

## **Report of development dialogue for the Master's programme Ecology**

To guarantee the quality of the educational programmes at VU Amsterdam, the programmes are assessed once every six years by a panel of external experts. The final assessment of the programme is conducted by the Dutch Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). In addition to the assessment, the programme conducts a development dialogue with the panel, discussing possible improvements.

In November 2021, the Master's programme Ecology was visited and judged as 'positive' by the panel. During the development dialogue, the panel and the programme discussed options for restructuring the curriculum and internships in order to relieve peaks in workload. Also, the concept of the 'international classroom' was discussed.