

Waddenlab 2024

13 tm 19 juli 2024



What is the Waddenlab:

In the Waddenlab, we investigate the Wadden Sea in multidisciplinary teams of honours students and teachers. Also in 2024, we do this in the broadest sense of the word: what is the Wadden Sea, how do we see, hear, smell the Wadden, what happens in and under the water, on land, in the air? The key question is: "How do we keep the Wadden Sea healthy?". This question is not easy to answer, because: what is "healthy" when it comes to the Wadden Sea?

It is a complex area, although at a quick glance it seems to consist mainly of water, islands, animals and coast. We find fishing, bird areas, salt extraction, land reclamation, land erosion, shifting islands, sediment deposition, sensitive nature, a complex ecosystem, gas extraction, pollution, tourism (don't forget!), and probably much more, including ourselves of course (the Waddenlab!). In short: there are many interests at stake, many insights and who decides now and later what we can and cannot do with a 'healthy' Wadden Sea? We go out and about: on the water, on islands, on the Wadden Sea itself. The ship is transport and home port, workshop and resting place, place for your workshops and our talks. This is how we share previously acquired knowledge and experiences on the Wadden Sea.

How do we do it:

With activities, curiosity, commitment to sustainability and nature, openness to other perspectives. And: the willingness to get to work with this through workshops to be jointly developed in advance and make them productive for the whole group. The workshop participants will be composed of interested people from all participating institutions. The aim: to answer pieces on the question of the healthy Wadden Sea and thus increase each other's knowledge and insight.

Set-up 2024:

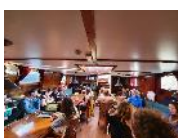
In 2023, 8 educational institutions applied to participate. In order of application, 8 then crossed the line. For 2024, we want to give every institution another chance to participate. Therefore, we have decided on the following selection procedure:

1. If an institution is interested in having 3 honours students + 1 teacher participate, they apply as an institution. This also means that the institution commits to the 1000 euro own contribution (plus each participant 100 euro individual contribution by a 'tikkie');
2. Sign up no later than **15 December 2023**;
3. We invite MBO, HBO and WO institution to participate;
4. If more institutions apply to participate, we draw lots for the final participating institutions in mutually balanced proportions;
5. From January to June 2024, we will organise three preparatory meetings on Saturday, mostly in Utrecht, in preparation for the Waddenlab. Dates: see page 2! Participation necessary!

Aftermovie 2023: <https://youtu.be/6jVOoeuPcx8> en studenten: <https://youtu.be/P9JVan8WavA>

Preparation and set-up:

We start with a meeting in which we have experts speak and engage with them. By doing so, we increase the participants' expertise and broaden our field of vision. Then we start developing 4 or 5 thematic workshops/working days, the Sunday to Thursday of the week on the Wad. The Saturday we use to get acquainted, the Friday is concluding and evaluating. These meetings are preparations for the Waddenlab week on the Wadden Sea itself, which concludes these preparations.





The thematic workshops/working days:

Every year, we learn a bit more about how to prepare this and what the week on the Wadden Sea can ultimately look like.

We expect the students, after having chosen their theme, to delve into it together and decide how to use their knowledge to take the others with them in a session. Such a 'session' can be an introduction and work session, a workshop, a 'learning session' or 'doing session', etc. that is up to the students to decide. The teachers guide and encourage them, can give advice on the kind of session. Externals can be involved on the students' initiative (but: the weekly schedule on the Wadden is unclear due to wind and water!).

During the week on the Wadden, all sessions are planned, executed and completed, so that all participants are aware of each other's work and knowledge is shared.

The days have 3 day parts: morning, afternoon, evening. But: there is also sailing to be done and with that we depend on the weather, wind and the amount of work we all have to do together. And we make space to relax, of course, on the islands and on the Wad.

Each theme group concludes the week with a 'report out' of about 1,000 words with explanatory pictures, tables, etc. To be delivered immediately after the return day on 26 October 2024. We also have working time for the reports during the trip.

Because we never know exactly where we are and where we can go ashore in the (late) afternoon, the different islands and their possibilities must be taken into account. We foresee at least 1x dry run, if desired we will consult with the skipper about 2x dry runs (can also come from the workshops of course).

Practicalities: the whole group takes care of the whole adventure, including the wet and dry, throughout the week.

Language spoken: English!

The schedule then looks as follows (put in your diary):

Register institution + participants	15 december
Possible draw	Asap after 15th
Inventory data participants	15 December – 21 December: result 22 December
Preparation (Saturdays): 10.30h-16.00h <i>(NB reserve in your diary!!)</i>	20 Januari: introductory lectures + defining themes 16 maart Interim online preparations by theme 22 juni: presentation theme + design session
Concluding Waddenlab week - fieldtrip	13 t/m 19 juli 2024
Return day, evaluation, finalizing	26 Oktober 2024

Sign up:

Register by email to: ron@honorscouncil.eu quoting 'Waddenlab' (that selects easier, thx for that).

Let's do it!

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