

Clarification on Extensions, Suspension of Studies, and Thesis Supervision Fees

1. Standard duration of studies

The standard duration of the MAREs programme is two (2) academic semesters.

During this period, thesis supervision is fully covered by the programme and does not involve additional financial obligations for students.

2. Extension of studies

An extension of studies refers to a situation in which a student remains actively enrolled beyond the standard duration and continues to receive academic supervision.

Requests for an extension must be submitted within the first two weeks of the semester for which the extension is requested and are subject to approval by the competent academic bodies.

2.1. Applicable to students enrolled in academic years 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 and onward

- If a student does not complete the programme within the standard duration and is granted an extension into Semester 3, no additional thesis supervision fee is imposed, provided that all fees due up to that point have been fully paid.
- If a student does not complete the programme within Semester 3 and is granted a further extension into Semester 4, a fixed thesis supervision fee of five hundred euros (€500) applies.

2.2. The thesis supervision fee:

- corresponds exclusively to additional academic supervision,
- does not constitute tuition fees for a new cycle of studies,
- is not retroactive, and
- applies only following formal approval of the extension by the competent academic bodies.

3. Suspension of studies

A suspension of studies constitutes a temporary interruption of enrollment and is distinct from an extension of studies.



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3.1 Right to request suspension

- Graduate students may apply for a suspension of studies, provided that they are not already under an approved extension of studies and that there are no outstanding financial obligations at the time of the request.
- The request must be submitted to the Secretariat within the first two weeks of Semester 1 or Semester 2.
- Approval is granted by the Assembly, following a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee (C.C.).

3.2 Duration and limits

- A suspension is granted only once.
- It must cover an entire academic semester.
- It may be extended for one additional academic semester, following a new request by the student.
- The total duration of suspension may not exceed two (2) academic semesters, except in cases of:
 - military service, or
 - certified prolonged illness issued by a public medical institution.

Students on study leave from their employment or service are not eligible to request a suspension.

4. Academic and financial consequences of suspension

When a suspension of studies is approved:

- The student's active student status is suspended for the duration of the leave.
- No thesis supervision is provided during the suspension period.
- The suspension period is not counted toward the total duration of studies.
- Consequently, no thesis supervision fee applies during the suspension period.

Upon resumption of studies:

- the student returns with the same enrolment status as before the suspension,
- resumes the programme timeline from the point at which studies were paused,
- and is required to pay the fees corresponding to the semester of re-enrolment, in accordance with the applicable financial regulations.

A suspension therefore defers supervision and associated costs, but does not eliminate the obligation to complete the programme within the regulatory limits.

6. Maximum duration and programme discontinuation

The total duration of studies, including any approved extensions, may not exceed four (4) academic semesters.

In accordance with Article 6, if the MAREs programme is discontinued in the future, students who have not completed their studies – even if they had been granted a suspension – will not be eligible to graduate from the Programme.