

Special arrangements in Fontys Elite Athletes Scheme

The Fontys Elite Sport Policy and the Fontys Elite Athletes Scheme facilitate elite athletes and talent in the organisation (though not the content) of their study programme. All students must meet the same exit qualifications in order to obtain the study programme diploma. Where possible, Fontys will make special arrangements for elite athletes and talents to allow them to meet the exit qualifications.

Special arrangements to adapt the academic timetable to suit training and competition schedules:

- a) The student may apply to the relevant lecturer for special arrangements with regard to attendance.
- b) If this does not resolve the problem, the student may apply to the team leader or coordinator or another person responsible within the department for special arrangements with a view to modifying the timetable.
- c) If modifying the timetable does not solve the problem either, the student may apply to the Examination Board for a replacement assignment.

Potential special arrangements regarding the academic timetable:

- Attending courses and educational activities at other times or in other groups;
- Asking the lecturer to record the lecture;
- Attending online by arranging an MS Teams call or similar with the lecturer or a fellow student;
- Catching up fully with the missed information on the basis of available information sources and/or notes taken by fellow students.

Special arrangements regarding attendance requirements:

Course content permitting (and at the discretion of the Examination Board), a student may apply for exemption from the attendance requirement or for a reduced attendance requirement.

Special arrangements regarding group work:

- a) If a student is unable to take part in any group assignments or can only take part in a limited number of assignments on account of training and competition obligations, they may make arrangements with the supervising lecturer and fellow students regarding their roles or tasks within the group. This comes with the proviso that such arrangements do not have an adverse effect on quality and/or on the fair distribution of the work within the group.
- b) If arrangements cannot be made in this regard, the student must apply to the Examination Board for a modified assignment or for the deadlines for assignments to be changed.

Potential special arrangements regarding group work:

- Taking on a role or tasks that may be carried out at a different time;
- Taking on a role or tasks that may be carried out in a different way, e.g. online or remotely.

Special arrangements regarding work placements and graduation projects:

- a) Study programmes will assist students in finding elite sports-friendly work placement locations.
- b) Students can apply to the Examination Board for their work placement, final-year placement and/or graduation project to be tailored to their needs.

Potential special arrangements regarding work placements and graduation projects:

- Reorganising work placement days, e.g. by working fewer work placement hours per day spread out over more work placement days
- Spreading out the work placement over a longer period
- Taking on work placement assignments that are bound by neither place nor time

Special arrangements regarding tests and exams:

- a) If a student is unable to take any or can only take a limited number of exams/tests on account of training or competition obligations, they may apply to the Examination Board for special arrangements regarding tests and exams.
- b) They may also apply to the Examination Board for an additional test opportunity in order to have two test opportunities per academic year, as provided for in Article 28 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER).

Potential special arrangements regarding tests and exams:

- Applying for an additional test opportunity if the student is unable to make use of a resit opportunity on account of elite athlete obligations
- Taking a test at a different opportunity than the regular one
- Taking a test in a different manner, e.g. online
- Applying in good time for special arrangements regarding the submission of professional products

Modified first-year arrangement:

Participation in elite sport by students who have been granted Elite Athlete or Talent status as set out in the Elite Athletes Scheme, is regarded as a special circumstance, on the basis of which study advice may be deferred.

A minimum number of credits these students must earn in order to be eligible for such a deferment has been established. If a student expects that they will not be able to earn this number of credits, they may apply to the Examination Board for an exemption from this requirement.

Procedure for the granting of special arrangements regarding the organisation of the study programme

To qualify for special arrangements of the nature described above, the student must follow the procedure outlined below:

- a) At the start of the academic year, the student must draw up an annual/semi-annual plan incorporating both their study programme and sport schedule, and discuss it with the Elite Sport Contact Person.
- b) Prior to the course period, the student must draw up a weekly plan incorporating both their study programme and sport schedule. The student must personally identify conflicts and take the initiative to discuss these with their student coach and/or the Elite Sport Contact Person prior to the course period.
- c) If the plan within the meaning of b) is not compliant with the TER, the student must submit a request to the Examination Board to be exempt from the TER or be granted a special arrangement. This request may, if desired, be submitted together with a recommendation from the Elite Sport Contact Person.