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Subject: Update coronavirus Bachelor's in Communication Science #3
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Dear student,

First of all, we hope you and your loved ones are healthy and together. We are very impressed by the way everyone is doing their utmost to adapt their lives and keep on studying during these strange times. We'd also like to thank you for adapting so quickly to the new ways of studying and your understanding for the changes in the courses.

The university came up with new measures that will influence the course of your studies. We will explain them below.

BSA

The UvA decided that there will not be any negative binding study advice (BSA) to students for the current academic year. Instead, students will receive a deferred BSA, which gives them the opportunity to complete the required number of credits for the BSA (48 ECTS) in two academic years instead of one. This applies to all students; therefore, students do not have to demonstrate that they have not achieved the required number of points as a result of the coronavirus. If students *have* obtained enough points, they can still receive a positive BSA.

Examination Block 4

For all courses, the examination has gone online. Teachers have already informed you about this or are about to inform you.

Measures will continue for the remainder of Block 5

We already mentioned that your courses that will start in block 5 will start online. It has been decided to continue teaching Block 5 courses online throughout the entire block. This also means that you don't have to be in class for the remainder of Block 5. Please consult Canvas for information regarding your courses (note that currently, not all Block 5 courses are adapted yet; teachers are working hard to adapt their courses to the new situation).

International students

The travel advice for international students is - where possible and when it can be done safely - to return to their home country. As all courses of Block 5 go online, you can continue to study from your home country.

Closure of buildings

A number of UvA buildings have closed. Some buildings will remain open, so you have a place to work in case studying remotely is impossible for you. In the UvA [FAQ](#), under 'Buildings and facilities' you can find an overview listing which buildings are closed and which will remain open with adjusted opening hours.

Where do I go with questions?

If you have questions about a specific course, please contact your lecturer.

For general questions you can contact the [study advisers](#).

It is not possible to visit the Education Desk/Study advisers in person. The Education Desk is reachable via phone: 020-5253003 or email: educationdesk-cs@uva.nl. If you want to talk to the study advisers you can make a phone appointment via the Education Desk. The phone appointments will be planned during the normal walk-in hours (Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10-12 hrs).

For general information about the UvA and the coronavirus visit [this site](#) or send an email to: coronaquestions@uva.nl

Stay safe and take care,

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