INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Dutch Studies Program offers a comprehensive education in Dutch language, literature, cultural history, and linguistics. Through a broad curriculum of English-taught courses, students study important cultural developments from the medieval towns in Flanders over the Dutch “Golden Age” and the Netherlands’ colonial expansion up to the contemporary multicultural, liberal, and European identity of the Low Countries.

Dutch Studies is a perfect complement for students pursuing a doctoral degree in fields such as History of Art, Southeast Asian Studies, Comparative Literature, German and/or Scandinavian Studies. A Dutch Studies major also offers other opportunities: both the Netherlands and Belgium are part of the top-10 foreign investors in the United States, and are the seat of many international organizations such as the EU and NATO.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Explore the Low Countries in the Summer Abroad course DUTCH 177: The Amsterdam-Brussels Connection.
- Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
- Practice speaking Dutch with your peers at the Dutch Studies Coffee Hour.
- Check out the scholarly resources in Dutch Studies in the department library, Dutch Studies Collection, and Sluiter Collection.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Compose the Dutch Studies major according to your personal interests. There are no required courses for the major besides Dutch language courses, which makes it easier to add Dutch Studies as a double major.
- Students who wish to specialize in Dutch Studies are encouraged to enroll in our introductory language course (DUTCH 1), upon which a specific program is elaborated according to the interests of each student.
- Already have an intended major but interested in Dutch Studies? Consider adding a Dutch Studies minor.

I took three Dutch courses with Professor Jeroen Dewulf and Esmée van der Hoeven. Both...are wonderful professors that I felt I could ask for help at any moment, and can confidently say they expanded my knowledge beyond measure.

– Sarah Russell-Cheung, Class of 2018
# Dutch Studies

**Bachelor of Arts**

## Design Your Journey

### First Year
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S and HUM 10 (Compass Courses) and learn about study options in L&S and the Arts & Humanities.

### Second Year
- Complete the lower division prerequisite elementary Dutch language sequence and meet with the advisor to declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

### Third Year
- Focus on upper division requirements in Dutch language, literature, and culture courses.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about the Dutch Studies honors program.

### Fourth Year
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

## What Can I Do with My Major?

### Jobs and Employers
- Diplomat
- International Relations Officer
- Journalist
- Museum Curator
- Translator
- Tutor

### Graduate Programs
- Business
- Comparative Literature
- Elementary Education
- German
- History of Art
- International Relations
- Law
- Medicine
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Scandinavian Studies
- Secondary Education
- Social Work
- Southeast Asian Studies

### Career Mail
- Handshake
- Set up an account and sign up for the CareerMail.
- Check out the Career Center.
- Yearly Planner.
- Counseling Library.

### Study Abroad
- Options in the Netherlands with the Dutch Studies department library.
- Explore the Dutch Studies collections in the Sluiter Collection.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

### Service Center
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair.
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.

### Haas Scholars Program
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through SURF-SMART.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP.

### Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop
- College advisor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

### Discover Your Passions
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
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### Connect and Build Community
- Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Use the resources at the Berkeley Language Center.

### Discover
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the Dutch Studies collections in the department library. Dutch Studies Collection, and Sluiter Collection.

### Engage Locally and Globally
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in the Netherlands with Berkeley Study Abroad.

### Reflect and Plan Your Future
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
- Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

### Career Center and Career Counseling Library
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

### Hone Your Leadership Skills
- Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.

### Examples Gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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