

Information for Fourth-Year Public Health Supervisor Students

2026/2027 Academic Year

Dear Students,

The fourth year is one of the most important and, at the same time, most intensive periods of your studies. During this academic year, in addition to consolidating the theoretical and practical knowledge you have acquired so far, increasing emphasis will be placed on independent work, professional thinking, and preparation for entering the profession. Below you will find a summary of the most important tasks and periods of the academic year.

The **academic calendar** is available on the Faculty's website, where you can find all important dates and deadlines:

<https://semmelweis.hu/etk/en/students/academic-calendar-2/>

Fall semester – Starting the academic year

One of the first important tasks of the academic year is **registration in Neptun and course registration**. Please check the Faculty's website for the exact dates and further information regarding course registration. As graduating students, it is particularly important to make sure that you have completed, or are enrolled in, all compulsory and required elective courses specified in the curriculum.

During the fall semester, you should also pay particular attention to tasks related to your **thesis**. It is not advisable to leave the preparation of your thesis until the final weeks. Regular consultation with your supervisor can help prevent many difficulties later on.

Spring semester – Completing your studies

The spring semester will focus primarily on **completing your studies and preparing for the final examination**. During the semester, please make sure that you complete all remaining credits, practical requirements, and other academic obligations within the required deadlines. One of the most important and challenging milestones of the academic year will be the **final examination at the end of the spring semester**.

The deadlines for submitting your thesis and registering for the final examination are specified in the Faculty's academic calendar.

You will receive the **question sets for the final examinations at the beginning of the spring semester**, including those for both the theoretical and practical examination components. The final examination period is indicated in the academic calendar. You will only be informed of your **exact examination date in the weeks preceding the examination period**. Therefore, please plan any other commitments during this period carefully and keep the examination schedule in mind.

The final examination consists of **four components: a practical examination, a written examination, an oral examination, and the defence of your thesis**. You will receive appropriate preparation and guidance for each component during the academic year.

Further information regarding the specific tasks, deadlines, and other requirements related to the final examination will be provided throughout the academic year.

Another important event at the end of your studies is the **graduation ceremony**. Following the successful completion of the final examination, your university studies will come to an end, and you will receive the degree you have been working towards throughout the past four years. Further details regarding the graduation ceremony and the related arrangements will be provided during the final examination period.

Until then, your most important task is to **focus your time and energy on your studies, professional development, and gradual preparation for the final examination**. With the knowledge and experience you have gained during these four years, and with appropriate preparation, you will be ready to take your first steps as qualified professionals.

What should you pay particular attention to?

- Regularly check **Neptun, your university e-mail account, and the Faculty's information channels**.
- Keep track of **the requirements** for completing each course, especially attendance and practical requirements.
- Work continuously on your **thesis** and maintain regular communication with your supervisor.
- Check the requirements of the **final examination** and the relevant **registration deadlines** well in advance.
- If you are uncertain about an academic or professional matter, **do not wait until the last minute** – feel free to ask your tutor, instructors, or the Academic Affairs Office for assistance.

Finally

The fourth year is not only about completing your academic requirements; it is also about gradually **seeing yourselves as independent professionals**. Make the most of the professional opportunities available to you during the year, ask questions, stay active, and do not hesitate to ask for help when you need it.

I wish you a successful and rewarding academic year and a productive preparation for the final year of your studies!

Kind regards,

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