

Interim regulations of 19 March 2020 concerning studies and examinations due to the SARS-CoV-2 (coronavirus) outbreak and as a supplement to the Regulations for admissions, studies and examinations at Volda University College, of 04.12.2014

Approved on behalf of the Board of Volda University College by the Rector on 19 March 2020 pursuant to the Act relating to universities and university colleges (UH-lova) of 1 April 2005 no.15, §3-9.

§ 1. Aim

These interim regulations shall ensure that students at Volda University College are able to complete their course of studies and be awarded degrees and diplomas without delay/with the least possible delay as a consequence of the extraordinary situation caused by the coronavirus outbreak (SARS-CoV-2).

§ 2 Announcement of grades

Rector may extend the deadline for the announcement of grades due to circumstances related to the coronavirus outbreak. An eventual extension of this deadline shall not normally exceed two weeks over and above the ordinary deadline for the assessment of the course in question.

§ 3. Rules for approval of compulsory coursework assignments on a specific course

(1) All teaching that requires attendance in person during the remainder of spring semester 2020 has been replaced by digital forms of instruction. The requirement concerning compulsory attendance during spring 2020 has been revoked.

(2) If a student, due to his or her own illness or illness among the VUC staff, is not in a position to complete and gain approval of compulsory assignments on a course, the student in question shall nevertheless be offered the opportunity to sit for the examination on that course. The Dean may require of the said student to complete assignments by a given deadline in order for the exam result to be deemed valid.

(3) If a student, due to circumstances related to the coronavirus outbreak that are beyond his or her control or the control of the university college, is not allowed the opportunity to complete and gain approval of compulsory assignments on a course, the department in question shall nevertheless offer the student the chance to sit for the examination on the said course. The Dean may require that the student complete assignments by a given deadline in order for the exam result to be deemed valid.

(4) A student who is subject to the circumstances and requirements described in subsections two and three above, may apply to the Dean for exemption. Particular emphasis must then be placed on avoiding delays to the course and programme of study.

§ 4 Alterations to the form of the examination

All examinations that require attendance in person at Volda University College are to be replaced by alternative forms of examination that do not involve compulsory attendance. Alterations to the form of examination may also involve a change to the grading scale (pass/fail or scale of grades (A-F)).

All alterations to the examination shall be approved by the Pro-Rector (chairperson of the Education Committee).

All alterations to the form of the examination, made pursuant to these interim regulations, will apply to examinations in the spring semester 2020 and to all re-sit examinations in the autumn semester 2020.

§ 5. Exemption from required prerequisite knowledge

If, for reasons associated with the coronavirus outbreak, a student lacks the required prerequisite knowledge in relation to a course starting in the autumn semester 2020, the Dean shall allow exemption from these prerequisite knowledge requirements for admission to the course in question. The said student can then be required to meet the prerequisite knowledge requirements by a given deadline in order to be permitted to continue the course of studies.

§ 6. Self-certification of absence from the examination

The student shall submit self-certification of absence from the examination due to illness. Self-certified absence will be accepted as legitimate absence, and secure the same rights as in the case of a doctor's certificate or similar documentation. The University College Director shall determine how self-certification documentation is to be submitted.

§ 7. Duration

These interim regulations will take immediate effect, and apply until 1 September 2020.