Bachelor’s Honours Programme

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The Honours College is a diverse and inclusive community of interdisciplinary learning and personal development in an international and intercultural setting.
Three questions

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?
Content

› Extracurricular programme (in the evenings)
› 45 ECTS in three years (actually, two years-and-one-block) on top of your regular degree
› Small (maximum 25) and interdisciplinary groups
› Approximately 325–350 students are selected each year
Content

Three pillars

1. **Excellence** – talented, motivated, willing to challenge yourself, proactive, full of initiative, innovative, creative, wide-ranging interests, independent, keen to explore the boundaries of your discipline

2. **Interdisciplinary**

3. **Personal development** – who are you and what do you want?
Content

Three pillars

1. Deepening modules

2. Broadening modules

3. Skills + workshops (‘Pick Your Own-Talent’)

Content

Deepening modules

› 25.0 ECTS (of 45.0 ECTS)
› Differs (quite a bit!) per faculty
› 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 leads up to a Summer School

› Danpaati Project Surinam (FMS) (Danpaati)
› Diversity and Inclusion in Urban Context (FSS) (Vancouver)
› Frontiers of Science (FSE) (Geneva)
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
Content

Petrus Camper Festival
What do you **gain**?

› More education for the same tuition fee
› 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
› Enhanced skill set; room for personal development
› No regular examination
› Medal!
What are the **costs**?

› About 100-500 euros for Summer/Winter School
› A 100% (!) attendance requirement
› Your evenings
Sounds good...how do I apply?

› Respond on invitation (sent to best 10% of each programme)
› Apply via wildcard (on rug.nl/honours)
› Upload your complete file to the Nestor student portal
  • 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:
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