

Rules of the University Centre of the Westfjords for to be excused from mandatory courses

Background:

Obligatory courses now (2014/2015) weigh 33 ECTS of 75 to be taken by the student, i.e. 44%. These are mostly introductory courses in different fields, Ecology, Oceanography, Economy, Physical Processes, as well as Methodology and ICZM.

A) Student has taken same or similar course/courses on bachelor level:

No exemption given

Reason(s):

1. Foreseeably many cases, difficult to decide in which cases exemption should be given, in which not.
2. This rule has been applied since obligatory courses have been introduced.

B) Student has taken same or similar course/courses on master's or PhD level:

Student can apply for exemption of obligatory courses to the Master's Study Committee MNN

Reason(s):

1. Foreseeably few cases. Does not overburden MNN nor administration
2. Student in question can have reached a high level in the field, even equivalent to the teacher.
3. Didactical reasons apply in a much higher grade than in case A)

Procedure:

- Students will and must be informed about both rules in the beginning of first semester, by Director of Education and Teaching and Program director, during orientation.
- Students must apply in good time before course start to give MNN time to check learning outcomes and workload of the course already taken. (Time to be set!)
- Work load and learning outcomes must be verifiable and to a high degree in compliance with the obligatory course at the CMM-programme.
- If approved by MNN, the obligatory course becomes an elective course for the student in question and is dealt with like that.

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