

## Welcome to Introduction to Dutch!

Welcome to the Introduction to Dutch (A1) course! In this course you will learn to speak, write, listen and read in Dutch. Furthermore, each session will focus on Dutch culture.

### **This is a 14-week course.**

Can do's after the first 7 weeks:

- introduce yourself and someone else
- talk about hobbies
- talk about family and friends
- talk about daily activities
- make an appointment
- order in a bar or restaurant
- do grocery shopping

The second half of the course also consists of 7 sessions.

Can do's after the second 7 weeks:

- ask for/understand travel information
- talk about your house
- talk about events in the past/holiday activities
- make a reservation at a restaurant
- talk about food and drinks
- talk about clothes

### **Course Book**

We use Start.nl – Deel 1, published by Coutinho, ISBN 978-90-469-0566-1 or E-book ISBN 9789046964064 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 / homework**

For this course, you have to do homework: 3,5 - 4 hours a week. For each session, you will complete the homework listed in the study guide. It always consists of the following items:

- preparation of the upcoming chapter (website book)
- Consolidation of a chapter (website book)
- extracurricular assignment (buitenschoolse opdracht, Canvas)
- writing assignment (Canvas)

**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 through a variety of interactive exercises.

**Please note the following important guidelines:**

- You are expected to attend a minimum of **twelve** group sessions.
- You cannot miss the first two sessions.
- The date of test cannot be changed.

**Certificate A1**

In session 14, the reading, listening, writing and speaking tests will take place. If you pass the tests (and if you meet the attendance requirement) you will receive a digital certificate A1, issued by the Education Office of the Language Centre.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will earn the equivalent of 3 ECTS credit, in accordance with Maastricht University's guidelines. Please consult your faculty or home university to confirm whether these credits can be counted towards your academic programme.

**Follow-up course**

If you would like to continue learning Dutch, don't forget to register for Dutch A2minus (NLA2min)!

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

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