

Annual cycle for study boards at the Faculty of Social Sciences  
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**Re:** Annual cycle for study boards at the Faculty of Social Sciences (SAMF)

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### Purpose

This annual cycle covers the regular tasks which all study boards are to perform and which are supported by the Study Administration. The annual cycle contains all significant deadlines for the study board's work.

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The different items can be adapted to the frequency of meetings decided by the individual study boards.

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In addition to the items below, the meetings often include the following business:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes (if this has not been done by written consultation)
- Briefing from head of studies/chairperson of the study board
- Briefing from deputy chairperson of the study board
- Briefing from Student Guidance Service/the administration
- Processing of exemption applications

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### February (prior to the first constituent study board meeting)

- Joint SAMF study board conference  
*The seminar is for both new and seasoned members*
  - Joint SAMF seminar for all elected study board members at SAMF
  - Presentation on strategic commitments by the Associate Dean
  - Introduction to exemption practice and basic legal rules for study boards

- Introduction to the annual cycle and framework for the study board's work
- Case exercises and discussion of grey areas and differences across study boards
- Presentations on the study board work by current members
- Ample opportunity for knowledge sharing across degree programmes

## February

- Constitution of the study board
  - The study board members are elected with effect as from 1 February. Therefore, the constituent meeting must be held at the beginning of February*
  - Approval of rules of procedure + delegation document
  - Election of the chairperson of the study board, the deputy chairperson of the study board + nomination of head of studies to the Dean (deputy chairperson every year, chairperson + head of studies every third year)
  - Set-up of sub-committees on exemptions and credit transfer
- Plan for the study board's work in the coming semester/year
  - Scheduling of meetings for the spring semester
  - Preparation of overview of items with which the study board will work in the coming semester/year
  - Adjustment of this annual cycle if there is a change in the frequency of meetings
- Curriculum (CUR)
  - Briefing on status of approval of new curricula and major curriculum changes applicable from 1 September of the current year (CUR must be published on 15 February)
  - The preliminary work with ideas for new curricula/major changes is commenced (valid from 1 September of the coming year)
- Head of studies
  - Discussion of key study data and exam complaints statistics
- Student Guidance Service
  - Registration of members of the Quota 2 Admission Committee for the coming year (the actual assessment of applicants takes place in June)

## March

- Course evaluations, autumn semester and block 2
  - Any sub-committee meeting for course evaluation
  - The study board must review the results of the evaluations and implement action plans to rectify any unsatisfactory conditions
  - The study board must consider the response rates for the individual evaluations and launch any action plans if the response rates are too low
  - Discussion of the division of courses into categories A, B and C
  - Are there any initiatives to be taken?
  
- Curriculum (CUR)
  - Approval of minor curriculum changes, including course descriptions (with entry into force from 1 September of the current year; CUR must be published no later than on 15 May) *May, if necessary, be postponed to the meeting in April*
  - Approval of the overall range of courses, including new electives and seminars, changes to existing courses (must be published on 1 May) for the coming academic year *May, if necessary, be postponed to the meeting in April*
  - Specification of major curriculum changes with effect from 1 September of the following year (the work is done during the spring and autumn semesters)
  
- Briefing on decisions regarding exemptions and credit transfers
  - Briefing on decisions made in the previous semester – does this give rise to any change in practice? (UFO employee will attend the meeting as guest)
  
- Programme report/evaluation
  - The head of studies informs the study board about the coming programme report or programme evaluation (deadline for submission of the report: 15 May)

## April

- *Graduate survey (conducted every second year in odd years)*
  - Review of survey results – does the survey give rise to changes to the degree programme? Any initiatives are launched
  
- Student Guidance Service
  - Status from Student Guidance Service: Student Guidance Service presents data on the enquiries it receives, including regarding

workload, types of enquiries during the year etc. They would like this knowledge to be brought into play at the study board meetings in order to qualify the individual degree programmes. They would also like a dialogue on the needs and wishes that the degree programmes have for the data collection.

- Discussion of study start
- Programme report/evaluation
  - Discussion of the head of studies' draft for the annual programme report (deadline for submission of the report: 15 May)
- Employer panel meeting
  - Input for and possible participation in (the time varies; the Section for Research, Development and Communication (FUK) organises this)
- Curriculum (CUR)
  - Minor changes: Approval of draft for revision with entry into force from 1 September of the current year (published on 15 May)
  - Major changes/new curricula: Preliminary discussions of major curricula changes with entry into force from 1 September of the following year
- Course evaluations, block 3:
  - The study board must review the results of the evaluations and implement action plans to rectify any unsatisfactory conditions
  - The study board must consider the response rates for the individual evaluations and launch any action plans if the response rates are too low
  - Discussion of the division of courses into categories A, B and C
  - Are there any initiatives to be taken?
- The head of studies provides information about the annual report of the external examiners' chairmanship
  - Does the report give rise to changes to the degree programme? Any initiatives are launched

## May

- The head of studies presents news from the employer panel
- Study board conference

- Conference held in UCPH's main building at Frue Plads for all elected study board members at UCPH
- The conference always has a theme, for example the green transition or student well-being
- Provides an opportunity for dialogue and knowledge sharing with other study boards at UCPH and input from UCPH's lawyers and management
- Study survey
  - Review of survey results – does the survey give rise to changes to the degree programme? Any initiatives are launched

## June

*The meeting may be omitted based on the study board's assessment*

- Follow-up on items postponed from previous meetings

## July

*Summer holidays – no meeting*

## August

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- Plan for the study board's work in the autumn semester  
*If this has not been decided already at the meeting in February*
  - Scheduling of meetings for the spring semester
  - Preparation of overview of items with which the study board will work in the coming semester/year
  - Adjustment of this annual cycle if there is a change in the frequency of meetings
- The head of studies informs the study board about the intake on Bachelor's and Master's programmes, the resizing of degree programmes as well as about the number of graduates

## September

- Curriculum (CUR)
  - Approval of minor curriculum changes (with entry into force from 1 February; CUR must be published no later than on 15 November). *May be postponed until the meeting in October*

- Specification of major curricula changes with entry into force from 1 September of the following year (the work is done during the autumn semester and the curriculum must be published no later than on 15 May). The head of studies informs other heads of studies at SAMF + academic staff
- Course evaluations, spring semester, summer schools and block 4 courses
  - Any sub-committee meeting for course evaluation
  - The study board must review the results of the evaluations and implement action plans to rectify any unsatisfactory conditions
  - The study board must consider the response rates for the individual evaluations and launch any action plans if the response rates are too low
  - Discussion of the division of courses into categories A, B and C
  - Are there any initiatives to be taken?
- Discussion of the head of studies' draft for the annual summary course evaluation report (the deadline for submission of the report is 15 September)
- The study board has the opportunity to choose supplementary evaluation questions for the teaching evaluation of the coming academic year. The deadline for entry is 30 September
- Student Guidance Service
  - Evaluation of study start

## October

- Briefing on decisions regarding exemptions and credit transfers
  - Briefing on decisions made in the previous semester – does this give rise to any change in practice? (UFO employee will attend the meeting as guest)
- Status from Student Guidance Service
  - Student Guidance Service presents data on the enquiries it receives, including regarding workload, types of enquiries during the year etc. They would like this knowledge to be brought into play at the study board meetings in order to qualify the individual degree programmes. They would also like a dialogue on the needs and wishes that the degree programmes have for the data collection

- Information about election to the study board
- Employer panel meeting
  - Input for and possible participation in (the time varies; the Section for Research, Development and Communication (FUK) organises this)

## November

- The head of studies presents news from the employer panel
- Course evaluations, block 1:
  - The study board must review the results of the evaluations and implement action plans to rectify any unsatisfactory conditions
  - The study board must consider the response rates for the individual evaluations and launch any action plans if the response rates are too low
  - Discussion of the division of courses into categories A, B and C
  - Are there any initiatives to be taken?

## December

- Briefing on the outcome of the election to the study board
- Curriculum
  - Approval of changes to the curricula with entry into force from 1 September of the following year; CUR must be published no later than on 15 May
- Summary of the study board's work during the year
  - What focus points will the current study board pass on to the coming study board?
  - Draft annual plan for the coming study board
- Preparation of any supplementary questions for the teaching evaluation (should this be done earlier?)

## January

*No study board meeting*