Information session VU Honours Programme for 1st years students

Wednesday March 7th, 2018, 16.30 – 17.30

Vrije Universiteit, Main Building, De Boelelaan 1081, room HG KC-07

Are you a motivated student looking to broaden your horizons and gain a more in-depth perspective on your own field?

Ready to meet like-minded students?

The Honours Programme could be exactly what you're looking for!

Website: www.vu.nl/honours contact: honours@vu.nl

Programme

16.30 – 16.40  Word of Welcome by Jorim Tielbeek, Honours alumnus and PhD Candidate at VU University Medical Center Neuroscience Campus Amsterdam, coordinator of the Honours course Biosocial Aspects of Antisocial Behavior

16.40 – 17.00  Practical information by Caroline Holleman, coordinator of the VU Honours Programme

17.00 – 17.07  An example of an Honours course: Brain and Behavior by Richard Godijn

17.07 – 17.14  An example of an Honours course: Climate Change by Paolo Scussolini

17.14 – 17.21  An example of an Honours course: Designing Innovations for Sustainability by Ivar Maas

17.21 – 17.30  Study association Extensus and Honours Student Council

17.30 – 18.00  Drinks, Questions & Answers

Reasons to apply for the Honours Programme

- You learn more and deepen your knowledge and skills in your field of study.

- You cross the boundaries of your own study programme, particularly in the interdepartmental Honours courses, 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.

- The Honours Programme is taught in small groups, so that you get more individual attention from the lecturers and more intensive guidance.

- The courses in the Honours Programme are taught by top academics. There are also guest lectures by renowned academics from other (international) universities.

- Some departmental Honours Programmes allow a greater focus on the development of research skills than the regular bachelor programmes.

- Your participation in the Honours Programme will distinguish you from students who have studied only a regular bachelor, enhancing your chances of admission to certain (research) masters.

- By obtaining an Honours degree you acquire good English language skills (as most courses are taught in English) and an internationally recognised 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 achieves more than average. With this degree, you will stand out from your peers when entering the labour market
What is the Honours Programme?
The Honours Programme is designed for students who have passed all of their first-year Bachelor’s subjects by the end of that year, who have achieved an average mark of 7.5 and who have the motivation to take extra subjects in the second and third year of their programme. You will be able to earn an extra 30 credits in addition to the 180 credits of the standard Bachelor’s programme with extra faculty courses and interdisciplinary courses without extra tuition fees.

How to apply?

Why should you join?
The reasons for participation can differ from academic curiosity, intellectual challenge, broadening and deepening your knowledge, contact with like-minded students (also from other faculties), the creative and interdisciplinary learning environment or the fact that you will stand out from your peers with an honours degree. As most courses are taught in English participation in this programme will also improve your English.

Together with VU, UvA and AUC
The interdisciplinary courses are taught mainly in the evening by the finest lecturers from Vrije Universiteit, University of Amsterdam and Amsterdam University College, as well as guest lecturers from the Netherlands and abroad. The classes are small and you will be expected to give presentations, write papers and make an active contribution to discussions. Some examples of this courses are: The Future Entrepreneur, Brain and Behavior, Human Rights and Globalisation and International Development. You can find information about all interdisciplinary courses at: www.vu.nl/honourscourses

Faculty components
The faculty part of the programme gives you more in-depth perspective in your own field of studies by taking extra courses, extending your bachelor thesis or doing research.

Bonuses
The Honours Programme offers you more than just courses. Every year we are allowed to select students for the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School. You get information about all kinds of special opportunities. You can become a member of Extensus, the study association for Honours students and you can join their study trip, Master’s classes and social activities. After completing the programme all students are invited to a festive Graduation Event. These are some of the attractive bonuses which come along with being an Honours student.

Walk in hours
Did you miss the information meeting or do you still have questions? Please feel free to come to my walk in hours, kind regards, Caroline Holleman

Dates: 14, 21, 28 March, 4, 11, 18 and 25 April 2018
Time: 13.00-14.00 o’clock
Room: HG-0E-74B (E-wing ground floor main building)