# Alternative plan for international semester

Due to the covid-19 pandemic it will not be possible to do an international semester as students are not allowed to travel abroad. The international semester is minimally 15 ECTS (max. 30 ECTS).

For HTI the international semester will be replaced by an **international or multi-disciplinary project** **(1)** in combination with **HTI or engineering courses** **(2).** As always, your alternative international semester should be approved by your mentor and the Exam Committee. The total amount should be 15 ECTS.

**Timeline:** The alternative options presented below will be in effect as long as the travel restrictions due to the corona pandemic apply. In practice this means that they are available both the first and second semester of 2020-2021, since organising an international exchange takes a lot of preparation time. Of course we hope things are back to normal again in the second semester.

As HTI group we propose the following alternatives:

1. **Alternative projects** 10-15 ects

**a.**      **Research project within innovation space (1ZM150; 10 ECTS)**

* + - <https://osiris.tue.nl/osiris_student_tueprd/OnderwijsCatalogusSelect.do?selectie=cursus&cursus=1ZM150&collegejaar=2020&taal=en>
  1. **Internship (10-15 ECTS) at company, design, or research institute** 
     + Students take the initiative to find a project
     + Company: applying theory to solve an applied problem
     + Research institute (e.g., TNO or Philips Research):
     + Participation in **international or multi-disciplinary** research project at TU/e.

1. **Alternative courses** 10-15 ECTS
   1. Follow alternative courses online from other international universities (e.g. EUROTECH). Currently, there is no list of courses available, but this option is allowed in case a student comes up with a list her/himself. In any case, the list needs to be approved by the mentor and the exam committee.
   2. Follow extra HTI courses
      * Current program 2 out of 4 B1-courses, and in total 5 out of 12 B1 and B2-courses
   3. Follow extra engineering courses
      * See here: <https://studiegids.tue.nl/opleidingen/graduate-school/masters-programs/human-technology-interaction/curriculum/engineering-courses/>

## Procedure

* Student contacts his or her mentor and discusses possible alternatives.
* Although the HTI group and the mentor will support the student as much as possible, the student is responsible for finding a company, design or research institute (option 1b).
* After approval by your mentor, the alternative international semester is submitted to the exam committee for formal approval.

For further information contact your mentor or the coordinator of HTI master program (J.R.C.Ham@tue.nl).