

Welcome to Social Dutch 2!

Introduction

Welcome to Social Dutch – Part 2, our beginners course in Dutch. The course consists of 28 hours in total, including two contact hours per week and approximately 1.5 to 2 hours of self-study after each session with your teacher.

Course Book

We use *Start.nl – Deel 2*, published by Coutinho, ISBN 978-90-469-0379-7, or E-book ISBN 9789046962671 via Bookshelf. Please ensure you have your own copy of the book before the course begins. Second-hand books or photocopies are not permitted, as each book includes a unique access code for the online learning platform. You will find this code on the second page of your book, along with the website link.

Self-Study

Your self-study activities are supported by a digital learning environment, accessible via the code in your course book. These activities include:

Preparation

- Dialogue and exercises
- Grammar
- Vocabulary

Consolidation (for further practicing):

- Additional grammar exercises
- Additional vocabulary exercises
- Listening and comprehension exercises

Test

- Written test

Class

The group sessions are held once a week and last for two hours. During these sessions, you will work with your teacher and fellow students to enhance your listening and speaking skills through a variety of interactive exercises. You are also welcome to ask questions about your homework and grammar. Please note that the primary focus of the course is on communication.

Assessment

An oral exam will take place halfway through the course and again at the end. In addition, there is an online writing test after each chapter. These online tests are not mandatory; however, we strongly recommend completing them if you plan to continue with a regular Dutch course in the future.

Please note the following important guidelines:

- You are expected to attend a minimum of six group sessions.
- It is not possible to switch to another group.
- The date of your assessment cannot be changed, and no re-sits will be offered.

Proof of participation

Your progress will be continually assessed and the final grade is based upon the first assessment (50%) and the final assessment (50%). If your average grade is at least 6, you will receive a certificate. This certificate will be sent to you digitally by the Education Office of the Language Centre.

The number of credits earned after successfully concluding this course is the equivalent of 1 ECTS according to Maastricht University's guidelines. Please consult with your Faculty / home university if these credits will be accepted as part of your programme.

Follow-up course

If you would like to continue learning Dutch, don't forget to register! Please note that if you wish to enrol in a regular Dutch course, both an oral and a written intake will always be required.

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/language-centre/practical-course-information>

On behalf of the Dutch team, we would like to wish you a very pleasant and effective course!