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.

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.

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.
### DUTCH STUDIES  
**Bachelor of Arts**

**Explore your major**
- 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.

**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 your passions**
- 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**
- 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.

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### DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

#### FIRST YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - 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.

#### SECOND YEAR
- **Connect and build community**
  - Join a student organization such as the Dutch Student Association at Berkeley.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
  - Come to the Dutch Studies Coffee Hour and practice speaking Dutch with your peers.

#### THIRD YEAR
- **Discover your passions**
  - Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM150: Entrepreneurship for All.

#### FOURTH YEAR
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visit and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.

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### 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

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**Course Collections**
- American Cultures
- Asian Studies
- Observations
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Social Work

**Upper Division Requirements**
- 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.

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

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**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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