



DECISION

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Education Board

## Exemptions from specific points in the List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities

### Background

*The List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities* (2017/249), was approved by the vice-chancellor on 10 September 2020 and serves as a support for students, departments, faculties and students' 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 entered into force on 18 January 2021.

According to point 8.3 of the List of Rights, exemptions from the List of Rights can be granted by the chair of the university-wide Education Board following a request from a Faculty Board.

### Request for exemption

Following a consultation with the Undergraduate Education Board, the Board of the Faculty of Medicine has decided to request exemption from six points in the List of Rights.

**List of Rights 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 18:00 unless the course was advertised during the application period as an online or evening course. Teaching may be timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar, or after 18:00, if the teaching is

conducted at places that are only accessible on these days or after 18:00, such as at museums and on excursions.

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: as the times for clinical training and clinically-integrated learning are determined by the healthcare service, they must be scheduled during the working hours of regular healthcare staff. This applies to the following programmes: Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Radiology, Nursing, Midwifery and Specialist Nursing.

**List of Rights 3.10:** The University is responsible for ensuring that exams are not to be timetabled to end later than 19:00 on weekdays, with the exception of online or evening courses. Regular exam instances are not to be timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar.

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: to give students with learning support the opportunity to have additional time for written exams, the timing of exams for these students may sometimes take place after 19:00. This applies to students enrolled in the following programmes: Occupational Therapy, Audiology, Biomedicine, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Medicine, Radiology Nursing, Nursing, Midwifery, Public Health (Master's), Medical Science (Master's) and Specialist Nursing.

**List of Rights 5.1:** The University is responsible for ensuring that for every course/module the following are organised in addition to the regular exam:

- 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).

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: when a regular exam takes place at the end of the course and semester, in June for example, the re-sit exam must be scheduled in August, which is why the seven-week limit cannot always be maintained.

**List of Rights 5.8:** The University is responsible for ensuring that exam feedback is provided in conjunction with the publication of grades after the regular exam session. The feedback on regular exams and invigilated exams should preferably be oral and timetabled.

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: five programmes – Medicine, Radiology Nursing, Nursing, Midwifery and Specialist Nursing already have special systems (not oral) in place for reviewing exams and offering explanations to questions.

**List of Rights 5.9:** The teaching staff member responsible for the regular invigilated exam is normally to be present at part of the exam or in some other way be available to answer questions.

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: the person responsible for regular invigilated exams is normally present during parts of the exam or is available by other means for questions of a general nature concerning how the exam is conducted. This does not however involve answering questions related to the specific exam questions as this may give the students an advantage over others.

**List of Rights 6.2:** The University is responsible for ensuring that at least one supervisor for academic papers is employed on the teaching staff at Lund University.

The Faculty of Medicine requests an exemption from this point based on the following: the supervisor must have earned a PhD and have knowledge in the relevant field for these programmes Occupational

Therapy, Biomedicine, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Public Health (Master's) and Medical Sciences (Master's). The study programmes concerned work in close collaboration with other actors, in particular with healthcare and staff in healthcare who participate in the faculty's research and teaching. It is therefore necessary that these individuals can supervise first and second cycle students. There are also a large number of researchers with PhDs who are employed as TA staff, but who carry out the same tasks as teaching staff. They can therefore be valuable supervisors in the programmes. Teaching staff from other higher education institutions may be required to assume the role of supervisors for the same reason.

## Decision

An exemption from point 5.8 is not required as the point in the relevant part is not binding. An exemption from point 5.9 is also not required as the faculty has stated that the person responsible for regular invigilated exams is present during parts of the exam or is otherwise available to answer questions. The chair of the Education Board has decided to grant the Faculty of Medicine exemption from points 3.9, 3.10, 5.1, and 6.2 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 Education Board following a consultation with a representative from Lund University Students' Unions and a presentation by coordinator Hanna Björklund, Student Affairs.

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