



**Code of conduction
language of instruction**

Taking into account that article 7 of the Act on Higher Education (AHE) determines that:

- courses are taught and exams are taken in Dutch.
- notwithstanding this a different language may be used:

- a) if the curriculum concerns tuition relating to the language in question
- b) if it concerns tuition within the framework of a guest lecture by a teacher with a different language background, or
- c) if the specific nature, formation or quality of the education or the background of the students requires it, in accordance with a code of conduct established by the Management Board of the institution.

the Executive Board of the Protestant Theological University decides to establish the following code of conduct:

Article 1

The language of instruction and of exams is Dutch, unless:

- a) it concerns tuition within the framework of a guest lecture by a teacher with a different language background (art. 7.2 sub b AHE);
- b) it concerns curricular components for which command of another language is indispensable (art. 7.2 sub c AHE);
- c) teaching curricular components in a different language is indispensable as part of the skills in the discipline (art. 7.2 sub c WHW).

Article 2

Notwithstanding what has been determined in article 1, the language of instruction may be English if at least one English speaking foreigner, who reports not to have a command of the Dutch language, registers for a particular course (art. 7.2 sub c WHW). The student needs to indicate at the latest one month prior to the actual commencement of the course that he wishes to take the course in English. The student may opt for Dutch or English when taking his exams, unless the type of examination or the circumstances relating to the examination require that the examination should be held in English for the greater part or in full, as deemed necessary by the examination Committee.

Article 3

- a) The authority to decide on the use of a different language on the grounds of art. 7.2 sub c AHE rests with the Executive Board.
- b) The Faculty Board decides to this effect, of its own accord or by request of the Educational Manager.
- c) Before deciding to use a different language, the Executive Board seeks the advice of the curriculum committee(s) concerned.

Article 4

- a) The TER and the curriculum guide mention which courses are partly or entirely taught in a different language from Dutch on the basis of article 1 of this Code of Conduct, as well as which courses may be taught in English after a decision of the Executive Board on the basis of article 2 of this Code of Conduct, and in which language the test or examination is held.
- b) The In-depth master trajectory is taught in English.
- c) The Executive Board is obliged to formulate conditions with respect to the decision for the use of a different language, which safeguard the quality of tuition, distinctly including the language command of the teaching staff concerned.

Enacted by the Executive Board on 3 July 2015

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Although every care has been taken to translate the texts of the Dutch code accurately, the original texts in Dutch are binding in case of differences in interpretation