

**DECISION** 

Reg. No. STYR 2022/138

Date 24 January 2022

**Education Board** 

## Decision on exemptions from specific points in the List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities

## Background

The List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities (2017/249), was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on 10 September 2020 and serves as a support for students, departments, faculties and students' unions to clarify what first and second-cycle students are entitled to and in certain cases also what responsibilities they have. The List of Rights entered into force on 18 January 2021.

According to point 8.3 of the List of Rights, exemptions from the List of Rights may be granted by the chair of the university-wide Education Board following a request from a faculty board.

## Request for exemption

The faculty management and the students' union at the Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts have decided to request an exemption from the following points in the List of Rights:

**List of Rights 3.5:** The University is responsible for ensuring that course timetables and dates and times of exams and re-sits are available on the course or programme website and student portal where applicable at least one month before the start of the course.

The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts requests an exemption regarding course timetables for the secondary school subject teacher

training programme as these schedules are individually adapted according to specialisation/subject choice/ensemble combinations. Admission to the programme is only fully completed at the end of July/beginning of August. Even in the case of admission to standalone courses, individual scheduling takes place to a certain extent, which means it cannot be guaranteed that the schedule can be made available at least one month before the start of the course.

List of Rights 3.9: The University is responsible for ensuring that teaching is not timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar or after 18:00 unless the course was advertised during the application period as an online or evening course. Teaching may be timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar, or after 18:00, if the teaching is conducted at places that are only accessible on these days or after 18:00, such as at museums and on excursions.

The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts requests an exemption from this point based on the following: For course components that take the form of public artistic sessions, there may be a need to allow these sessions to be scheduled after 18:00 and on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. This includes the preparation and execution of theatrical performances, concerts and exhibitions. Placements may also need to be scheduled after 18:00 in some cases, for example for students doing placements at a community school of art and music or students on the Church Music programme.

**List of Rights 3.10:** The University is responsible for ensuring that exams are not to be timetabled to end later than 19:00 on weekdays, with the exception of online or evening courses. Regular exam instances are not to be timetabled on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in the Swedish calendar.

The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts requests an exemption from this point based on the following: For examinations that take the form of public artistic sessions, there may be a need to allow these sessions to be scheduled after 19:00 and on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. This includes theatrical performances, examination concerts, examination exhibitions and for students on the Church Music programme.

## Decision

The chair of the Education Board has decided to grant the Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts an exemption from the points above in the *List of Rights – Lund University Students' Rights and Responsibilities* as specified above.

The decision on this matter was taken by the undersigned chair of the Education Board following a consultation with a representative from Lund University Students' Unions (LUS) and a presentation by coordinator Hanna Björklund, Student Affairs.

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