

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS AT THE NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NTNU)

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Chapter 1 Scope, Purpose and Definitions

§1 Scope and Purpose

1. The regulations are valid for all studies at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).
2. The regulations contain rules about the organization of studies, examinations and assessment, requirements for the award of degrees, and regulations concerning the rights and obligations of the University and students at NTNU. The regulations are to ensure that studies and examinations at NTNU are carried out properly.

§2 Definitions

Final examination	A type of assessment that normally follows at the end of the semester under conditions that can be controlled. The final examination generally is the concluding assessment of the student in a course or a group of courses.
Course	The smallest unit in which the student can receive an assessment and course grade. The extent of the course is measured in credits. The course involves activities that form the basis for assessment. The activities may be compulsory.
Subject	A collection of courses in one group in a programme plan.
Main profile	Courses in a programme plan which are defined as belonging to the same discipline which can supplement each other and build on foundation course level in a programme of study. In case a Master's degree is based on a completed Bachelor's degree, the main profile contains the academic qualifications required for admission to the Master's degree.
Final grade	The grade given after a course or group of courses. It is based on the assessments that count during that course. The weighting of the grades in assessments during the course is stated in the course description.
Credits	Measure of the study workload. The normal workload in one academic year is 60 credits.
Programme of study	A group of courses that forms one academic entity that students can apply for admission to, receive the right to study, and leads to a degree.
Field of study	A specialization within a programme of study, which is described in the programme plan for that programme of study.
Assessment	The evaluations a student receives on the basis of his/her performance in a course, or a group of courses and that lead to a grade.
One-year programme	A structured group of courses totalling 60 credits and having separate admission.

These regulations refer to the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges of 1 April 2005, no. 15.

Chapter 2 Admission and individual education plan

§3 Admission

The valid admission regulations are the relevant regulations adopted by the Ministry of Education and Research and NTNU's own admission regulations.

§4 Admission to study and progress in studies

1. Admission involves the right to take the courses in the programme of study, a one-year programme or separate courses which the student has gained admission to. Admission provides the opportunity to take the courses specified in the individual education plan or in accordance with the progress in studies approved by the Faculty. Admission to study is valid from the day NTNU receives confirmation of the student's acceptance of his/her admission.
2. The right to take the programme of study which the student has been admitted to ceases when - the student fulfils the criteria allowing him/her to receive a certificate after completing the programme of study
 - the student has completed the one-year programme
 - the student's progress in studies is insufficient, according to the definition given in Section 4, subsection 3
 - the student himself/herself confirms that he/she has withdrawn from the programme of study before it is completed
 - the student has not paid the semester fee by the stipulated deadline, see Section 6.
3. In programmes of study that are divided into year courses/ years, a student cannot take the next year if he/she has an outstanding deficit of more than 22.5 credits from the two previous years. Students who want to take the 4th year cannot have any unfinished courses from the 1st year. Students who want to take the 5th year cannot have any unfinished courses from the 1st and 2nd years, and students who want to take the 6th year cannot have any unfinished courses from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years.

The student loses the right to study a programme of study if he/she has an outstanding deficit of more than 22.5 credits. No student is permitted to use more than 2 academic years to take the same year in a programme of study. The time spent in each year is to be adjusted according to any leave that has been granted, and any possible reductions in the study progress (part-time studies) that have been approved in the individual education plan, ref. Sections 5, 7, and 8.

It is to be evident from the programme plan whether the programme of study is divided into years, ref. Section 14, subsection 1.

Students that apply for re-admission to the same programme of study will, if applicable, be given recognition of previous studies in the year the student is admitted to. The same is true when there is great degree of similarity between a programme of study a student has applied for admission to and another programme of study a student has or had been admitted to. Exemption to this regulation can be made when more than three years have elapsed since the student was admitted to the other programme of study. Rector is to decide the matter.

4. The Faculty is to decide whether the right to study is to be terminated in accordance with the above regulations. The Faculty may grant exemptions from the regulations in Section 4, subsection 3 in cases of illness, serious family problems, when the main part of the studies has already been completed, extraordinary conditions related to the subject (taking the next year) or other reasons found to warrant special treatment.
5. A student who is not covered the regulations in Section 4, subsection 3 has admission withdrawn if he/she has not earned any credits during one academic year in the programme of study or one-year programme that the student is admitted to. This does not apply if the student has registered for and

been present at one or more examinations and when it is agreed in the individual education plan that the student is not to earn any credits. The Faculty is to decide in matters of withdrawal of admission.

6. A student who has gained admission to a programme of study and has had normal progress (without adjustment for leave or reduced progress in studies), is not to be affected by changes in the disciplinary objectives, level and structure of the programme while completing his/her work on the programme. The student nevertheless has to accept that there may be changes in the courses and the structure of the programme of study that will not cause a delay in his/her progress.
7. A student who has gained admission to a programme of study, one-year programme or individual courses at NTNU, has the right to follow other courses he/she is qualified to take and receive assessment of his/her performance in these courses. The student also has the right to follow lectures in courses outside the programme of study or one-year programme if there are no restrictions on the admission to the courses. The student maintains these rights also after having completed the programme of study.

0 Changed by regulations 24 Jan 2006 no. 120, (implemented from academic year 2006/2007), 12 Oct 2011, no. 1047.

§5 Individual education plan

The Faculty together with students who have gained admission to study for 60 credits or more are to agree on an individual education plan before the end of the first semester. The individual education plan can be amended in agreement with the Faculty. The individual education plan is a mutual agreement between the student and NTNU concerning the duties and responsibilities of each party for progress in studies as well as the duties and responsibilities of each student towards his/her fellow students. The individual education plan gives the content and progress of the planned studies, cf. Section 6, subsection 2.

§6 Registration

1. Students who have been admitted to NTNU have to register and pay the semester fee at NTNU each semester by the deadline set by Rector. The deadline is given in the programme plan and on NTNU's Internet pages. Students who do not pay the semester fee by the stipulated deadline will have their admission withdrawn in accordance with the regulations relating to Student Welfare Organizations of 12 February 2001, Section 10. The Faculty is to decide in matters of withdrawal of admission due to non-payment of the semester fee.
2. For students who have agreed to an individual education plan, this registration is to determine and confirm the information in the plan for the current semester concerning
 - which courses the student will attend
 - which courses the student is to be given assessment in
 - other possible activities determined in the programme of study which the student follows
 - other information where adjustments are possible and which is relevant for the student's progress in his/her studies.
3. Students who are not obliged to agree on an individual education plan or who have not yet entered into an individual education plan also have the duty to register. This registration is to indicate which courses the student will attend and receive assessment in.
4. The registration gives access to the resources offered by NTNU in order to enable the student to complete his/her courses that semester.

0 Changed by regulations 24 Jan 2006 no. 120, (implemented from academic year 2006/2007).

§7 Leave of absence

1. The Faculty is to handle applications for leave of absence. Such leave from study is primarily given for one academic year. For shorter periods, leave can be given until the end on the semester. A student

must have completed more than 30 credits in the courses included in the programme of study in order to apply for leave of absence without stating a reason.

2. The Faculty may accept an application for leave for more than one academic year if there are special circumstances or pressing reasons, such as illness, extensive demands for child-care etc., military service or civilian service.
3. The student must accept that there may be changes in the programme of study during a period when he/she has a leave of absence.

§8 Part-time studies

Studies at NTNU may be taken on a part-time basis following agreement with the Faculty. The percentage of the nominal progress in studies is to be included in the individual education plan.

§9 Students without the right to study

1. Those who have not been granted admission have the right to receive assessment in a course in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-10. The Faculty decides whether the requirements for registration have been fulfilled and may specify further regulations concerning assessment in the absence of normal admission.
2. Rector may decide upon a special deadline for registration for this type of assessment. Rector can also decide that those who have not been admitted as students are to pay an examination fee in order to cover the extra cost of carrying out such assessments.

§10 Teaching – delegation of authority in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-8

1. The Faculty has the authority to reserve certain lectures just for the students of the University or specified groups of students if the nature of the lectures makes this necessary, cf. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges Section 3-8, subsection 2.
2. The Faculty has the authority to allow people who are not following normal courses to attend lectures and participate in exercises whenever there is sufficient space.

§11 Suspension, exclusion – delegation of authority in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 4-8, subsection 1

1. In cases where a student behaves in a way that seriously disturbs the work of fellow students or the general activities of the University, the Faculty has the authority to give a written warning stating that if such behaviour is continued a recommendation concerning suspension will be presented to the Board. In cases that are not specifically related to an individual Faculty, this authority rests with Rector.
2. The Faculty has the authority to give a written warning to a student that an exclusion recommendation will be presented to the Board unless the suspension decision made by the Board is respected. In cases that are not specifically related to an individual Faculty, this authority rests with Rector.
3. Complaints about decisions involving a written warning are to be sent to the Appeals Committee at NTNU.

Chapter 3 Organization of studies

§12 The academic year

1. The academic year consists of 40 weeks and is divided into two semesters. The autumn semester extends over 19 weeks and finishes before the end of the year. The spring semester lasts 21 weeks.
2. The Board of NTNU may approve that a programme of study at NTNU deviates from the ordinary structure described in Section 12, subsection 1 if the duration of the programme is more than 40 weeks and has teaching and/or studies which can be pursued independently of the other studies at NTNU.

§13 Programmes of study

1. Programmes of study at NTNU are organized according to the following models, they can
 - lead to a Bachelor's degree which subsequently forms the basis for a Master's degree.
 - be an integrated study which leads to a Master's degree or a professional degree
 - lead to a Master's degree which is based on a completed Bachelor's degree or equivalent education.

The Board establishes and terminates each programme of study at NTNU. When the Board creates a new programme of study, it is to simultaneously decide which Faculty is to administer the programme.

2. Each programme of study has a main profile, which gives disciplinary specialization of at least 80 credits. All programmes of study involving 5-year integrated Master's degrees are to also satisfy the requirements of the Bachelor's degree.
3. Each programme of studies consists of different courses. The courses offered are to each be of 7.5 credits or a multiple of that. The courses given in the programme of study are either compulsory or optional. The Faculty establishes new courses and terminates old ones. For the Master of Science in Engineering programmes, Rector has this authority. For courses in the 5-Year Teacher Education programmes, the Faculty exercises this authority in consultation with Rector. The Board at NTNU is to approve the establishment of courses where it is assumed that this will increase the basic disbursement in the State appropriation model.
4. All programmes of study leading to a lower degree as well as integrated programmes of study leading to a higher degree or a professional degree are to contain three introductory courses:
 - a) Ex. phil. of 7.5 credits. 2/3 of the Ex. phil. is to be common for all students at NTNU. Ex. phil. is to be suited to the disciplinary area but the variations are up to 1/3 of the content. The programme plan is to indicate the specific variety.¹
 - b) Ex. fac. of 7.5 credits is specific for the relevant Faculty. It is to be part of the main profile and is to be taken in the first year.
 - c) Perspective course of 7.5 credits that is to represent a different field of study from that included in the student's programme of study.

Rector is to decide the detailed regulations for the introductory courses considering the recommendations from the Education Committee.

Rector's authority to decide when the regulations in point a) are implemented is in accordance with S-sak 23/10 (Board item 23/10). Changes in point c) apply from the start of the academic year 2010/2011).

⁰ Changed by regulations 14 Sep 2010 no. 1587, (implemented 1 Aug 2011), 12 Oct 2011, no. 1047.

§13a One-year programmes

Rector is to establish and terminate each one-year programme at NTNU following a recommendation from the Education Committee. Rector is also to decide which Faculty is to administer each one-year programme.

⁰ Added by regulations 24 Jan 2006 no. 120.

§14 Programme plan and course description

Each programme of study is to be described in a programme plan. The Faculty administering the programme of study is to approve the programme plan. Rector is to approve the curricula for the Master of Science in Engineering programmes and the 5-Year Teacher Education programmes.

The programme plan is to contain information about possible admission requirements and ranking regulations for the programme of study. The programme plan is to stipulate:

- the learning outcomes and professional objectives of the programme of study
- any required previous knowledge for the programme of study

- which Faculty is to administer the programme of study
- which courses are included in the programme of study
- the scope of the programme of study in terms of credits
- what course combination meets the required main profile
- the structure of the programme of study, whether the programme of study has been divided into years, the fields of study, which are the common courses, which are compulsory and optional courses, and the sequence of the courses
- the possibilities for student exchanges abroad
- other issues which affect the implementation and quality assurance
- transitional arrangements as a result of changes in the programme plan.

All courses are to be presented in a course description. Each Faculty is to provide a description of its own subject areas. Each course description is to include:

- learning outcomes
- the qualifications necessary to gain admission to the course
- the content of the course
- teaching methods
- how many credits the course is worth
- the extent of the education
- possible compulsory education
- which activities are included, their extent and which of them are compulsory, for instance courses in methodology, exercises, work experience, field courses, excursions, laboratory work, group exercises, semester papers and other written exercises, artistic performances
- the requirements for receiving assessment
- activities that will be subject to on-going assessment and which of them will count in the course grade
- the organization of a possible final examination (how often, when in the semester, date and similar information)
- what examination support material can be used
- the form of assessment and grading scale for the assessments during the course
- the weighting of assessments during the course that are to count in the course grade

0 Changed by regulations 12 Oct 2011 no. 1047.

§15 Recognition of external studies/practical experience

1. The Faculty is to handle applications concerning recognition of external studies or practical experience in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-5. A condition is that the external education has been approved as education at university or university college level.
2. The Faculty is to handle applications concerning the approval of an equivalent degree or education in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-5.

0 Changed by regulations 30 Mar 2011 no. 372.

§16 Exemption from assessment

1. The Faculty is to grant exemption from the final examination, test or other assessment in cases where the student can document that similar assessment has already been done by NTNU or another

institution. The Faculty may also grant exemption on basis of other recognized examinations, tests or other kinds of assessment, or on basis of documented practical experience, in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-5. When processing such applications for exemption, the Faculty is to take both a student's previous education into account, as well as the assessment in terms of level, scope and content.

2. The student is to send such an application to the Faculty that administers the programme of study in which he/she has the right to study.

§17 Reduction of credits

If a student receives assessment in courses where the content wholly or partially overlaps, the total of credits for these courses is to be reduced accordingly. The Faculty decides the extent of the reduction in each separate case. If some of the courses to which the student has gained admission to are compulsory, the reduction is to take place in the optional courses. The reduction is to be done in a way that provides the student with the best grade that has been awarded. The basis for the reduction is to be evident from the transcript or certificate.

Chapter 4 Degrees

§18 Awarding degrees

The Faculties award degrees with their respective titles in accordance with their delegated responsibility from the Board when the latter approves a new programme of studies.

§19 Bachelor's degree

1. The Faculty awards the Bachelor's degree on basis of a completed programme of study or a free selection of courses in cases where the student has completed a total of 180 credits. The 180 credits is to include:
 - a main profile of at least 80 credits, where the programme plan defines the requirements of the main profile
 - introductory courses of 22.5 credits, ref. Section 13, subsection 4.
2. If the Bachelor's degree is not based on an established programme of study, the Faculty that awards the degree is to cover the area where the major part of the disciplinary content belongs. If the student has a degree where more than one major part is included, the student can decide which of the relevant faculties is to award the degree.

§20 Master's degree

1. In order to gain admission to a Master's programme which is based on a lower degree, the student must
 - have been awarded a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent
 - have received a passing degree in courses corresponding to 80 credits in the subject area of the relevant Master's degree, as specified in the programme plan for the relevant Master's programme
 - have fulfilled the other requirements for admission, as specified in the programme plan for the Master's programme.

When admission to a Master's programme is based on experience, the second point is not valid. Instead, at least 2 years of relevant professional experience is demanded.

2. In order to receive a Master's degree, the student must
 - either satisfy the admission criteria of the Master's programme and in addition have passes in relevant studies corresponding to 120 credits, where the programme plan allows 30 credits to be replaced by relevant practical experience

- or have completed a course of studies corresponding to 300 credits, where the requirements of the Bachelor's degree are included.
3. In the Master's programme described in Section 20, subsection 2, a Master's thesis corresponding to at least 30 credits, but no more than 60 credits, is to be included.
 4. In order to receive a Master's degree corresponding to less than 90 credits, the specified requirements relevant for such a degree programme must have been met.

§21 Candidata/candidatus medicinae

In a programme of studies leading to the degree *candidata/candidatus medicinae*, introductory courses as defined in Section 13, subsection 4 are included. The degree is based on a coherent course of study corresponding to 360 credits. The Faculty of Medicine will decide the content of the programme of study as well as additional criteria for awarding the degree.

§22 Candidata/candidatus psychologiae

In a programme of studies leading to the degree *candidata/candidatus psychologiae*, introductory courses as defined in Section 13, subsection 4 are included. The degree is based on a coherent professional study corresponding to 360 credits. The Faculty of Social Sciences and Technology Management will decide the content of the programme of study as well as additional criteria for awarding the degree.

0 Changed by regulations 30 Mar 2011 no. 372 (implemented from academic year 2011-2012).

Chapter 5 Assessment

§23 Assessment

1. In all courses or groups of courses included in a programme of study, the possibility for assessment and subsequent grading of the knowledge and skills of the students is to be available each academic year. The assessment is to be given as a final evaluation, or possibly an evaluation based on different types of on-going assessments described in the programme plan.
2. In order to receive assessment, the student must have registered that same semester, and also meet the academic requirements for assessment given in the course description.
3. A student who has handed in a paper in an assessment cannot prevent the assessment from being done. The student cannot block an assessment if the examination began with an oral test.

§24 Examination periods

Final examinations take place at the end of each semester. Rector decides the time of the examination periods. The dates are given in the programme plan. Rector may decide to organize the examinations outside the regular examination periods, if practical considerations related to the courses or other things make this necessary.

§25 Final examination

The course description states whether the course is to be concluded with a final examination and what requirements the student has to satisfy in order to sit the final examination. A grade is always awarded at the final examination.

§26 Instructions at final examination

Rector can issue general instructions for

- students who are allowed to sit a final examination
- invigilators
- the presence of teaching staff during a written final examination.

These instructions are found in the programme plan.

§27 Legitimate leave of absence at final examination

1. If a student is unable to sit a final examination due to illness or other pressing reasons, an application for approved absence has to be submitted to the Division of Student and Academic Affairs. The application, which has to be submitted at the latest one week after the first final examination to which the absence applies, has to contain information about which final examinations the application concerns. Documentation is to be included in the application. The period of absence is to be indicated on the medical certificate.
2. A student who is taken ill during a final examination is to notify the principal invigilator in the examination hall or the external examiner/internal examiner at oral examinations. The student subsequently has to see a doctor quickly and submit a medical certificate, as stated in the regulations in Section 27, subsection 1.

§28 Re-sit examination

1. In a course where the final examination is to be held only once in the academic year, a re-sit examination is to be arranged before the next normal examination. Students with an approved absence may take the re-sit examination. This also applies to students who have not passed the initial examination.
2. Students must register for the re-sit examination within the deadline stated by the Faculty or in the supplementary regulations.
3. The Faculty can in agreement with Rector decide to organize the re-sit examination during the same period as the normal examination, in the next examination period or at a later time outside the examination period. For certain programmes of study, the time of the re-sit examination will be a standard arrangement that can be stated in the supplementary regulations.
4. During a re-sit examination, the quality of the assessment is to correspond to the one given at the normal final examination. Alternative forms of assessment at re-sit examination are to be stated in the course description.

§29 Approved absence from other types of assessment than final examination

If practically possible, the Faculty is to ensure that students with approved absence from other types of assessment than in the final examination can be assessed during the semester and before any possible final examination in the course.

§30 Re-examination

1. A student who has failed to pass the examination in a course has the right to repeat the examination and receive a new assessment. The course description or the supplementary regulations determine what areas have to be repeated after a student has failed to pass an examination.
2. The student has the right to complete a second period of practical work experience if he/she failed to pass the first period of practical work experience.
3. If the student has passed, he/she only has the right to re-take an examination once more in each course in order to improve his/her grade. If the student is registered for an examination and has not withdrawn his/her examination registration by the deadline decided by the Director of the Student and Academic Division, this is regarded as one attempt. The highest grade obtained is the one that counts. When the grade for a course is based on two or more assessments or tests, all of these have to be re-taken.

0 Changed by regulations 22 May 2008 no. 504 (implemented from academic year 2008-2009).

§31 New assessment of Master's thesis

A student may submit a new or revised Master's thesis once in cases where the thesis has not been awarded a passing grade. If the thesis has been given a passing grade, there is no opportunity for a new assessment in the same programme of study.

§32 Syllabus at new assessment/re-sit examinations

In case of new assessment and re-sit examinations, the syllabus of the course at the time of the new assessment or the re-sit examination is to be valid. In cases of changes in the national framework plans, the Ministry may decide upon special arrangements. If there are significant changes in the syllabus, there is to be a possibility to be assessed according to the former syllabus for at least one year, but no more than two years after the introduction of the changes.

§33 Adjusted forms of assessment

1. In order to give all students approximately the same working conditions when receiving assessment, students with particular requirements that have been sufficiently documented may apply for an adjusted form of assessment. Such an assessment does not imply any reduction in the general degree requirements.
2. The adjusted forms of assessment may be practically oriented in order to allow the use of special aids or extended time. In particular cases, types of assessment that differ from the normal one may also be accepted.
3. If the requirements of the student are permanent, the use of special aids may be allowed throughout his/her studies.
4. An application, including documentation, is to be sent to the Division of Student and Academic Affairs before the registration deadline. The application is to be decided by Rector. Applications for different forms of assessment from the one given in the course description are to be decided by Rector in consultation with the Faculty.
5. Students with sudden acute requirements are as far as possible to be given the same rights with regard to assessment as described above. An application containing sufficient documentation must be sent to the Student and Academic Division as soon as possible after the acute situation has arisen.

§34 Form of language/language by written assessment

1. Arrangements with regard to the form of language used in examination papers are given in Regulations concerning forms of language in examination papers of 7 July 1987. The regulations are in accordance with the Act of 11 April 1980 no. 5 concerning the use of Forms of Language in the Public Services.
2. Examination papers written in Norwegian are to contain a version in the other form of the Norwegian language (*bokmål* and *nynorsk*). The exception is examination papers in the subject Norwegian. In case all the students prefer the same form of language, the examination papers may only be written in this form. The students choose their form of language as they register for an examination.
3. If the lectures are given in a non-Scandinavian language, the examination paper is to also include a version in the language that has been used in the lectures. Applications requesting the examination paper to be in a language different from Norwegian or that used in teaching are to be decided by the Faculty.
4. In examinations at higher degree level, the Faculty may decide that the text in the examination paper is in a non-Scandinavian language even though there is no requirement that the examination answer paper is to be written in that language. Higher degree level means master's programmes or the 4th, 5th or 6th years in integrated programmes of study. The decision concerning this is to be indicated in the course description.
5. If a significant portion of the syllabus used in the course is written in a language that is different from the one used in lectures, the Faculty can decide that the examination paper is to contain a version in this language as well.
6. Assessment papers and Master's theses can be written in Norwegian, Danish, Swedish or English unless stipulated otherwise in the course description or in description of the programme of study.

7. If another foreign language than English is part of the characteristics of the course, its learning objectives or syllabus, the Faculty is to determine which language the candidate is to use in his/her assessment paper.
8. The Master's thesis is to be written in the language that is most relevant to the content of the topic and the practical conditions of each individual master's student. The Faculty is to determine which languages can be approved within this framework. Master's theses that are written in Norwegian are to have a summary in English or another relevant language. Master's theses written in a non-Scandinavian language are to have a short summary in Norwegian. The Faculty may waive this provision if the candidate is an international student and does not speak one of the Scandinavian languages (Norwegian, Swedish or Danish).

0 Changed by regulations 30 Mar 2011 no. 372 (implemented from academic year 2011-2012).

§35 Oral examinations behind closed doors

At the request of the student, the Faculty may decide against making an oral examination public in cases where there are pressing reasons, ref. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-9, subsection 3. The Faculty is to ensure that the assessment in these cases also satisfies the normal academic level in the programme of study.

§36 Academic misconduct or an examination offence/attempted academic misconduct or an examination offence

1. In cases of academic misconduct or an examination offence/attempted academic misconduct or an examination offence, the University Appeals Committee may cancel the assessment in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 4-7. The same applies to the recognition of courses, credits or education, as well as exemption from assessment.
2. In accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 4-8, subsection 3, the University Appeals Committee may expel a student who has behaved contrary to the regulations for up to one year. The student may also lose his/her right to sit for examinations within institutions affected by the ruling for up to one year.
3. More detailed information about reactions to academic misconduct or an examination offence is given in Guidelines for reactions to academic misconduct or examination offences/attempts at academic misconduct or examination offences at NTNU of 30 May 2001.

Chapter 6 Determination of grades

§37 Examiners

1. The Faculty appoints the examiners, ref. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-9, subsection 2. For inter-faculty courses such as "Experts in Team" that are not administered by one faculty, Rector is to appoint the external examiner(s). If there is an appeal, the Faculty is to appoint the external examiner(s). The examiners are appointed for 3 years at a time.
2. At least two examiners are to be present at oral examinations and assessment of vocational training or other activities of a type that cannot be subsequently checked. At least two examiners, of whom at least one is to be external, are to assess Master's theses, ref. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-9, subsection 2.
3. The Faculty determines the guidelines regarding external participation at the assessment, whether general or a specific programme of study. This could be done by external participation in each separate assessment or through an external evaluation of the assessment procedures.

§38 Deadlines for determination of grades

In accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-9, subsection 4, the deadline for determination of grades is 3 weeks following the examination, unless special reasons make it

necessary to use more time. When special reasons occur, a new deadline is to be announced. The deadline for assessment of the Master's thesis is 3 months after the thesis has been handed in.

Chapter 7 Grades

§39 Grading scales

Assessment is given on basis of grading, either through a scale ranging from A to F or on the basis of Passed/Not Passed. Grade A is the highest pass grade, while Grade E is the lowest pass grade. The grading scale is based on the following descriptions and general qualitative descriptions:
symbol description General, qualitative description of valuation criteria

Symbol	Description	General, qualitative description of assessment criteria
A	Excellent	An excellent performance, clearly outstanding. The candidate demonstrates excellent judgement and a high degree of independent thinking.
B	Very good	A very good performance. The candidate demonstrates sound judgement and a very good degree of independent thinking.
C	Good	A good performance in most areas. The candidate demonstrates a reasonable degree of judgement and independent thinking in the most important areas.
D	Satisfactory	A satisfactory performance, but with significant shortcomings. The candidate demonstrates a limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.
E	Sufficient	A performance that meets the minimum criteria, but no more. The candidate demonstrates a very limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.
F	Fail	A performance that does not meet the minimum academic criteria. The candidate demonstrates an absence of both judgement and independent thinking.

Passed/Not Passed is used where assessment is not required.

The Faculty is to provide descriptions of the assessment criteria that are specific for each subject.

§40 Grade Point Average

The Grade Point Average can be estimated as long as letter grades have been given for at least 75% of the credits. When estimating the Grade Point Average, all grades in each separate course are to be included.

The Grade Point Average is determined as follows:

1. Each letter grade is replaced by its equivalent number, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.
2. The numerical equivalent is multiplied by the number of credits in the course, and the separate sums of credits and numerical equivalents are added up for all courses that are included.
3. This total is subsequently divided by the total number of credits included in all the courses.
4. The quotient is calculated to one decimal place.
5. The Grade Point Average is the letter degree which represents the equivalent of the full number of the quotient after the normal rounding-up rule has been applied.

§41 Final grade

1. Whether or not a final grade is to be given is decided by supplementary regulations.
2. The final grade means the overall grade for the entire programme of study at the award of degree. The grade is a weighted average based on the letter grades in the courses included in the degree. In order to get a final grade the student must have a pass mark in courses at NTNU corresponding to at least 120 credits, and at least 75% of these must have been given a letter grade. The method for calculating the final grade is the same as that described for the Grade Point Average in Section 40.

§42 Explanations and appeals

1. Cases involving the explanation of grades and complaints about them are to be handled in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 5-3. Requests for an explanation of grades and complaints are to be forwarded to the Faculty. If written guidelines for determining grades have been issued, these are to be made available for students after the grade has been decided, ref. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 5-3, subsection 3.
2. If there is a new assessment of a grade, at least two new examiners, including at least one external, are to be involved, ref. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 3-9, subsection 5. The new examiners are not to have any information about the initial grade, the explanation for it or the basis of the student's complaint.

If the examiner(s) in the first assessment find passages that are copied without citing the sources, but situation is not considered serious enough to be termed academic misconduct, the department may be notified by the examiner(s). If the student lodges a complaint about the grade he/she has received, the department is allowed to inform the new examiners about the lack of source citation. The department is to inform the student that the new examiners will be informed about the lack of source citation.

3. When on-going assessment is used, the student cannot lodge a complaint until he/she has received the grade in the relevant course or group of courses. Although the student cannot lodge a complaint following each separate assessment, he/she has the right to an explanation of the grading for each separate assessment.
4. Complaints against procedural errors can be submitted in accordance with the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, Section 5-2. The complaint is to be sent to the Faculty. In accordance with Section 5-2 of the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges, complaints can only be made about on-going assessments which will be included in the certificate or that count as part of the final grade.
5. Complaints about the grading of group work, where a common grade is given, all participating students must agree and sign the complaint. The same applies to complaints about procedural errors in these cases.

0 Changed by regulations 12 Oct 2006 no. 1156.

Chapter 8 Certificates and transcripts

§43 Certificates

1. The student's individual education plan is the basis for issuing a certificate. The certificate for a completed degree is issued once the requirements in the education plan are met.
2. The student can request that the certificate for a Bachelor's degree is not issued for up to two semesters so that he/she can improve the grades in courses that are part of the degree.
3. A certificate is normally issued only once for the same degree/education. The certificate is to contain information about the programme of study the degree is based on. The certificate is to show the semester and year the degree/educational programme was completed. The final grade (if applicable) is to be given on the certificate. A diploma supplement is part of the certificate. A transcript of grades showing the courses the student has passed that form the basis of the degree/educational programme is to be attached to the certificate.
4. In order to receive a certificate for a completed degree at NTNU, at least 60 of the credits to be included in the basis of calculation of the degree have to been taken at NTNU.
5. For the degrees that are awarded in cooperation with other Norwegian or foreign institutions (joint degrees) at least 30 credits have to be taken at NTNU.
6. When recognition is given for education that has previously been used in the basis of calculation of a degree or as part of a degree or professional training, a student must also have completed at least 60 new

credits before he/she can be awarded a new degree. The Faculty may decide requirements for up to 90 new credits for certain programmes. Rector has the authority to adopt requirements for up to 90 new credits for the Master of Science in Engineering programmes and the 5-Year Teacher Education programmes.

0 Changed by regulations 30 Mar 2011 no. 372, 12 Oct 2011 no. 1047 and 12 June 2013 (implemented from academic year 2014-2015. These changes also apply to all current students).

§44 Transcript

Upon request, students are to receive a transcript confirming their passing grades. The transcript is to show the grades given in each course, the year and semester in which the grades were obtained, as well as the title and number of credits for the courses.

Chapter 9 Supplementary regulations and implementation

§45 Supplementary regulations

The Faculty has the authority to add supplementary regulations to these regulations. For inter-Faculty programmes of study, the supplementary regulations are to be accepted by all faculties involved. For the Master of Science in Engineering programmes and the 5-Year Teacher Education programmes, Rector has the authority to add supplementary regulations.

§46 Implementation

The regulations are to come into force immediately. At the same time the following regulations no longer apply: Examination Regulations of 11 February 2003 no. 185 at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Regulations of 29 March 2000 no. 339 for the Master of Science degree in natural science programmes at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and regulations of 16 September 1998 no. 941 for the Master of Philosophy degree at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).