Dear students,

In addition to the updates provided by the Executive Board, we would like to inform you about some topics that are specific to our department of Chemical Engineering and Chemistry.

First a warm welcome to all students, especially 1st year BSc, MSc and pre-master students. We hope you all enjoyed a good summer break despite of the limitations posed by the Covid-19 outbreak.

With this newsletter we would like to give you a snapshot of how education in our programs is set up for the first semester of academic year 2020-2021. Due to the reduced Covid-19 measures we can open up the campus to more students and we have planned our hybrid education for Q1 and Q2 accordingly. However, we are also working on back-up plans in case another lockdown is required. We ask for your understanding and flexibility in this.

This newsletter will address
- Introduction week and social cohesion
- Hybrid education during semester A 2020-2021
- Time slots
- Information in Osiris vs Canvas 2020-2021
- Exams

Next to this newsletter, first year BSc students will receive an information package from the department. This will be distributed during the pick-up of study books at Japie.

Introduction week and social cohesion
The Bachelor’s introduction week (17-21 August) as well as the Master Kick-off (25-27 August) will be hybrid events with some activities online and some on-campus. As you all know, social cohesion is a very important aspect of your student life. Therefore, our student mentors will play an even more important role for our new cohorts of first-year BSc students, pre-master students and first-year MSc students coming from other institutions. Students will be informed about what they can expect from the student mentors at the start of the academic year.

Hybrid education during semester A 2020-2021
In Q1 and Q2 most of our education will be provided online. In addition, we offer each cohort (at least) one activity on campus. For BSc students of our department the on-campus activity will be the practical course, DBL course or basic course (Engineering Design) that is offered in that quartile. MSc students will have on-campus guided self-study sessions for their core courses.

Mid-August all cohorts will be informed on the details of their Q1 education on Canvas. As the program is no longer entirely online, you will have to be in the Netherlands from Q1 onward.

The courses with an on-campus activity in Q1 are:
Year 1: 6A1X0-Practical Introduction to Chemistry and Chemical Technology
Year 2: 4WB00-Basic course Engineering Design
Year 3: 6P4X0-Practical Process Technology
Master: 6CPT10-Advanced Transport Phenomena (CPT) and 6MSM10-Physical Organic Chemistry (MSMC)
Pre-master: 6A1S0-Thermodynamics for pre-master students

Time slots
In contrast to previous announcements, we are no longer limited to provide on-campus education between 11.00 and 15.00, so time slots will be the same as they were.
Some practical courses will use more time slots to accommodate all students at a 1.5-meter distance. Teachers from each quartile have been working together to ensure that their courses can be followed in parallel. However, ...
this may not apply for all elective courses \textit{(e.g. from other departments)}. Therefore, we advise you to keep your options open, register for those courses and wait until there is more information available on Canvas to make your final decision.

**Information in OSIRIS vs Canvas for 2020-2021**

The \textit{education guide} has been updated this week with the Program and Examination Regulations (OER in Dutch) 2020-2021. Canvas will remain as the main platform for students to receive up-to-date information about the current education. Teachers will update their Canvas pages for Q1 courses from mid-August.

We advise you to bookmark and visit the following webpage regularly to find out important updates on education and exams at TU/e: [https://www.tue.nl/en/news/corona-covid-19/frequently-asked-questions-with-regards-to-corona-situation/measures/education/](https://www.tue.nl/en/news/corona-covid-19/frequently-asked-questions-with-regards-to-corona-situation/measures/education/)

**Exams**

The (mid-term) exams during Q1 shall be administered online. During the interim exam period last week, the university conducted several pilots where some exams were held on-campus. TU/e will evaluate these pilots and will decide about the administering of final exams in Q1 and Q2. Make sure to check the information about mid-term exams on Canvas one week before the start of the education period and about final exams one week before the exam period.

**More information**

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