Honors Degree Policy (As per NEP 2020 Guidelines)

1. Introduction

In accordance with the vision of the National Education Policy **(NEP) 2020** to promote academic excellence and flexibility, KIET Group of Institutions introduces the B.Tech (Honors) Degree. This program is designed to provide additional academic enrichment for high-performing students by allowing them to acquire advanced knowledge and skills in their core domain or allied areas through additional credits.

2. Objective

- Encourage advanced learning within the student's domain.
- Foster innovation, research, and deeper technical understanding.
- Improve the employability and global competitiveness of students.
- Promote self-paced and self-directed learning through NPTEL and global certifications.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- Be a regular student enrolled in any B.Tech program at KIET Group of Institutions.
- Apply within the prescribed window, preferably at the start of the 3rd semester.
- Obtain approval from the concerned department/Dean.

4. Program Requirements

- Students must earn 20 additional credits beyond the 160 credits required for the B.Tech major degree.
- The Honors Degree must be completed within the regular duration of the B.Tech program.
- For B.Tech (Honors) Degree, 20 additional Credits to be earned as per the following structure:
    - NPTEL Courses (20 Credits) [8-week course (3 credits) / 12-week course (4 credits)]
      OR
    - 4 Global Certifications and a Project of 20 credits (applicable for CS and allied branches)
- NPTEL Courses must be from the approved list provided by the respective Board of Studies (BoS) of each department.
- Project evaluation must follow a defined rubric and report submission as per department guidelines.

5. Evaluation & Certification

- All NPTEL course certificates must be verified through official portals.
- Global certifications and project submissions will be evaluated by a departmental committee.

- Upon successful completion, students will be awarded a degree titled: "B.Tech (Major) with Honors".
- The additional credits earned for the Honors Degree will be mentioned in the transcript but shall not impact the CGPA of the regular degree.

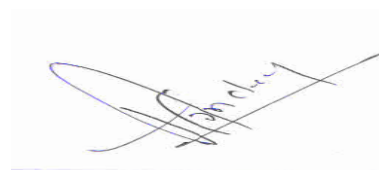## 6. Implementation & Mentoring of Honors Degree Program

- The implementation and monitoring of the Honors Degree program will be done at the department level.
- The department will constitute an Academics Committee for the Honors Degree program at the department level under the supervision of a senior professor (consisting of a minimum of 3 members). The minimum scope of work for the committee may be as follows:
    1. To implement and monitor the Honors Degree program at the department level.
    2. To conduct a minimum of 3 review meetings of the program and circulate the MoM of the meetings to concerned stakeholders, including the DA office.
    3. To maintain the progress sheet of students' performance in the Honors Degree program.
    4. To collect and verify the certificates earned, along with the duration of each certificate.
    5. To submit the semester-wise report to the COE office along with a relevant summary, with the approval of the concerned Dean.
- The department will float the list of Honors Degree NPTEL courses (preferably not part of the regular curriculum or advanced-level courses) / Global Certifications to the students at least one week before the commencement of the semester.
- The department will conduct the registration of students in the Honors Degree program through a Google Form. The registration process will be completed within 10 days of the commencement of the semester.

7. Fee Structure

- Students are required to bear the cost of NPTEL courses or global certifications on their own.
- No additional fee will be charged by the institution for enrollment in the Honors Degree program.

8. General Guidelines

- Students failing to complete the additional 20 credits or violating eligibility conditions will not be awarded the Honors Degree.
- The list of approved NPTEL courses and certifications shall be updated by the respective department periodically.

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