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Due to the corona crisis during academic year 2019-20, the Honors Academy wishes to temporarily revise its admission and continuation requirements for bachelor students. The revised requirements are in line with BSA requirements, with additional requirements to be admitted to the Honors Academy or continuation into the second Honors year. There is as of yet no need to change the graduation requirements, as Honors currently allows a delay in graduation for the regular bachelor program. The duration of the Honors Academy bachelor program remains 2 years, unless a student has been provided extra time due to personal circumstances.

1. Admission requirements

- Bachelor students who meet the following requirements will be admitted to the Honors Academy (regular requirements as currently stated in the Honors bachelor regulations):
 - They have successfully applied to a track and have been accepted;
 - They have obtained 60 study credits in year 1 of their regular bachelor program.
- In addition, as an exception for academic year 2020-21, some leniency will be applied regarding the required study credits:
 - Students who obtained 55 study credits in the first year of their regular bachelor program will also be admitted to the Honors Academy;
 - Students who obtained 50 study credits will be asked to write a motivation letter to the Honors Academy, if they are still interested in being admitted. In this motivation letter, the student should substantiate why he/she should be considered for admission and explain the study delay.
 - Students who obtained 45 study credits will be asked to write a motivation letter to the Honors Academy, if they are still interested in being admitted. In this motivation letter, the student should substantiate why he/she should be considered for admission and explain the study delay. Based on the motivation letter, suitable students will be invited for an admission interview with the Honors Academy. After a successful interview, the student can be admitted to the Honors Academy.

Note on implementation: verification of study credits is done by the Honors Academy administrative assistant in July/August (or later where applicable, due to the corona situation). Students who have been conditionally accepted to the Academy but obtained 45 or 50 study credits will be contacted by our administrative assistant and asked to send a motivation letter within 5 working days if they still wish to be admitted. The Dean of the Honors Academy will decide within 5 working days whether students with 50 study credits can be admitted based on his/her motivation, and students with 45 study credits whether they qualify for an admission interview. For students with 45 study credits, the admission is based on the motivation letter and admission interview where applicable.

2. Requirements for continuation in Honors year 2

- Bachelor students who meet the following requirements will be admitted to the second Honors year (regular requirements as currently stated in the Honors bachelor regulations):
 - They had a successful end-of-year assessment ('sufficient' or higher)
 - They have obtained 60 study credits in year 2 of their regular bachelor program (i.e. 120 study credits in total).
- As an exception and as temporary revised requirement as of academic year 2019-2020 until 2021-22 (for students who start Honors in 2020-21), some leniency will be applied regarding the required study credits:

- Students who had a successful end-of-year assessment, who successfully completed the propaedeutic phase of their program (i.e. all first year courses of their regular bachelor program) and obtained 55 study credits in the second year of their regular bachelor program, will also be accepted in year 2 of the Honors Academy;
- Students who had a successful end-of-year assessment, who successfully completed the propaedeutic phase of their program (i.e. all first year courses of their regular bachelor program) and obtained 50 study credits in the second year of their bachelor program, can request for an exemption on the above rules (i.e. a request for continuation). In order to be considered for continuation, students will have to write a motivation letter explaining their study delay and substantiate why he/she should be able to continue, and hand in a study plan explaining how they plan to combine the Honors Academy with their regular bachelor program.
- Students who had a successful end-of-year assessment, who successfully completed the propaedeutic phase of their program (i.e. all first year courses of their regular bachelor program) and obtained 45 study credits in the second year of their bachelor program, can request for an exemption on the above rules (i.e. a request for continuation). In order to be considered for continuation, students will have to write a motivation letter explaining their study delay and substantiate why he/she should be able to continue, and hand in a study plan explaining how they plan to combine the Honors Academy with their regular bachelor program. In addition, students with 45 study credits will be required to have a continuation interview with Honors Academy.

Note on implementation: verification of study credits is done by the Honors Academy administrative assistant in July/August (or later where applicable, due to the corona situation). Students who had a successful end-of-year assessment and completed the propaedeutic phase of their bachelor study but obtained 45 or 50 study credits in year 2 of their regular bachelor program should contact the Honors Academy and formally request an exemption for continuation into Honors year 2. They should then send a motivation letter and study plan within 5 working days. The Dean of the Honors Academy will decide within 5 working days whether the students with 50 study credits can be admitted based on his/her motivation. For students with 45 study credits, a continuation interview with Honors Academy will take place. The decision for continuation will be based on their motivation letter, study plan and the interview. Within 5 working days after the interview took place, the Dean will inform the student on his/her continuation.