

First-year students: stop or continue (as of March 1)?

Due to the busy agenda of the deans of students, there may be a waiting time for an appointment. For first-year students who want advice about continuing or stopping their studies, the information below is important.

Be aware that you can also terminate your studies after 1 March. For the months for which you are no longer enrolled, you will receive a refund of your tuition fees. If you pay in installments, the authorization will be terminated and any overpaid tuition fees will be refunded.

What are the consequences of stopping?

1. If you stop before 1 March, you will not receive any binding study advice (BSA) and you can start the same program again in September. If you stop after 1 March, you will receive a BSA. If this is negative, you will not be able to register for this program or another program with [an identical first year](#) for the next three years.

Example: if you get a negative BSA for Business Economics, you may no longer register for Fiscal Economics, Economy and Business Economics, Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation or for International Business Administration.

Incidentally, you may enroll for the same program at another institution, but the question is whether this is wise with a negative BSA.

2. For programs with a numerus fixus (such as Psychology), you can only continue this program in Tilburg because you were admitted to that program. You cannot take part again in the same program at another institution. Incidentally, the numerus fixus programs can be changed (abolished or introduced).

Please note: Psychology students who quit before March 1 will be notified personally in May/June on how to reapply for study the following September.

3. Even if it's not a numerus fixus program, it can't do any harm to ask the [Student Desk](#) and/or [Education Coordinator](#) whether you can start again without further ado. Sometimes the admission requirements are made stricter.

4. Law students can still start the HBO law program at Fontys in February. More information can be obtained from the TLS [Education coordinator](#).

Considerations about whether or not to stop with your program

1. If you stop on 1 March and want to start again in September: why should things go better in September than they are now? What has changed then?

2. Would you like to do this program anyway, are you (still) motivated? If so, why has things not gone so well so far? Have the circumstances changed now?

3. Do you have an alternative (for another program or for the next six months)?

4. Why have you not yet achieved sufficient study results?

- *If you have not achieved enough credits due to special circumstances, you may be eligible for postponement of the BSA. A condition for this is that you [report](#) the circumstances to a dean of*

students within two months after the circumstances arose. You must be able to prove the circumstances with [written evidence](#). Circumstances can be: (chronic or long term) illness, disability, serious illness/death of family members in the first degree, pregnancy/childbirth. When you report to a dean of students, agreements will be made about your study progress. Only at the end of the academic year does the dean of students assess whether postponement of the BSA is justified. If there are special circumstances and you have not yet reported them, please do so as soon as possible! Make an appointment with one of the [deans of students](#), taking some waiting time into account.

- *Not all exam results are known yet.* If you doubt whether you have scored enough credits but you are not sure yet on March 1, a decision to stop on March 1 is a gamble. It is better to postpone your decision for another month. Finally, you can also terminate your enrollment on 1 April and cancel your study grant. It no longer matters that you will receive a definitive negative BSA you will stop this program anyway.
- Do you have no good reason to have achieved so little, and can you hardly reach the BSA standard (42 ECTS) anymore?

☒☒ If you have (almost) missed out on anything, while still studying very hard, and the chance of achieving 42 EC is very small, it is better to stop immediately. The conclusion must be that this program is too demanding or the level is too high. End your registration at Studielink and register for the [workshop Reorientation²](#), to make a responsible choice for another program.

☒☒ Did you study too little, are you insufficiently motivated? Was the past semester representative of the way you study? Do you give yourself a chance to improve your life? If you would give up now, you would not give yourself a fair chance. You can stop, saving 7 months of study grant and public transport card, which you can use for your next study. Remember that you are not entitled to study grant and public transport card from the moment you deregister. Orient yourself well before you start something new. Sign up for the [workshop Reorientation²](#).

Instead of stopping now, you can also try to make something out of it to show that you can do it. You remain in the study rhythm and can try to take other subjects, for which you may be able to obtain an exemption at another program. The [education coordinator](#) can advise you on this. Sign up for a suitable course in the field of study skills.

Finally, nobody can tell you whether you should stop or continue; you have to make that decision yourself. You can use the arguments above to make a decision.

If you have already made an appointment with a [dean of students](#), and you no longer need to do so after reading this text, please cancel the appointment.

How do I finish my enrollment?

[Terminate your enrolment](#) by unsubscribing at www.studielink.nl and, if you wish, register for the [workshop Reorientation](#)¹, to make a responsible choice for another course.

Study grant

If you are not enrolling in a different program immediately afterwards, [cancel your study grant](#) by informing DUO of the end date of your program (even if you do not have a loan) and [cancel your public transport pass](#) as of the date on which you end the program.

Tuition fees

For the months for which you are no longer enrolled, you will receive a partial refund of the paid tuition fees. If you pay in installments, the authorization will be terminated and any excess tuition fees will be refunded.

If you subsequently start studying elsewhere in Higher Education, you do not necessarily have to terminate your enrollment. Get a "certificate of paid tuition fees" from the Student Desk, which you can use to register at another institution. You no longer have to pay tuition fees there. If you pay in installments, you will continue to pay them to Tilburg University.

¹ This workshop in English is 'on demand'. If you speak Dutch you can also visit the Dutch workshop [Studiekeuzecheck](#)