

Information for supervisors on seminar reports, Bachelor's projects and Master's theses.

Many students are in the middle of writing their seminar report, Bachelor's project or Master's thesis etc., and their work has been affected by Covid-19. AU has decided that we will not postpone the deadlines for submission, and the deadlines for submission already announced are thus in force.

Covid-19 can, for example, cause challenges because the students

- no longer have access to the company they collaborate with,
- cannot collect the empirical data as planned,
- cannot gain access to data that can only be accessed from campus,
- have personal/private challenges (e.g. illness, childcare and the like)

If students are affected by Covid-19 in the ways above or in any similar ways, they must contact their supervisor to discuss how the seminar report, Bachelor's project or Master's thesis may be adjusted. Such adjustments could include making the content more theoretical than planned, conducting literature studies or simulations, analysing already existing data sets or any other academically relevant solutions.

The supervisor must consider the student's academic questions in relation to the assignment, project or Master's thesis. If the supervisor determines that the student's academic difficulties have a scope that delays the student for a month or more, this will, as a rule, form the basis for an application for dispensation.

If the supervisor assesses that it is not possible for the student with any reorganisation of the assignment to finish the assignment within the deadline, the supervisor must draw up a statement describing the academic challenges, including an estimation of how long it will take to overcome them. The student can then apply for a dispensation from the submission deadline, and the documentation (statement from the supervisor) must be enclosed with the application.

If the supervisor is in doubt, the supervisor may involve the director of studies in order to ensure uniform practice within the individual study programmes.

If the student does not submit the assignment in due time, the student will automatically proceed to the second attempt. As a rule, this will mean that the student must develop - and gain approval of - an amended problem statement.

Supervisors are only required to assess the academic questions and are therefore asked not to consider matters relating to the student's personal circumstances, which may be derived from Covid-19.

If a student has fallen ill (Covid-19 or another illness), he or she can apply for dispensation to postpone the submission deadline in the same way as usual. If the student wishes to apply for dispensation due to other private/personal circumstances, the student also applies for dispensation to postpone the submission deadline in the same way as usual.

It is AU's wish that, as far as possible, the current situation does not lead to an extension of the maximum period of study.