Appendix 2: Honours Programme

The Honours Programme is an excellence programme. It consists of 30 EC and is taught partly in English. Of the 30 credits, at least 12 and at most 18 are obtained in the faculty. The other credits are obtained outside the faculty.

This appendix concerns the faculty part; information on the cross-faculty, university part of the programme can be found on the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam website.

Students who successfully complete the Honours Programme receive an annotation to that effect on their Bachelor’s degree certificate.

Entry requirements:
- average grade of 7.5 or over at the end of the first year of the Bachelor’s programme;
- the first year of the Bachelor’s programme has been nominally completed.

Completion requirements:
- 30 EC in Honours subjects obtained on top of the regular programme;
- nominal completion of Bachelor’s programme (including the Honours subjects) with an average grade of 7.5 or over (including the Honours subjects).

Content and offering in the faculty part

The faculty part comprises in any case:
- Joint Humanities Research Project (12 EC)

In this project the students work individually or in small groups on an ongoing research project after a joint start. Its implementation is defined in consultation with the faculty Honours coordinator, the project coordinator and the researcher(s) involved. The project ends with a joint conclusion (e.g. symposium or publication).

If the student obtains 18 EC in the faculty, he/she chooses a supplementary individual research module (6 EC) in addition to the research project, from the following options:
- Preparing a literature discussion
- Attending a conference and writing a conference discussion
- Archive visit + report
- Contributing to the organization of a conference/graduate seminar + report
- Other contribution to ongoing research

The choice of detailed implementation of one of these options always takes place in consultation with the faculty Honours coordinator and a researcher from the student’s own programme.

Application

Students can apply by submitting the registration form available on the Honours programme website together with a cover letter and a transcript.

Please see: https://www.fgw.vu.nl/nl/opleidingen/bacheloropleidingen/honours/index.aspx