



## PERSONAL EDUCATION PLAN - EXPLANATION

### 1. PERSONAL EDUCATION PLAN (PEP)

The Personal Education Plan (PEP) is designed to compile an individual study plan for the student's master programme. The students first have to consult with their track coordinator for the contents of their PEP. By drawing up this study plan the student is compelled to think about the contents of the complete programme; the track coordinator's role is to help the student by his/her expert knowledge of the programme and the field of research and to advise the student on the various possibilities.

### 2. APPROVAL BY EXAMINATIONS BOARD

If the PEP contains courses that are **not** part of the regular master programme or track, it has to be submitted to the Examinations Board for prior approval. The courses that are part of a programme are listed in table 1-3 and are stated in the Education and Examination Regulations (OER part B) of the master programme (see <http://www.student.uva.nl>; <YOUR PROGRAMME>; A-Z; Rules and Regulations). A copy of the approved PEP will be sent to the student and the track coordinator.

Although it is the explicit intention to fill out the PEP as detailed as possible at the start of the studies, it has to be expected that a student may not be entirely sure what to choose. This means that at the start of the studies the PEP may contain a broad outline of the study plan, and will be updated several times. Should these updates include courses not included in the programme (see above), the PEP has to be submitted for prior approval to the Examination Board.

Before applying for the Master's Certificate the Examinations Board has to approve at all times the final version of the PEP, being the programme that actually has been completed, the so-called study programme. This study programme has to be submitted to the Examination Board four months before the application deadline of the MSc. Certificate. Information about Graduation can be found at <http://www.student.uva.nl>; <YOUR PROGRAMME>; A-Z; Graduation)

### 3. EXPLANATION COMPONENTS OF THE PEP FORM

#### Obligatory courses

Most tracks include one or more obligatory master courses with a minimum of 6 EC.

#### Constrained List Courses

Certain master tracks include the so-called constrained list or restricted courses. Students have to choose a number of courses from a constrained list of choices.

#### Elective courses

Most tracks also include optional courses from which the student may choose one or more courses. Students may also choose from compulsory, restricted courses of other tracks within the master programme.

Major/Minor

The master programme consists of a 2 year research-based curriculum but the student has the opportunity to choose one out of three majors or a minor (see Article 2.10 Education and Exam Regulations).

- Major Science Communication
- Major Science in Society
- Major Teaching
- Minor Tesla

Students and track coordinators are advised to consider the requirements for the majors (60 ECTS credits) and minor (30 ECTS credits) when filling in the PEP (see also Article 2.5.3 and Article 2.10 of Education and Examination Regulations).

Individual Projects

A broad outline of the research project and literature thesis is required, presuming that more specific details will be depicted in the Research Project or Literature Thesis Approval Forms.