Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Principles governing the expiry of studies during the 2024–2028 curriculum period

The expiry rule applies only to basic, subject-specific and advanced study modules approved by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as to the study modules comprising their optional courses.

1. **The ten-year limitation rule:**
   - For students who commenced their studies on or after 1 August 2024, courses expire 10 years after the original completion date. This also applies to courses recognised as equivalent.
   - From 1 August 2024, applications for the recognition of courses that are more than ten years old will not be processed, nor will such studies be recognised. Recognition may only be applied in respect of studies that are no more than 10 years old. This also applies to students who began their studies before 1 August 2024.
   - Credited courses are available for use towards a degree in accordance with the expiry rule.

2. **Compiled study modules do not expire:**
   - Completed and compiled study modules (basic, subject-specific and advanced study modules) do not expire. A completed study module may be more than 10 years old at the time of applying for a degree.
   - When compiling study modules, only courses that are valid in accordance with the expiry rule.

3. **Special provisions for postgraduate degree programmes:**
   - The expiry rule does not apply to studies undertaken for a Licentiate's or Doctorate's degree.

4. **Transition period and special rules for the Open University:**
   - In Open University studies, recognition is only possible for courses or study modules that are no more than 10 years old.
   - The expiry rule relating to music therapy studies will come into force on 1 January 2026.
   - When compiling study modules for the Open University, all courses must be no more than 10 years old. This rule comes into force on 1 January 2026.

5. **Exceptions to the age limit rule:**

   - The course **STOA2004 Social Law (5 credits)** expires after five years.
   - In accordance with the expiration rule, expired courses may be included in the degree at the discretion of the responsible teacher of the study module.

In accordance with University of Jyväskylä's Degree Regulations (34 §), this decision does not apply to study modules or courses approved by other faculties or units.