

VU – UVA Honours programme; mission statement

1. The Honours programme is embedded in the profile and strategy of both universities and in the portfolios of the faculties
2. The Honours programme is extracurricular and provides challenging and generally small-scale education
3. The focus of the Honours programme is on the development of personal skills, leadership skills, entrepreneurship, and collaboration
4. Attention is given to *academic citizenship* and the future role of students as an academic in society
5. The Honours programme pays attention to diversity and inclusivity, using the mixed and international classroom methods
6. Participation in the Honours programme is based on reciprocity: students receive something extra and give something back (e.g., students develop a course and therefore also contribute to innovation in education, or students give back to society by participating in community service learning)
7. The Honours programme contributes to innovation in education
8. Students are committed to the Honours programme and have an active approach: they are expected to complete the Honours programme
9. The Honours programme consists of a disciplinary and an interdisciplinary part. A university-wide Honours programme is the perfect breeding ground for interdepartmental subject content, and to connect lecturers from different disciplines
10. Participation in the Honours programme is based on selection and generally the language of the Honours programme is English.
11. Honours students are encouraged to build a strong Honours community, and this is facilitated by faculties, and both universities.