

DUTCH STUDIES

Major Map

Explore the language, literature, culture, and history of the Netherlands, Flanders, Dutch Caribbean, and Suriname.

The **Bachelor of Arts in Dutch Studies** in the College of Letters & Science offers a comprehensive education in Dutch language, literature, cultural history, and linguistics. Through a broad curriculum of English-taught courses, as well as Dutch language 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.

The Dutch Studies Program is of unique national and international importance. The UC Berkeley Library possesses one of the richest Dutch book collections in the United States, and collaboration with Dutch and Flemish universities and cultural organizations has made Berkeley a leading Dutch intellectual center.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Practice your Dutch with members of the **Dutch Student Association at Berkeley**.
- Explore the many **study abroad** options in the Netherlands.
- Participate in **department events** like the **Prof. Johan Snapper Lecture**.



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“ I fully enjoyed all aspects about the Dutch Studies Program and the support that I received...helped shape me into the person who I am today. If you're thinking about taking any Dutch courses, do it! You won't regret getting to know this amazing community of people. ”

—Lisanne van Engelen, class of 2019

UC Berkeley

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Dutch Studies

CURRICULUM

Our Dutch Studies Program offers a wide selection of **courses** covering Dutch language courses for absolute beginners and advanced speakers of Dutch, as well as courses taught in English on Dutch culture, linguistics, literature, and history. There are no required courses for the Dutch major besides the Dutch language courses. This enables students to compose the Dutch major according to their personal interests, and also makes it easier to add Dutch Studies as a double major.

Due to the limited number of upper division courses in the Dutch Studies program, we strongly encourage students considering the major to apply to study abroad. Students who study at a Dutch university can apply for course equivalents to be counted to the Dutch Studies major, pending approval by the Dutch Studies Program Director.

Learn more at
dutch.berkeley.edu/undergraduate-program

DECLARING THE MAJOR

Upon acceptance to UC Berkeley, you are admitted to the College of Letters & Science as an undeclared student. To declare the major in Dutch Studies, contact the **Dutch Studies Student Advisor** for more information.

Transfer students should contact the Dutch Studies Student Advisor as early as possible to check on availability of courses required for the major; in some cases, transfers are recommended to pursue the **minor in Dutch Studies** in lieu of the major.

STUDY OPTIONS

The Dutch Studies Program offers a number of options:

- Already have an intended major? Consider adding Dutch as a second major or **minor**.
- Need to fulfill the American Cultures requirement? Enroll in **DUTCH 161AC** Multiracial Americans or **DUTCH 171AC** From New Amsterdam to New York: Race, Culture, and Identity in New Netherland.
- Want to study abroad in the Netherlands? Apply to **UCEAP** options in Maastricht, Utrecht, or Wageningen.



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WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Dutch Studies provides students with the language fluency, cultural knowledge, academic experience, and analytical skills necessary to attend graduate school, enter the job market, and become global citizens. The major is an excellent foundation for students pursuing a doctoral degree in history of art, Southeast Asian studies, comparative literature, and other fields. 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, including NATO, the EU Parliament & Commission, International Court of Justice, and Greenpeace.

UC Berkeley offers a number of career resources for students in Dutch Studies. The College of Letters & Science spotlights **career pathways** for students in the Arts & Humanities, and offers **advising** for undergraduates pursuing medical or health professions programs, law school, or masters and PhD programs. Additionally, **Berkeley Career Engagement** provides career and graduate school advising, job and internship listings, and events such as career and graduate school fairs.



SPOTLIGHT

Julie, class of 2015

Julie van den Hout earned a BA in Dutch Studies at UC Berkeley followed by an MA in History from San Francisco State University. She has since worked as an independent scholar focusing on 17th-century Dutch research and writing.

"Studying Dutch opens the door, not only to the language and history of a small country, but to everywhere the Dutch have traveled and touched.... The small and accessible Dutch Studies Program at UC Berkeley welcomed me as a transfer student and supported me with both academics and community. I ended up with a major in Dutch Studies, an honors thesis, and research that I love on the seventeenth-century colony of New Netherland."

EMPLOYMENT

Alumni find employment in a variety of fields and industries after graduation. Examples include:

Diplomat
International Relations Officer
Interpreter
Journalist
Museum Curator
Translator
Tutor

GRADUATE STUDY

Alumni pursue graduate education to gain more depth of knowledge in their field as well as prepare for jobs that require advanced degrees. Examples include:

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

FOUR-YEAR STUDENT TIMELINE

Dutch Studies

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

Plan your studies

Start exploring with **L&S 1** and first-year guides from **L&S** and **Arts & Humanities**.

Visit **L&S Advising** for help with **major exploration** and **degree requirements**.

Familiarize yourself with the **Dutch Studies major**; begin the lower division language sequence (DUTCH 1 + 2).

Join **Berkeley Connect** for 1:1 mentoring and to meet peers with shared interests.

Discover new interests in a **Freshman Seminar** (DUTCH 24), **Berkeley Changemaker**, or **A&H Compass or Gateway** course.

Meet with your **major** and **college advisor** to discuss your academic plans.

Continue exploring with a **Sophomore Seminar** or **Big Ideas course**.

Look into **study abroad**; see **resources** from the program and options in the **Netherlands**.

Enrich your studies with a **certificate** or minor such as **Applied Language Studies**.

Complete the lower division language sequence and declare the major.

Engage outside the classroom

Get involved with a **student organization** like the **Dutch Student Association**.

Visit **Berkeley Discovery** to get started with research, entrepreneurship, public service, and creative projects.

Learn how to **prepare for office hours** and build relationships with faculty.

Practice your Dutch at the weekly **Koffieurtje** (coffee hour).

Attend **department events** like the **Prof. Johan Snapper Lecture**.

Develop your skills in the **Berkeley Student Leadership Academy**.

Learn about the **BENELUX Program**.

Explore research opportunities on the **OURS** website; apply to **URAP** to work on a faculty research project.

Check out the **Townsend Center for the Humanities**.

Apply for a **FLAS award**.

Pursue your career goals

Visit **UHS Career Counseling** and **Berkeley Career Engagement**.

Start exploring **career paths** for the major; check out career resources on the **Arts & Humanities** website.

Begin **making a plan** to get career ready.

Create or update your **resume** and **LinkedIn** profile.

Use **Handshake** to start connecting with career events and opportunities.

Meet with a BCE **career educator** to discuss career options and goals.

Build your **network** and explore career fields via **job shadowing** and **informational interviews**.

Pursue an **internship** to build skills and explore fields; look into the **USA2Holland Internship Program**.

Considering graduate school? Explore resources from the **Graduate Division**, **L&S Advising**, and **BCE**; look into the **Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship**.

THIRD YEAR

Enroll in DUTCH 110 and begin taking **upper division requirements** in the major.

Review your **degree progress** with your major and college advisor.

Develop your writing and critical thinking in an **Art of Writing seminar**.

Spend a term off-campus with **UCDC** or the **Intercampus Visitor Program**.

Consider applying to the **Dutch Studies Honors Program**; look into the Haas Scholars and **SURF** programs.

Help other students as a member of the **A&H Dean's Leadership Team**.

Check out the **Public Service Internship, College Corps, and Haas Public Service Leaders Program**.

Browse scholarly resources in the **department library, Dutch Studies Collection, and Sluiter Collection**.

Welcome new students to Berkeley as a **Golden Bear Orientation Leader**.

Connect with the NorCal chapter of the **Netherland-America Foundation**.

Speak with faculty, advisors, and career educators about post-graduate options.

Join a professional association such as the **American Association for Netherlandic Studies**.

Interested in public service careers? Consider applying to the **John Gardner Fellowship, Huntington Award, or Truman Scholarship**.

FOURTH YEAR

Finish all upper division requirements and electives.

Consider doing a Capstone Project (DUTCH 195) under faculty direction.

Join a thesis writing workshop at the **Townsend Center** or **Student Learning Center**.

Complete any remaining **degree requirements** and **prepare for graduation**.

Interested in teaching? Give it a try by teaching your own **DeCal course**.

Submit a course research project for the **Library Prize, American Cultures Student Prize, or other awards**.

Get published! Submit your work to the **Berkeley Undergraduate Journal**.

Pursue a special project after graduation with the **Stronach Prize**.

Check in with a **BCE career educator**.

Start connecting with **alumni groups** and **events**.

Apply to graduate school or post-graduate programs.

Meet employers at **info sessions, on-campus recruiting, and career fairs**.

Utilize **job search tools** from BCE and apply for job opportunities.

Learn about **alumni career services**.

SUMMER

Make progress on degree requirements with a **Summer Sessions** course.

Study abroad in Maastricht with **UCEAP**.

Look into a summer internship with **Cal in the Capital, Cal in Sacramento, or Berkeley Global Internships**.

Pursue a **summer minor or certificate**—check out programs in **Digital Humanities** and **Teaching English**.

Apply to the **GiGS program** to learn about graduate school.

Use this major map to help plan your undergraduate experience, including academic and co-curricular opportunities. Activities in this map are suggestions—always consult with your advisors whenever possible.

LEARN MORE

Undergraduate Advising

Have questions about Dutch Studies or choosing a major?

The Dutch Studies Program offers undergraduate advising for students interested in the Dutch Studies major or minor, or Dutch language study. The **Dutch Studies Student Advisor** is available for virtual and in-person advising (5311 Dwinelle Hall). For more information, contact germanua@berkeley.edu.

The College of Letters & Science helps students with non-major-specific academic topics, including major exploration, general program planning, finding campus resources, and pre-professional graduate programs. L&S College Advisors are available for in-person and virtual meetings. Visit lsadvising.berkeley.edu or email asklns@berkeley.edu.

Related Programs

Looking for programs similar to Dutch Studies? UC Berkeley also offers the following major, minor, and certificate programs:

- **Anthropology**
- **Comparative Literature**
- **Film and Media**
- **French**
- **German**
- **Global Studies**
- **History**
- **History of Art**
- **Jewish Studies**
- **Medieval Studies**
- **Political Science**
- **Sociology**



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