- Guideline Bachelor College BR (Guideline Bachelor College, as adopted June 22, 2022, applicable to students who started the program before September 1, 2023).
- Directive Bachelor College AR (Directive Bachelor College, as adopted April 22, 2022, applicable to students who started the program on or after September 1, 2023).
- PER 2023/2024 BR (applicable to students who started the program before September 1, 2023).
- PER 2023/2024 AR (applicable to students who started the program on or after September 1, 2023).

Further information concerning the paragraphs

Re 2 Phasing out education

Existing bachelor's programs are phased out as follows:

- Study components of the first year of the bachelor's program will be provided at least through academic year 2022/2023.
- Study components of the second year of the bachelor's program will be provided at least through the 2023/2024 academic year.
- Study components of the third year of the bachelor's program will be provided at least through 2024/2025.

Re 3 Study components that expire

Options have been drawn up for students who have not passed a study component in which the study component is no longer provided, with the aim of giving students the opportunity to pass that specific study component. Option a is only possible in the next year in which the study component is no longer provided. Option b is possible for several academic years.

Next to that, students themselves may request the examination committee to replace a study component with another study component. The examination committee decides whether or not to grant this request. In doing so, the examination committee considers the provisions in the appendix, as referred to in paragraph 3 under b.

Re 3 under a

The examiner's decision in this regard is coordinated in advance with the program director, ESA manager and examination committee. The content of the decision is published, both in the course catalogue and in the study guide. The deadline for the course catalogue is April 1 of the year the study component is provided for the last time (regular process).

The decision may include, for example:

- that the results of one or more mid-term tests are no longer valid and students must retake these mid-term tests (provided a lecture room is available).

- that the results of one or more mid-term tests are no longer valid, insofar as the result of the mid-term test is lower than the result of the final test or a Failed (FL). The results achieved no longer count towards the determination of the final grade for the study component.
- that the results of one or more mid-term tests no longer are valid and the results achieved no longer count towards the determination of the final grade for the study component.
- that the results of the mid-term tests are no longer valid and that the content of the mid-term tests is integrated into the final test.
- that the results of one or more mid-term tests remain valid, but students are given the opportunity to retake a mid-term test one more time (if a lecture room is available). The highest grade achieved for a mid-term is taken into account. This concerns the mid-term test results from the academic year in which the study component was last provided and the first academic year in which the study component was no longer provided.

Re 3 under b

In subsequent academic years in which the study component is no longer provided, the program (as a result of mutual agreement between the program director, examination committee, ESA manager and examiner) may choose to replace the study component with another study component up to and including academic year 2026/2027. This prevents the examination committee from having to make an individual decision per student. The replacement study component must correspond to the study component that has expired as far as learning objectives are concerned.

The study component that is no longer provided and the replacement study component must be included in the, corresponding, appendix of the PER BR.

Not only program-specific study components and the replacement study components are included in the appendix (green text), but also the basic study components that are replaced university-wide by another study components (black text). For example: the basic study component Engineering Design can be replaced by the CBL challenge with a multi/interdisciplinary component (4CBLW00) from September 1, 2024.

Re 4 Transfer to the new curriculum: after August 31, 2027

Students who have not passed the final examination of their bachelor's program before August 31, 2027, will be transferred to the new curriculum on the basis of the Guideline TU/e Bachelor College AR and the PER AR then in effect. The examination committee draws up an adjusted (individual) program and ensures that the curricular study components already obtained are included.

Schematically, the phasing out of education and the old programs looks like this:

Table 1: Phasing out education of bachelor programs

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
2022/23	R	R	R
2023/24	V1, V2 and V3	R	R
2024/25	V2 and V3	V1, V2 and V3	R
2025/26	V2 and V3	V2 and V3	V1, V2 and V3
2026/27	V2 and V3	V2 and V3	V2 and V3
2027/28	N	N	N

R = regular education for all programs from this year of the bachelor's program BR

V1 = study components that expire, examination offered twice

V2 = study components that expire, replacement study components (program initiative)

V3 = study components that expire, replacement study components (student initiative)

N = students are transferred to the new curriculum

Re 5 Transfer to the new curriculum: before August 31, 2027

Students may at any time request the examination committee to complete the bachelor's program:

- in accordance with the TU/e Bachelor College Guidelines AR and PER 2023/2024 AR; or
- through a modified program, as referred to in paragraph 4.

Usually, this transfer is only of interest when students have incurred a (considerable) study delay. If students are considering a transfer, it is recommended that students first contact the academic advisor.

Re 6 Transfer, intra-university transfer and double diploma

Paragraph 6 of the transitional arrangements establishes rules for transfer and intra-university transfer students and students who are doing a double diploma program.

Regarding paragraph 6b: in order to provide customization, the examination committee decides whether the additional bachelor program(s) will be completed in accordance with the Guideline Bachelor College BR and these regulations or in accordance with the Guideline TU/e Bachelor College AR and the then current PER AR.