The Honors Program of the Faculty of Informatics at TU Wien targets excellent students from all Bachelor Programs in Informatics and Business Informatics, who are seeking individual challenges in addition to their regular studies. It aims to nurture outstanding students in line with their talents, and to engage them in scientific research at an early point in their studies.

- http://www.informatik.tuwien.ac.at/honors
- 45-60 ECTS BHons courses (individually assembled)
- Mentoring by a professor
- Solely performance-based entry & completion criteria

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Why?

*Designed as a 1-year extension of their regular Bachelor's degree, students with outstanding academic achievements can acquire a 4-years Bachelor's degree with Honors comparable to the Anglo-American model.*

- Further strengthening our goal of supporting excellence
- Attracting the best students
- Effective and early challenge & support of outstanding students
- Early development of research interests
- Better education
- Better career perspectives
Details

- Optional program for outstanding students in all Bachelor programs of the Faculty of Informatics
  - Performance-based admission criteria
  - Individual Bachelor with Honors program (45-60 ECTS), composed of Bachelor and Master courses
  - Individual mentoring by a professor of the faculty

- Solely performance-based completion criteria
  - completion of regular Bachelor program with distinction
  - overall weighted grade point average $\leq 1.5$ (grades range 1 – 5)
  - overall duration of Bachelor+BHons $\leq 9$ semester

- Completion earns
  - Bachelor with Honors certificate of completion
  - personal letter of recommendation from TU President
Some Data

- BHons program started in 2018
  - Summer term: 11 admissions
  - Winter term: 5 admissions
  - 3 graduations by the end of the year [+1 failure]

- Building up internship program
  - Academia: *Purdue, ENS Cachan, MPI Saarbrücken, Urbana Champaign* [negotiations with *Edinburgh, Technion, Texas A&M*]
  - Industry: *Infineon, Intel*
  - Looking for other potential partner institutions (that need to be ranked higher than TU Wien)

- Building up scholarship program
  - Research funding organizations: *WWTF, FWF*
  - Industry: *Infineon, Intel* [negotiations with *Bosch, Wind River*]
  - Looking for other potential sponsors (that need to be prestigious)