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The English Honours Programme (EHP) prepares you to teach English at Dutch secondary schools and Vocational Education and Training that offer bilingual education (tweetalig onderwijs). It also prepares you for teaching at international schools.

## Programme

The EHP is a full-time, grade two teacher training programme. From day 1 you will be required to carry out a placement at a bilingual school; requiring a proactive and professional approach. You will learn to analyse issues encountered in your teaching, to carry out independent research, and to express ideas

coherently both in Dutch and in English. During the foundation year all students start the English Teacher Training programme together. At the end of year one you may apply for the Honours Programme on the basis of having attained 60EC.

## Cornerstones

Our programme focusses on three areas of development:

- ▶ subject knowledge;
- ▶ teaching placement;
- ▶ professional development.

You will also spend a compulsory semester improving your intercultural skills and knowledge whilst studying at a university abroad.

## Programme year 2

Your second year brings new subjects that build on the previous year's knowledge. There will also be a one-week trip to the UK or Ireland where you will visit several universities.

Your second-year placement lasts the entire year. Every Wednesday and Thursday you will be at the school with another EHP student learning to hone your teaching skills. At the end of year two you may choose to apply for the Master's route at the VU University Amsterdam (VU).

## Programme year 3

In year 3 semester one we will continue with subject modules like Language and society, Literary History and Language learning and teaching 4. Additionally, you will also be at a placement school for this period.



... Among many so-called non-standard...  
... American Vernacular English (African)...  
... British English

... covert vs. covert  
... the standard variety in a community has covert prestige; speakers who use  
... at standard are rated highly on scales of educational and occupational  
... status. This variety is overtly admired and generally identified as a model of  
... 'good' speech';  
... covert prestige is used to refer to positive attitudes towards vernacular or  
... non-standard speech varieties'



Semester two is typically spent studying at a European University with one of our European Erasmus Exchange Programme partners.

### Specialisation

At the end of your third year of study you'll select a profile specialisation:

- ▶ preparatory secondary vocational education/ senior secondary vocational education (vmbo/mbo) or
- ▶ senior general secondary education/ pre-university education (havo/vwo).

### Programme year 4

Your fourth year consists of modules and a parallel work placement at a Dutch (tto) school. Research takes a central role at your work placement school.

In year four you are required to complete the National Knowledge Test (NKT) as a prerequisite for obtaining the teaching diploma.

This test consists of two parts:

- ▶ the Digital Knowledge Base Test;
- ▶ the Cambridge English Proficiency Exam (CPE).

### International

The EHP offers the chance to travel and experience European culture from the 'inside'. Studying abroad puts you in a unique position to find out about English and Education studies from a different, foreign perspective and compare this to what you have experienced at home.

### Master's route

If you wish to continue with your studies, you may choose to follow the Master's route at the VU University Amsterdam (VU).

The Master's route allows students to directly transfer to the VU University Amsterdam (VU):

- ▶ Master Educatie in de Taal- en Cultuurwetenschappen, schoolvak Engels.

## Study load

The programme is compact and intensive, totalling 180 credits in the three higher years. One credit equals 28 hours of study time for a four-year programme. This translates to 42 weeks of classes per year, with an average of 40 hours of study a week.

## Admissions criteria

Students who have attained 60 credits at the end of year one on the English Teacher Training programme may choose to apply to the English Honours programme.

## Title and degree

Successful completion of the English Honours Programme grants you the title of Bachelor of Education (with Honours).

## Career opportunities

As a graduate of the EHP you may start working as an English teacher in the grade 2 area (the lower years of secondary school) in the Netherlands. You will have specialised in bilingual, challenging English programmes (fast-track English) at Dutch secondary schools and you will have gained more in-depth knowledge of the working of international schools.

## Additional costs

- ▶ Take into account that you will also have costs for books, readers and other study materials, on average € 150 per semester, in addition to your university tuition fees.
- ▶ In your second year, you will also go to the UK or Ireland with the programme. Costs for this trip are about € 300 to € 400 on average.
- ▶ In year three you will study abroad for one semester. Though your tuition fees are paid at the AUAS, you will need money for housing and living expenses. The amount needed depends on the country where you are going to study.

## More information

You will find more information at

- ▶ [studiegids.hva.nl](http://studiegids.hva.nl)
- ▶ [hva.nl/opensdag](http://hva.nl/opensdag)
- ▶ [hva.nl/inschrijven](http://hva.nl/inschrijven)
- ▶ [hva.nl/collegegeld](http://hva.nl/collegegeld)

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