



DECISION

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STYR 2022/1347

Date 2 September 2024

Recipient
Education Board

Student Affairs
Education Strategy Support
Oskar Cornelius, Policy Officer

Decision on exemptions from specific points in the List of Rights – Lund University Students’ Rights and Responsibilities – School of Economics and Management

Background

The List of Rights – Lund University Students’ Rights and Responsibilities (Reg. no STYR 2022/1347) was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on 18 January 2024 and serves as a support for students, departments, faculties and student unions to clarify what first and second-cycle students are entitled to and in certain cases also what responsibilities they have. The List of Rights enters into force on 2 September 2024.

According to point 8.3 of the List of Rights, exemptions from the List of Rights may be granted by the university-wide Education Board following a request from a faculty board. The Education Board has decided to delegate the decision on the approval of exemptions to the chair of the Education Board.

Request for exemption

The Faculty Board of the School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) has decided to request an exemption from the following points in the List of Rights:

3.6

The University is responsible for ensuring that information on required reading and other study resources is available eight weeks before the start of the course.

And

3.9

The University is responsible for ensuring that teaching is not timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar, or after 17:00, unless the course was advertised during the application period as a distance learning, afternoon or evening course.

Teaching may be timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar, or after 17:00, if it is necessary for the completion of the teaching component, for example if the teaching is conducted at places or involves activities that are only accessible on public holidays or after 17:00, such as museum visits, excursions, concert activities or placements and practice-integrated learning.

And

5.1

The department is responsible for ensuring that for each course/module, the following are organised in addition to the regular assessed components:

- re-sit five to seven weeks after the regular exam and
- one further exam session for courses completed in the past academic year (catch-up exam).

However, for certain forms of examination, such as placements, the number of exam sessions may be limited to two.

In accordance with Section 3.11, exams and compulsory components are not to be timetabled later than one week after the end of the spring semester or earlier than three weeks before the start of the autumn semester. To avoid a re-sit being held in the middle of the summer, it may be timetabled later than seven weeks after the regular exam session when the regular exam is at

the end of the spring semester. To avoid a re-sit being held during the Christmas and New Year period, it may be timetabled later than seven weeks after the regular exam session when the regular exam is in November. A re-sit is to be timetabled at the earliest ten working days after the student has been notified of the results of the regular exam.

The decision to request exemptions has been made in consultation with representatives from the School of Economics and Management Student Union.

The faculty requests an exemption from point 3.6 based on the following:

Certain courses and programmes at LUSEM use legislation and case-law as required reading and study resources. As legislation and case-law are continuously amended, there is a requirement for being able to use the most up-to-date required reading. This means that information on required reading and other study resources cannot always be available eight weeks before the start of the course. Therefore, the faculty requests an exemption based on the following:

- If special circumstances apply, and it can be guaranteed that accessibility-adapted required reading is available at the start of the course, the reading list may be amended four weeks before the start of the course.

The faculty requests an exemption from point 3.9 based on the following:

Owing to problems related to accommodating all the teaching in accessible premises without having to book external venues, LUSEM needs to be able to timetable teaching after 17:00 at times. Therefore, the faculty requests an exemption based on the following:

- If special circumstances apply, and it can be guaranteed that special consideration is given to students who need to be able to combine their studies with family life, teaching may be timetabled until 18:00 on weekdays.

The faculty requests an exemption from point 5.1 based on the following:

Certain courses at LUSEM offer four start dates during the academic year. Thus, four regular exam sessions are held during the academic year for these courses, in addition to a catch-up session in August. The regular exam sessions are held approximately every ten weeks. Additional exam sessions for re-sits would entail more costs and less teaching time. Therefore, the faculty requests an exemption based on the following:

- For courses with four start dates during the academic year, re-sits may be held approximately every ten weeks, provided that four regular exam sessions are held during the academic year, along with a catch-up session in August.

Decision

The University has decided to grant the School of Economics and Management an exemption from points 3.6, 3.9 and 5.1 in the List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities as specified above.

The decision on this matter was taken by the undersigned chair of the University's Education Board following a presentation by Policy Officer Oskar Cornelius and a consultation with a representative from Lund University Student Union Association (LUS). The consultation took place with the LUS representative during a meeting on 2 September 2024.

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