

Guidelines for applications for exemption – Experts in Teamwork course

The guidelines by the Pro-Rector for Education, adopted on 4 November 2020 on the basis of NTNU's study regulations § 4-12 (4), come into force at the start of the academic year 2021–2022.

Experts in Teamwork (EiT) is a signature course at NTNU. Normally, it must be taken as part of all master's degree programmes, as well as the programmes for cand.med. and cand.psychol. degrees. In Experts in Teamwork, students develop collaborative competence by both reflecting on and learning from specific collaborative situations through working together on a project. Students work in interdisciplinary teams together with other students from different study programmes. The interdisciplinary teamwork is used to develop students' collaboration skills that will make their contribution to teamwork more productive in the future. The teamwork is based on current problem areas from society and working life, and the student groups' results can be linked to their interaction with both internal and external partners. The specific collaboration skills that the Experts in Teamwork course provides are in demand in working life.

1. Substitute Experts in Teamwork course with another course

Upon application to the Faculty, students may be granted the right to substitute the Experts in Teamwork course with another programme-relevant course that has the same scope at master's level, if they fulfil one of the following criteria:

1. Students who have to complete programme-relevant fieldwork or time abroad, or who have other programme-related absences that mean that they cannot be at NTNU during the same semester in which the Experts in Teamwork course is scheduled.
2. Students who, for compelling practical reasons, cannot be present when the Experts in Teamwork course is being held.
3. Students who, for documented health reasons, are not able to complete the Experts in Teamwork course in accordance with their study plan.

Applications for exemption must be documented. Applications will be decided by the Faculty.

2. Application for exemption based on previous education or acquired competence in accordance with the Universities and University Colleges Act § 3-5

In accordance with the Universities and University Colleges Act § 3-5, applications for exemption from the Experts in Teamwork course will be assessed against the learning outcome stated in the course description. For exemption to be granted, the student must document that, through

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Address correspondence to the case processing unit. Remember to include a reference.

previous education or prior learning, he/she has acquired competence that corresponds to that provided by the Experts in Teamwork course.

The applicant's documentation must cover the following four points:

- **Interdisciplinarity**
For the development of the interdisciplinary competence, the interdisciplinary composition of student group in the applicant's own discipline must be central to the group's collaboration.
- **Application of professional competence**
The applicant must document that his/her specific professional competence has been used in his/her interdisciplinary work in collaboration with other persons with different professional competence.
- **Procedural content**
Teamwork in which the applicant has been trained to develop relational interaction based on joint reflection on collaboration and feedback on the role of individual team members.
- **Project-based collaboration**
The collaboration has resulted in a documentable end-product, such as a report or a seminar.

If the examination forms part of the student's basis for admission to the study programme, the student has to replace Experts in Teamwork with a programme-relevant course of the same scope at master's level.

If exemption is granted on the basis of the Universities and University Colleges Act § 3-5, the applicant's previous education or acquired competence will be assessed as worth 7.5 credits. It is not permitted to substitute the Experts in Teamwork course with another course on the basis that the student has partly acquired similar competence to that acquired in the Experts in Teamwork course.

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These guidelines replace the guidelines dated 17 November 2015.