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Verslag ontwikkelgesprek opleiding/cluster Bachelor en Master Midden-Oostenstudies

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De opleiding Midden-Oosten Studies heeft een aantal onderwerpen voorgelegd die voor de toekomstige koers medebepalend zijn.

Student enrolment and programme visibility:
The programme faces a strict faculty policy of an average of 20 enrolments across three years. This applies to the MA as well as to the BA programme. Over the years, the MES MA student enrolment has increased, whereas the BA has witnessed a decrease and does not meet the enrolment criteria at this moment. This is a reason for concern among the staff. Strategies to increase visibility that have been discussed: visiting high schools, using social media, and making use of contacts in the labour market. Also changing the programme name to a broader name with more appealing terms (e.g., “politics,” “conflict”) could be considered.

Revising (BA and MA) learning outcomes:
Revision is needed in the context of the upcoming curriculum changes and the integration of new faculty-wide courses. The current BA programme has around 17 learning outcomes; panel members recommend reducing the number to around 10 - 12. At the University of Utrecht two documents are used: one for external use and one more detailed working document for team use.

Panel members expressed overall positive impressions of the BA and MA programs. The program has added several new staff members in recent years, which is seen as a strength for teaching quality and employability.