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.

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

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

## Design Your Journey

### First Year
- **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.

### Second 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.

- **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.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SMART.
  - Build your research skills in HUM 190: Research Bootcamp.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
  - Check out the Summer Abroad course 177: The Amsterdam-Brussels Connection.

### Third Year
- **Explore your major**
  - 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.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Explore resources of the BENELUX Program.
  - Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
  - Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.

- **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.
  - Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

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

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

- **Connect and build community**
  - Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.
  - Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Teach your own DeCal course.
  - Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
  - Apply for the European Studies Undergraduate Paper Prize.
  - Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - 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.

### 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

### What Can I Do with My Major?

**Survey of Jobs and Employers**

- Communications
- Business Development
- Research and Analysis
- Program Management
- Policy
- Technology
- Education
- Healthcare
- Nonprofit
- Government
- Consulting
- Media
- Law
- Arts
- Entrepreneurship

**Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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