

ART and RESEARCH 2017-2018

Honours program of the Gerrit Rietveld Academie and the University of Amsterdam (UvA).

Application accepted until January 10th 2017

Language: English

FOR WHOM IS THIS COURSE INTENDED?

The ART and RESEARCH Honours Program is intended for 1st specialist year students from the Gerrit Rietveld Academie and the University of Amsterdam. Applicants to the program will be subject to a selection process. Rietveld students are selected on the basis of progress of their artistic work, motivation, capacity to work together with students from outside the Gerrit Rietveld Academie, their expected contribution to the group, and (not necessarily) the role of theory and science for their artistic work. Applicants from the UvA should have an interest in art and in working with artists, whether from a wider interest in art sociology, theatre studies, art history and similar fields, or from an angle such as psychology, cultural anthropology, philosophy, media studies or even disciplines as biology.

For more information, see APPLICATION AND ADMISSION.

AIMS AND CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM

Participants in the Honours Program gain insight into the complex relationship between artistic practice and scholarship. They learn how to address the differences, similarities and interchange between artistic processes and academic research, to establish links to other disciplines and to explore creative ways to collaborate in developing individual themes and projects. As the program progresses, participants are increasingly expected to show initiative and independence, for example by learning to formulate artistic research questions and organising research projects.

Students of the Rietveld Academie will be able to improve their artistic endeavours using the theoretical insights they gain during this course.

The program provides students with the incentive to relate different perspectives and methodologies to one another, as well as to challenge traditions, in order to create and develop new modes of research, while learning from each other's fields of study throughout the process.

ART and RESEARCH curriculum

The first period of the program is introductory in character and centres on discussing and comparing the basic principles of scholarly research and artistic practice. Key themes from both disciplines will be explored through discussions with various guest scholars and artists, along with the practice of unorthodox learning

exercises and the reading of relevant texts. In addition to this, there will be visits to a number of art institutes in The Netherlands.

This first period will also include a one-week session.

Later on in the program, students work in groups on individual projects based on themes of their own choosing. This will be carried out by collaborating, exploring and experimenting together, each student contributing from within his or her own unique artistic or academic discipline. For examples of projects developed by former honours groups, visit <http://www.artandresearch.nl>.

All projects are supervised by tutors. Depending on the needs of the project, students can also suggest eminent professionals to share their expertise and insights.

Students conclude this part of the program by presenting their artistic experiments and research results in the form of a publication, exhibition, symposium or other appropriate format. All aspects of the project, down to its organisation, are in the students' own hands, supplemented by the advice of experts in the relevant domain along the way.

DURATION AND STUDY LOAD

The Honours Program lasts from February 2017 until the end of April 2018. Most of the group activities will take place on Friday afternoons.

As the Honours Program is not part of your regular study program, but is an additional course, it enriches, deepens and broadens your current study program. It also requires extra time and effort. The study load averages about one-and-a-half days per week: as some activities are covered in a week, the actual study load can vary.

UVA-RIETVELD HONOURS CERTIFICATE

After you have completed your study program at the Rietveld Academie and have been awarded an extra 30 study points for the ART and RESEARCH Honours Program, you will receive a UvA-Rietveld honours certificate alongside your bachelor's diploma.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Students who are in their first specialty year (second academic year) are eligible for the Honours Program.

It is important that your department supports your participation in the program and you should therefore discuss your application with the coordinator of your discipline.

Send an e-mail along with a curriculum vitae and a letter explaining why you would like to participate in the Honours Program to the program supervisor, Anja Novak at the Faculty of Humanities of the UvA (a.m.novak@uva.nl). The closing date for your application is

January 10th 2017.

Based on your application, you may be invited for an interview.