

## In the academic year 2021/2022 special rules will apply to the facilitation of exams at NLA University College because of the coronavirus situation

Students with disabilities and students with special needs are entitled to appropriate individual facilitation. This facilitation should not entail a lowering of the academic standards, nor should it be disproportionately difficult for the universities or university colleges. In the present challenging situation, it may be difficult for the university college to provide the same degree of facilitation as in a normal examination situation.

(<https://www.regjeringen.no/no/tema/utdanning/innsikt/barnehager-skoler-hoyskoler-og-universiteter-stenges-pa-grunn-av-koronaviruset/koronavirus-og-studenter-i-norge/id2693629/>)

NLA will nevertheless make the utmost effort to counterbalance the disadvantages the coronavirus situation will entail in the examination situation.

### Extension of facilitation

If you have been granted facilitation of school examinations (such as extended time and information to the examiner), this will be extended to digital school exams at home.

Facilitation which is not relevant for school examinations at home, will not be extended.

Facilitation of school examinations on campus will be extended, except for the use of the university college's computer.

If you are uncertain about how your facilitation will be implemented in the new examination situation, you can contact the academic affairs administration at your campus.

### Application for extended time due to the corona situation

If you need facilitation for special circumstances because of the corona situation, you can apply for such facilitation on a separate form. Special circumstances could include illness of close family members, other care-related issues or other problems that have arisen from the coronavirus situation.

Time extensions are considered on an individual basis, but should normally not exceed 20% of the stipulated examination time.

Applications should be submitted on a separate online form here:

<https://nettskjema.no/a/246401>

The application deadline is one week before the examination date. If your reasons for applying arise closer to the examination date, you must apply immediately. Self-certification is accepted as documentation.

### **Valid absence from examinations and self-certification**

If you are ill or for other unavoidable reasons are prevented from sitting an examination, you can have your absence accepted as valid.

NLA University College has introduced self-certification of absence from examinations in the academic year 2021/2022 for absence related to the coronavirus. Other illness or other reasons for absence not related to the corona virus situation requires documentation for absence from a doctor or similar. If you are otherwise healthy, imposed quarantine is not considered a valid reason for absence from examinations at home.

Unforeseen technical problems that are beyond the student's control will constitute grounds for valid absence. Technical problems caused by the student or the student's own equipment will normally not constitute valid grounds for absence.

The deadline for submission of self-certifications is one week after the examination date at the latest.

Self-certifications should be submitted at <https://nettskjema.no/a/189627>.

### **Re-scheduled examination / postponed date of submission**

If the examination is interrupted for one or more students because of issues related to NLA, a re-scheduled examination will be arranged for the student or students concerned at the earliest possible date.

If you are ill or for other unavoidable reasons are unable to sit the regular examination, you can register for a re-scheduled examination. Re-scheduled examinations are arranged according to a plan drawn up by the academic affairs administration, and are held before the end of the same semester or early in the next semester.

If illness or other issues related to the coronavirus situation arise during a multiple-day home examination, you can apply for a postponed date of submission.

<https://lovdata.no/forskrift/2016-06-14-663/§40>

## **More information on facilitation of examinations**

You can find more information on facilitation of examinations at <https://www.nla.no/en/students/rights-and-obligations/>.

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