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Selection criteria

Admission to the Master's Honours Programme is by selection, since the number of places available is limited.

- A Bachelor's degree with good to excellent results, including a Bachelor's thesis marked above average
- Good oral and written skills in English (TOEFL 580)
- Highly motivated towards the focus of the programme: leadership and interdisciplinarity
- Specific personal qualities, such as proactive, full of initiative, innovative, creative, wide-ranging interests, independent
- The ability to reflect and self-reflect

Application

The Master's Honours Programme starts in the first semester with the duration of one year. More information about how to apply and deadlines can be found on our website: www.rug.nl/honours/applicationmaster

Applications must be accompanied by:

- a completed application form
- a curriculum vitae
- an overview of study results to date
- a brief motivation statement (500 words maximum)
- personal references/recommendations
- a good photograph of yourself
- other document(s) you think may be relevant, like an Honours Bachelor certificate

More information

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Master's Honours Programme 'Leadership: making the difference'



Are you looking for an extra challenge during your Master's degree? Would you like to acquire knowledge and develop skills in the field of leadership, from an academic and professional perspective? Do you want to make a difference?

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Master's Honours Programme: 'Leadership: making the difference'

The University of Groningen Honours College offers talented, motivated students the chance to excel with an extracurricular Master's programme of 15 ECTS. The programme will introduce you to as many facets of leadership as possible.

The groups in the Master's Honours programme are small (up to 25 people) and students are expected to participate actively and show initiative. The language of instruction is English and the course units will be taught outside the regular teaching hours, by excellent professors and highly valued experts from the field.



About the programme

Taking the initiative and individual development form the programme. It lasts one year and comprises four parts and personal development. The programme provides students the freedom to shape the content of it, by offering:

- a Personal Development Plan, in which you will have to set and reflect your personal goals.
- Masterclasses, where you develop knowledge and understanding of various theoretical aspects of leadership. This will take an interdisciplinary line of approach so that you can also examine leadership from a biological, historical, social or other perspective.
- Leadership labs where you can observe, experience and practice a number of leadership skills, for example communicating effectively, decision-making and cooperating. The projects teach and show you how the various aspects of leadership work in practise.
- Personal Development Workshops, where you will learn the art of persuasion, public speaking, leadership in teams, brainstorming, the art of networking, etc.
- Leadership sessions, where you learn in an informal way about leadership from experts in the field through lecturers, workshops, individual and/or group assignments, and meeting on different topics related to leadership.
- Finally, Masterwork, a project where you demonstrate that you can put the knowledge and skills you have learned into practise by designing and implementing your own project independently. The choice and content of the project can be attuned to your individual plans for the future. It can vary from starting up a business, to organizing a conference, to implementing a research assignment, or doing a research project.
- Throughout the year attention will be paid to personal development, reflection and experiences with leadership, which prepares you for the Masterwork.



Focus on Leadership

The courses are set in an interdisciplinary context, because leaders of the future are faced with complex problems involving various disciplines. However, the Honours Programme is not a course in leadership. What it aims at is to introduce you to various theories and to show you how they work.

There will also be the chance to further develop leadership competences, such as taking initiative, innovative thinking, inspiring and convincing others. It also offers you a chance to undertake and organize all kinds of activities inside and outside the University.



For more information about the content of the programme, please check our website www.rug.nl/honours/master.

What is in it for you?

Your regular programmes turn you in an expert in your own field. The Master's Honours Programme adds extra knowledge and skills about leadership as well as personal development and critical reflection: qualities that employers are looking for.

Students who complete the Master's Honours Programme receive a separate Honours certificate and a letter of recommendation from the Rector Magnificus of the University of Groningen and the Dean of the Honours College.

The combination of leadership experience (academic knowledge and skills), the Honours network and the certificate + letter of recommendation gives you an advantage when applying for positions in academia, the business world or the public sector. Our graduates enter a wide range of industries, for example: financial services, policy department, education, marketing, research and many more.

