DUTCH BA / UCAS CODE: R911 2018 ENTRY

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This four-year programme focuses on the language, culture and history of the Netherlands and Flanders. Students start learning Dutch from scratch and graduate as fluent and interculturally competent speakers of this global language.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// No previous knowledge of Dutch is required, as you will receive intensive language training in the first two years if you start the subject from scratch. You may also start the programme as a more advanced speaker of Dutch.

// You can go on summer language courses after the first year and will spend the third year of study in the Netherlands or Flanders (the northern part of Belgium). You will benefit from the extensive contacts the department has with Dutch and Belgian universities including Amsterdam, Utrecht and Antwerp.

// You will study in a small, friendly department. Our high staff to student ratio is unusual in higher education.

// You will have access to one of the most comprehensive Dutch libraries in the English-speaking world, including our collection of Dutch and Belgian films and multimedia learning resources.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 74% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’) Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The Dutch BA is a four-year, single-subject programme. Each year, students take a total of four course units. The intensive language module develops practical language skills while the cultural studies modules focus on issues of identities and communities, as well as on ways of investigating contemporary culture. Aside from core modules, you can choose options in literature, history and sociolinguistics.

You will also take modules from the UCL School of European Languages, Culture & Society (SELCS). This will allow you to study subjects such as literature, film, linguistics and history and focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The third year of study is spent in the Netherlands or Belgium, during which you may study at a Dutch or Belgian university, teach as a language assistant, or work on placement in a field related to your studies or intended career.

**YEAR ONE**

Core or compulsory module(s)
// Dutch language I

Optional modules
// You will select modules from a wide range of options. Options may include:
- Born out of Rebellion: The Netherlands from the Dutch Revolt to the Eve of World War I
- Modern Dutch Literary Texts

You will also choose interdepartmental modules from a wide range offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of linguistics, history and film.

**YEAR TWO**

Core or compulsory module(s)
// Dutch Language II

Optional modules
// You will select modules from a wide range of options. Options may include:
- At the Crossroads Of Europe: Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg in the 20th and 21st Centuries
- Multiculturalism and Identity
- 20th Century Dutch Literature: Themes

You will also choose interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS.

**YEAR THREE**

Year abroad

// You will choose a first- and second-choice university (or two destinations for split-language students). Allocations are made according to preference, the number of spaces available at each university and demand for those spaces, with the final decision being your average year one mark achieved on SELCS modules. Students allocated to destinations within the EU are eligible for the Erasmus+ Mobility Grant. While students will be advised by their host universities on how to apply for accommodation, UCL also puts students in contact with returning students, who can provide help and tips with respect to living arrangements. Students must study in the target language.

Year abroad: further details
// For further information on the year abroad, including destination options, please visit the SELCS year abroad website
// Note: in lieu of a university placement, students can do a work placement abroad, provided the placement is arranged and approved by the end of April in the preceding academic year. Students may also apply for British Council language assistantships.
// For general information about the year abroad please visit UCL Study Abroad for further details.
**Final Year**

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Dutch Language III

Optional modules
- You will select modules from a wide range of options. Options may include:
  - ELCS Advanced Level modules
  - Nomadic Literature
  - Project in Dutch

**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 will be able to become involved with VirtualDutch, a collaborative teaching network between UCL, Cambridge, Sheffield and Nottingham Universities.

**Assessment**

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

**Your career**

A substantial number of our graduates use their language skills in a variety of contexts, such as public relations (often for multinational companies, many of which have Dutch origins), insurance, banking, political and cultural institutions, or teaching and translating. Some graduates go on to Master's or PhD programmes.

There is significant and growing demand for Dutch-speaking graduates, as evidenced by the regular requests the department receives from employers. In the English-speaking context, a university graduate with a good command of Dutch is rare, giving the graduate a major and distinguishing asset.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:
- MA in Church History, University of Nottingham
- Technical Project Leader, Orion House
- Donor Provision and Welfare Coordinator, Anthony Nolan Trust
- Lecturer, UCL

**Your application**

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

You are able to take this programme without any previous knowledge of Dutch. However, the degree does require an interest in languages and a proven ability in language learning (see our entry requirements). We will take into account your academic performance and educational background, but also place great importance on your personal statement, your motivation to study Dutch, and your references.

If your application demonstrates that your academic ability and motivation make you well-suited to our degree and you receive an offer, we will invite you to a post-offer open day. There, you can experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
ABB

Subjects
Foreign language preferred.

GCSE
English Language at grade B, plus Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
34 overall.

Subjects
A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects preferably including a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

Tuition Fees
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £17,710 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

Funding
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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