



The 10th of november 2014 the board of the UvA Faculty of Humanities published a document called *Profiel 2016*, which states two different proposals for 2016 the faculty's financial shortage:

1) From 2016 onwards *all* Bachelor's programmes the Faculty of Humanities provides will be merged into one large Liberal Arts programme. The first, propaedeutic year will be the same for all students. In the second year students have to follow a minor of 30 EC and choose a major of 90 EC which is spread over the second year (30 EC) and third year (60 EC). Further room for specializing and following electives will disappear. Current different language and literature programmes will be merged into broader majors. All students will obtain only a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts. Small language programmes will only keep existing as 30 EC language acquisition courses.

2) Current Bachelor's programmes will merge into different Bachelor Schools, which means smaller programmes may disappear altogether. There will still be different Bachelor's programmes, but these will have many common courses followed by all students and only limited options for specialization. All language programmes will be grouped into one large programme.

There will be three different types ("profiles") of Master's programmes and a reduced amount of separate masters. If a Research Master's programme is available there will not be a regular one-year programme of the same discipline.

- 1) Research profile (open to few students)
- 2) Vocational profile
- 3) Educational profile (Teacher preparation)

These plans are designed to settle the faculty's financial troubles that are in fact caused by:

- 1) UvA's allocation model, which distributes the financial sources among the faculties in a way that disadvantages the Faculty of Humanities. The UvA itself does not have an financial shortage at all.
- 2) The receding number of Humanities students and other such causes mentioned by Dean Frank van Vree, which do not add up to a deficit of this scale.