

Alternative plan for your IS international semester (2020-21, Q3-4)

Due to the covid-19 regulations, it will not be possible to do an international semester (15-30 ECTS) as students are not allowed to travel abroad in 2020-2021 Q1, 2, 3 and 4.

For all Master programs, we suggest the following alternatives for you to consider:

- **Alternative TU/e courses.** You may consider additional courses from the [B1-B2 track elective lists](#), the [engineering sciences course list](#), or any other courses.
- **Alternative courses at other Dutch universities.** Please note there is no set list available; you will have to be proactive yourself. Relevant programs could be e.g. Innovation sciences (Utrecht), sustainability science (Wageningen), European Studies on Society, Science and Technology (Maastricht), etc. Please note that the TU/e has no specific information on the admission policy of these program courses.
- **Alternative courses online, possibly from universities abroad,** e.g. from the Eurotech alliance. Again there is no set list available; you have to be proactive yourself
- **Alternative research projects or internships** (5, 10, 15 or 20 ECTS). You may find the regular IS internship course (0GSI15) in the TU/e course catalogue. You can also develop an 'alternative project' (0AQQQx, where A for Alternative project and x stands for the amount of ECTS (5, 10, 15, 20); not visible in the course catalogue). Please note that in both cases, you need approval from your mentor and a IS program teacher (see mentor slides on the website) who is willing to supervise the project and assess the result (approved/ not approved in the case of 0AQQQx).

Note that we do not recommend delaying your international semester to a later moment, as this will cause a study delay. Depending upon the situation you could consider doing your master thesis abroad. Switching the Master thesis project and the International semester is not allowed

Procedure:

- Please start actively looking into the above alternatives, discuss this with your IS mentor, and possibly your academic advisor.
- Once you have set up an alternative course program as an alternative for the international semester, please send this for approval to the Exam Committee (for IS: Examination.Committee.IS@tue.nl). NOTE that deviations from the regular program must always be approved the exam committee.
The exam committee will want to see (1) your plan, (2) a short motivation of why you believe your alternative plan contributes to your IS study program, (3) approval by your mentor, and (4) in case of an internship or alternative project also approval from a supervisor who will assess the internship/project report (by way of quality control). (the mentor and supervisor can be the same person, but this is not necessarily so).
- Please note that the Exam Committee meets once every month, hence, make sure you submit your request in time to avoid extra study delay.

For further questions please contact your IS mentor or the IS program Chair Erik van der Vleuten (ProgramChair.InnovationSciences@tue.nl).