


DUTCH

As we move towards a global future, the study of foreign languages and cultures becomes increasingly important. There are over 23 million Dutch speakers in the world and, in an English-speaking context, a graduate with a good command of Dutch is rare, so learning Dutch opens up unique career opportunities.



Degree programme
R911 Dutch BA 4 years
Modern language programmes
R000 Modern Languages BA 4 years and RY00 Modern Language Plus BA 4 years allow you to combine study of Dutch with another subject – see page 58 for full details
Entry requirements (See also page 168)
A levels: BBB to include a foreign language. A pass in a further subject at AS level or equivalent
IB Diploma: 32 points
Other qualifications: see website above
Number of places
10
RAE score (What is the RAE? See page 6)
5
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 Booklet available
See page 176 for details

What do we offer?

Choosing Dutch at UCL enables you to study this Germanic language from scratch and graduate as a fluent and interculturally competent speaker of Dutch. Our position in the heart of London provides access to a rich variety of cultural experiences, including a range of events and activities with a Dutch and Flemish focus such as exhibitions, concerts, and poetry readings.

You will have access to the most comprehensive Dutch library in the English-speaking world, our book collection is supplemented by periodicals, multimedia resources and Dutch and Belgian films and documentaries on DVD. Acclaimed Dutch authors work with students through our annual Writer-in-Residence Scheme.

Your degree

You can study Dutch as a four-year single-subject degree, combine it with another modern European language (**Modern Languages BA**), or with another discipline (**Modern Language Plus BA**), see page 58.

No previous knowledge of Dutch is required for entry, as you will receive intensive language teaching in the first two years if you start the subject from scratch. Our aim is that by the end of the final year you will be able to function effectively in a Dutch language environment, both socially and professionally. We also welcome students who are native Dutch speakers.

The intensive language course develops practical language skills while the core cultural studies courses focus on issues of identities, communities and ways of investigating contemporary culture. Aside from core courses you can choose options in literature, history and socio-linguistics.

In the **Dutch BA** you will spend your third year of study in the Netherlands or Belgium during which you may study at a Dutch or Belgian university, teach as a language assistant in a secondary school or work on placement in a field related to your studies or intended career.

Your learning

We teach Dutch using modern communicative methods to develop fluency, accuracy and an understanding of stylistic issues. Literature, history, linguistics and cultural studies are taught through a mixture of seminars, group work, web-based courses and tutorials.

You also have the exciting opportunity to get involved with the Virtual Department of Dutch, a collaborative teaching project between UCL and the universities of Cambridge, Sheffield and Nottingham. You will be able to participate in joint projects with students from our partner institutions using video conferencing and e-learning methods. For more information visit the Virtual Department website www.ucl.ac.uk/dutch/virtualdutch

Courses are assessed by various methods: written and oral/aural examinations, essays, presentations and project work.

Your application

Although you are able to study Dutch at UCL without any previous knowledge of the language, our degrees do require an interest in languages and a proven ability in language learning (see our entry requirements in the left-hand column).

We take into account your academic performance and educational background, but we also place great importance on your



personal statement, explaining your motivation to study Dutch, and your referee's report.

If your application is short-listed, and you live in the UK, we will invite you for an interview. Your visit will include an opportunity to meet staff and current students, listen to an introductory talk, and have a tour of UCL. The interview is a two-way process: it gives us the opportunity to find out more about your interests, capabilities and personality, and also allows you to find out more about the department and the degree programme.

We welcome applications from those living outside the UK. Such candidates will not necessarily be required to attend an interview.

Your career

Belgium and the Netherlands are two of the world's most advanced manufacturing and trading areas. The Benelux countries

are Britain's third largest trading partner in Europe, housing the headquarters of several multinational companies, the International Court of Justice and the political heart of the European Union.

If you are thinking either of a career or of gaining work experience in the Netherlands or Belgium, it may be good to remember that while many people there have a basic working knowledge of English, the English native speaker who is also fluent in Dutch has a tremendous advantage. There is a significant and growing demand for Dutch-speaking graduates in Dutch and Belgian companies.

A substantial number of our graduates use their Dutch in a variety of contexts such as banking, insurance, public relations (often for multinational companies), and cultural institutions, or in teaching and translating. Some graduates go on to graduate training.

Degree structure

YEAR ONE

- Dutch Language 1
- Identities and Communities in the Netherlands and Belgium
- Plus further courses from a range of options

YEAR TWO

- Dutch Language 2
- Investigating Cultures: Concepts and Methods
- Plus further courses from a range of options

YEAR THREE

- Year spent abroad in the Netherlands or Flanders
- Year Abroad Project

FINAL YEAR

- Dutch Language 3
- Plus further courses from a range of options

Some of the options available (subject to change) are:

- Contemporary Culture and Society of Belgium and the Netherlands
- Sociolinguistics of the Dutch Language Area
- Advanced Translation
- Introduction to Contemporary Dutch and Belgian History
- Themes in Dutch and Belgian History since 1930
- Contemporary Dutch Literature
- Dutch Renaissance and Golden Age Literature

Careers advice is available at UCL and in the department; openings for graduates in Dutch are regularly brought to our notice and communicated through the UCL Careers Service.

The following examples are drawn from data collected on behalf of the Higher Education Statistics Agency for the 2004-2006 graduating cohorts as part of a survey of first career destinations of UK/EU graduates six months only after graduation.

- Customer Advisor, Barclays
- Photographer, Self-employed
- Freelance Translator, Market Research Company