Honors bachelor program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What previous knowledge is needed/preferred if I want to choose this program?**
   The Honors program is not a coherent package. It is a program which you can follow on top of your bachelor program during your 2nd and 3rd bachelor year. Requirements to start
   - You have successfully applied to a track and have been accepted.
   - You have obtained all 60 credits from your first year. In addition, as an exception for academic year 2020-21, some leniency will be applied regarding the required study credits because of the Corona situation. (see question 9)

2. **What is the average study load of this program and how is this distributed (e.g. groupwork, research, lectures, practica)?**
   - The study load consists of 10 hours of study load on top of your normal program consists. The program is 2 years. Each year will be evaluated with an assessment of 15 EC. In total is the program 30 EC.

3. **When is the deadline to hand in the application letter?**
   The deadline is May 1 2020.

4. **What needs to be in a application letter?**
   In this application letter you explain why you pursue a career at the Honors Academy and provide evidence of what makes you a suitable candidate. You also need to underpin why you have chosen a particular track, what you want to accomplish and what you bring in. Finally, you need to include your initial ideas about the kind of topic or theme you would like to explore and address in your project, and what kind of activities you would like to do in or next to your project.

   In your application letter you also need to include some factual, practical information:
   - “application for Honors Track xxx” in the subject of the mail
   - your name
   - the major you are doing
   - your telephone number (e.g. in case your interview needs to be rescheduled)

   Include your application letter as an attachment to your mail and send it to the track coordinator of the Track of your choice.

   Check here the [online studyguide](#)

5. **What is an application interview?**
   After you have submitted your application letter, you will be invited for an application interview with the coordinator of your chosen Honors Track. In this interview the coordinator will dig a little deeper into the topics you have addressed in your application letter. The goal of the interview is to determine
if the Track is your true passion and if you are really prepared to invest time in your honors work, to go for it. The TU/e Honors academy aims for the top 100 students.

6. **Can I apply to more tracks?**
   No, in principle you apply to one track. If you are doubting to choose which track, do as follows. Apply to the one you most prefer and discuss your considerations with the track coordinator and let the coordinator helps you with your decision.

7. **Can I still start with the program in September if I have not gained enough credits at the end of the academic year?**
   Yes, everybody who is conditional admitted can start the program in September. If you did not have gained enough credits to be final admitted you will be informed by the Honors academy to send in an extra motivation letter where you explain your study delay and hand in a study plan how to combine the honors program with regular bachelor program.

8. **When is the credit check?**
   This takes place after the last results of the interim period (August) are registered in Osiris. You will receive an email if you need to hand in an extra motivation letter in case you do not apply to the admission requirements. (see question 9).

9. **Because of Corona situation, I will not have 60 credits at the end. What now?**
   Admission requirements for start 2020-2021 is more lenient.
   - If you have obtained 60 or 55 credits you can start the program without extra approval.
   - 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.