Bachelor’s Honours Programme

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Three questions (you might want answer to)

1. What is the **content** of the Bachelor’s Honours Programme?
2. What do you **gain** from this programme?
3. What does it **cost** you?
CO₂ levels, climate physics – natural sciences

Human behaviour, energy reduction – economics, sociology

International relations, political aspects – political sciences

Meaning of climate change for our culture – arts, anthropology, philosophy
University of Groningen Honours College

A **community** for **interdisciplinary excellence** and **personal development**.
Content

› Extracurricular programme (in the evenings)
› 45.0 ECTS in three years (actually, two years-and-one-block)
› Almost all English
› Small (max. 25) and interdisciplinary groups
› About 325-350 students selected each year
Content

Three pillars

1. **Excellence**: excel in your own field
2. **Interdisciplinary**: (eager to) learn from other fields
3. **Personal development**: who are you and what do you want?
Content

Three pillars

1. **Excellence**: deepening modules (25.0 ECTS)
2. **Interdisciplinary**: broadening modules (15.0 ECTS)
3. **Personal development**: skills + workshops (‘Pick Your Own-talent’) (4.0 + 1.0 ECTS)
Content

Deepening modules

› 25.0 ECTS (of 45.0 ECTS)
› Differs (quite a bit!) per faculty → check Ocasys!
› Mostly research oriented
  • Internships
  • Projects
  • Extra challenging courses
Content

**Broadening modules**

- 15.0 ECTS (of 45.0 ECTS)
- Custom made courses by faculties (+- 20-25 in total)
- Three modules in total
  - Broadening Module 1 (5.0 ECTS)
  - Broadening Module 2 (5.0 ECTS)
  - Summer or Winter School + atelier (5.0 ECTS)
- Petrus Camper Festival
Content

Broadening modules

› Danpaati Project Surinam (FMS)
› Diversity and Inclusion in Urban Context (FSS)
› Sustainable Markets and Social Complexity (FEB)
Content

Broadening modules: Summer School

› Danpaati Project Surinam (FMS): Danpaati
› Diversity and Inclusion in Urban Context (FSS): Vancouver
› Sustainable Markets and Social Complexity (FEB): Schiermonnikoog
Content

Skills Modules

› 4.0 ECTS (of 45.0 ECTS)
› Two modules of 2.0 ECTS each
› Examples:
  • Debating
  • Academic Writing
  • Effective Teamwork
Content

Personal development workshops (‘Pick Your Own-talent’)

› 1.0 ECTS (of 45.0 ECTS)
› Examples:
  • Academia/Entrepreneurship
  • Willpower
  • Pick your own Time
  • Intercultural Competence Training
Content

Petrus Camper Festival
The PYO-t programme and the Petrus Camper Festival are compulsory for all Honours students.

1 You have to pick two out of three, one in year 1, one in year 2 (students who are planning to follow the FEB Specialization Track only have to take one).
2 You have to attend either PYO-t Academia or PYO-t Entrepreneurship or you can attend both.
3 You can choose between a Summer School or a Winter School
4 You can take a PYO-t 3 workshop in either semester 1 or in semester 2.
What do you gain?

› Supplement (45.0 ECTS) on regular degree
› Letter of Recommendation from the Dean of the Honours College and the Rector Magnificus
› Connection to students from other disciplines
› Bigger (academic) network
› Small scale education
› Enhancement skills set and taking time for personal development
› No regular examination (attending/take home assignments)
› Medal!
What are the costs?

› About 100-500 euros for Summer/Winter School
› Being present 100% (!) of the time
› Roughly 4-6 hours per week (on average) extra studying (most workload in year 2, up to +25.0 ECTS in that year)
› Your evenings (so less Netflixing/YouTubing)
Who is the Honours College?

› Lecturers/professors (own faculty, deepening part)
› Lecturers/professors (other faculties, broadening part)
› Teachers/trainers (skills, Pick Your Own-talent workshops)
› Faculty coordinators
› Honours College staff
Sounds good...how do I apply?

› Respond on invitation (send to best 10% of each programme)
› Apply via wildcard (on rug.nl/honours)
› Upload your complete file to the Nestor student portal before 16h on the 5th of March 2020!
  • Motivational letter (+- 500 words)
  • Curriculum vitae
  • Transcript of records regular programme
  • Recommendation letter (at least one) and personal reference
› If selected, interview with two members Board of Admission
› If selected then, admitted to Bachelor’s Honours Programme!
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More info? Check:
- www.rug.nl/honours
- Ocasys
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