

## OPEN COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO THE DUTCH LANGUAGE

The course provides the students with a basic knowledge of Dutch and of the cultures of Dutch-speaking nations. The language is explored comparatively, both internally, through discussion of its different varieties, and externally, through comparisons with its three big neighbours, German, French and English. The students will learn the fundamentals of Dutch orthography and pronunciation. They will also get acquainted with the basic vocabulary of Dutch and learn how to deduce the meanings of Dutch words by applying their knowledge of other languages such as English and German. The course is of practical benefit and interest to students of philosophy, general linguistics, art history, European history, et cetera, and of course to students considering a short- or long-term stay in a Dutch-speaking country.

The final grade for the course will be determined by homework and participation (33%) and a final test (67%).

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 4 ECTS.

Classes will take place in room 319 of the Faculty of Arts building, from 5:30PM to 7PM on Tuesdays.

## SYLLABUS

1 October:	A short history of the Dutch language
8 October:	Comparative Dutch: Dutch vs. other languages
15 October:	Comparative Dutch: varieties of Dutch
22 October:	Dutch phonetics and orthography: theory
29 October:	Dutch phonetics and orthography: practice
5 November:	Dutch grammar: morphology
12 November:	Dutch grammar: word order
19 November:	Dutch grammar: practice
26 November:	Dutch vocabulary: basic words
3 December:	Dutch vocabulary: international words
10 December:	Practice: reading and listening
17 December:	Practice: reading and listening
7 January:	Practice: reading and listening (TEST)