VU Honours Programme information session for 1st year students
Wednesday 28 October 2020, 17.30 by zoom

17.30 – 17.40   Word of Welcome by Jorim Tielbeek, Honours alumnus and lecturer, researcher UMC
17.40 – 17.45   Practical information by Eva Meijerink, coordinator of the VU Honours Programme
17.45 – 18.15   Examples of Honours courses; The future Entrepreneur – Marco van Gelderen
                             Rebuilding Education - Jorim Tielbeek
                             Drugs that alter your Mind - Josjan Zijlmans
18.15 – 18.20   Study association Extensus
18.20 – 18.45   Questions & Answers

Join us October 28?
Send an email to honours@vu.nl to receive the zoom link

WHAT IS THE HONOURS PROGRAMME?
The Honours Programme is offered to students who successfully pass courses and are motivated to take extra subjects. You can earn an additional 30 credits next to the standard Bachelor’s programme, with extra faculty courses and interdisciplinary courses, without raised tuition fees. The Honours Programme consists of two components (you take both parts!).

1. Interdisciplinary component   You will earn 18 credits by taking courses at VU and/or UvA. The interdisciplinary courses are taught mainly in the evening by top academics. The classes are small and you will be expected to give presentations, write papers and actively participate in discussions. You can find a detailed overview of the courses on our website www.vu.nl/honourscourses

2. Faculty component   The faculty component of the programme gives you a more in-depth perspective on your own field of studies. You will take extra courses for 12 credits, write a lengthier Bachelor’s thesis or conduct a research project. Your faculty honours coordinator can inform you about the faculty programme.

Start in your first Bachelor’s year? If you passed all the exams of the 1st and 2nd period of your first Bachelor’s year with an average grade of at least 7.5, you may take an Honours course during the 2nd semester. If you are likely to meet these requirements and you are interested in joining the programme, please send in the application form at www.vu.nl/honours (see “application”) before 28 November. Awaiting your admission you will be invited for the Try Out Class, the first week of December, with presentations of all 2nd semester courses.

How and when to apply   You can find the application form at www.vu.nl/honours
• If you wish to take a course in your first Bachelor’s year the application deadline is 28 November 2020
• If you wish to start the Honours Programme in your second Bachelor’s year the application deadline is 1 May 2021

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## Faculty Honours coordinators

Your Faculty Honours coordinator will take care of the admission procedure.

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## Reasons to apply for the Honours Programme

- You learn more and deepen and broaden your knowledge and skills in your field of study.
- You cross the boundaries of your own study programme, exploring topics from various angles with students and lecturers from other disciplines.
- You attend courses with students who have also obtained relatively high grades and shown above-average motivation. This means that the pace and level of the Honours courses are higher, allowing for more in-depth study of the learning content than is possible in regular bachelor courses.
- Freedom of choice within the Honours Programme allows you to improve the match of your study programme to your individual interests and ambitions.
- Some departmental Honours Programmes allow a greater focus on the development of research skills than the regular bachelor programmes.
- By obtaining an Honours degree you acquire good English proficiency skills (as most courses are taught in English) and an internationally recognized diploma, increasing your international career perspectives.
- An Honours degree shows you are an outstanding student who is motivated, not afraid to take on extra challenges and achieving more than average. With this degree, you will stand out from your peers when entering the labour market.