This four-year programme focuses on language, culture and history of the Netherlands and Flanders, two neighbouring countries that are among the largest trading partners of the UK. Dutch is also an official language in Suriname and to a large extent mutually intelligible with Afrikaans, one of South Africa’s languages. Students graduate as fluent and interculturally competent speakers of this global language.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

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.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module 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 120 credits. 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 from a wide range of Interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of literature, 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 take SELCS Interdepartmental Intermediate modules from a wide choice including literature, history, linguistics and visual culture options.

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your Year Abroad in a Dutch-speaking country.
// You will undertake an internship or a university placement, subject to language choice and approval, to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion. The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects.
// 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:

- Making Modern Dutch Literature
- Contemporary History and society of the Low Countries
- Project in Dutch
- SELCS interdepartmental advanced modules

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 of Dutch departments across the country.

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.

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
Standard Offer: ABB. Foreign language preferred.
Contextual Offer: BBB. Foreign language preferred.

GCSE
English Language at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 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
Standard Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects preferably including a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32 points. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects preferably including a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.

CONCEPTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

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)
UCL 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 2019/20 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £19,970 (2019/20)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional costs
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

FUNDING
Modern European Languages Scholarship https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/undergraduate/MELS

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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Brexit
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/brexit

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