

Basic examination adjustments

Valid from 2 February 2026 up to and including 31 August 2026

The adjustments listed below are not automatically available to all students. Examination adjustments are always granted on the basis of an individual assessment by a student counsellor. This assessment takes your personal situation into account, as well as a relevant diagnosis or statement.

Adjustment	Description
Eating and/or drinking during examinations	The student is permitted to eat and/or drink during examinations.
Medication use	The student is permitted to take medication during examinations.
Toilet breaks	The student is permitted to take one or more toilet breaks when needed, exclusively under the supervision of an invigilator.
Leaving the room	During the examination, the student is permitted to stretch their legs or take a break outside the examination room, exclusively under the supervision of an invigilator. The end time of the examination remains the same.
Own keyboard/mouse	The student is permitted to use their own keyboard/mouse for digital examinations, provided the device is compatible with the other hardware and software the UvA uses for digital assessments.
Magnifying glass	The student is permitted to use a magnifying glass, to be supplied by the student.
Non-electronic ear defenders (as sold in DIY stores)	The student is permitted to use non-electronic ear defenders, as sold in DIY stores. To be supplied by the student.
Paper examination	Where feasible, the student is entitled to a paper version of a digital examination.
Adapted furniture	The student is entitled to adapted furniture in accordance with the description in SIS. Possibilities vary per exam room, assessment of allocation by exams office.

Adjustment	Description
Examination laptop	The student takes the examination on a laptop provided by the faculty/degree programme. Depending on the module, this adjustment cannot be granted in a separate room if specific software is required. This is at the discretion of the examinations office.
Larger font	For paper examinations, the student is entitled to examination papers printed in Arial font in size 12, or if not possible, to an examination printed in A3 size. For digital examinations, all students can zoom in to enlarge the font.
Text-to-speech software	The student uses text-to-speech software. In the case of paper examinations, this adjustment is granted in addition to an examination laptop.
Examination in an individual room	The student takes the examination in a separate room
Examination in a small group	Small-group examination setting. If this is not (properly) feasible for the examinations office, an examination in an individual room is also an option
Choice of seat	The student is entitled to a preferred seat in the examination room in accordance with the description in SIS
15 or 30 minutes of additional examination time	The examination time is extended by 15 or 30 minutes depending on the duration: - For examinations lasting up to two hours (<2 hours): 15 minutes of additional time - For examinations lasting two hours or more (≥ 2 hours): 30 minutes of additional time

Things to note:

- The use of foam earplugs is permitted for all students. No permission is required. Students must bring their own foam earplugs and, if requested, show them to the examiner or invigilators.
- Each year in June, the basic list is established by the chairs of the Examination Boards and published for the following academic year. This list is valid from 2 February 2026 up to and including 31 August 2026.
- The basic examination adjustments do not apply to practical examinations of the Faculty of Dentistry (ACTA) and the Faculty of Medicine. For questions about adjustments during practical examinations, you can contact the study adviser of your programme.



- The basic examination adjustments do not apply to so-called joint degree programmes for which Vrije Universiteit (VU) is the coordinating institution. These programmes are: MSc Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, MSc Computer Science, and MSc Entrepreneurship.