Temporary regulations as a supplement to the Regulations for studies and examinations at UiT - The Arctic University of Norway of 26 June 2020 – extraordinary measures in connection with the outbreak of coronavirus disease

Adopted by the University Board by the Rector on 10 March 2020 pursuant to Section 3-9 of the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges of 1 April 2005. Last changed on 17 August 2020.

Section 1. Examination results

The faculty may extend the deadline for examination results owing to conditions related to coronavirus disease (SARS-CoV-2). Any extension to the deadline for examination results shall not normally exceed two weeks beyond the ordinary deadline for examination results. This provision applies to examinations with a three-week deadline for results and larger works with a six-week deadline for results.

Section 2. Compulsory activities

In the event that students are prevented from implementing or gaining approval for compulsory activities in a course owing to illness or quarantine requirements related to coronavirus disease, the faculty shall give the students the opportunity to take the examination in the course nevertheless. The same applies in the event that students do not have the opportunity to implement or gain approval for compulsory activities owing to illness or quarantine requirements related to coronavirus disease among employees at UiT, or owing to conditions related to coronavirus disease that are beyond UiT’s control.

The students may be obligated to implement and gain approval for compulsory activities within a certain time for the examination result to be valid.

Section 3. Dispensation from required prerequisite knowledge

In the event students lack required prerequisite knowledge for courses in the autumn semester of 2020 owing to conditions related to coronavirus disease, the faculty may grant dispensation from such required prerequisite knowledge. The students may be obligated to implement the required prerequisite knowledge within a certain time in order to continue the programme of study.

Section 4. Postponed deadline

Due to the coronavirus, the faculties may postpone deadlines for the submission of exams and major written work for all students in the course. This applies to bachelor theses, master theses and home
exams with a duration of more than one day. Students who wish to do so may submit according to their original submission deadline.

Section 5. Semester for attained higher degree

In order to be graduated during the spring of 2020, final exams in higher degrees must be conducted by 1 October.

Section 6. Individual facilitation

Students with a special need can apply for individual facilitation, for example in the form of extra time for the exam. The University director sets the deadline for applying. Application is sent to the Joint Examination Service (Fellestjenesten for eksamen).

Section 7. Examination arrangements and assessment terms

Exam arrangements and assessment terms may be changed at short notice if considered necessary due to conditions related to coronavirus.

Section 8. The use of camera during a digital oral exam

When conducting a digital oral exam, both the student and the examiner shall use a camera. Exceptions from this rule may be given in certain cases.

Section 9. Absence from examinations

The University Director can extend the deadline for delivery or postmarking of a medical certificate or equivalent documentation for legitimate absence from an examination related to coronavirus disease to one week after the time of the examination.

The University Director can permit self-certification of absence from an examination related to coronavirus disease. In the event self-certification of absence is adopted, the self-certified absence shall be accepted as legitimate absence from an examination and give the same rights as absence documented by a medical certificate or equivalent documentation. The University Director shall stipulate how self-certification of absence shall be delivered.

Section 10. Duration

These regulations apply from the date of the decision until 31 December 2020.