

## Welcome to Social Dutch 1!

### Introduction

Welcome to Social Dutch – Part 1, 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 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

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 test will be conducted halfway through the course and again at the end.

**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 continuously monitored, and your final grade will be based equally on the mid-course assessment (50%) and the final assessment (50%).

If your average grade is at least 6.0, you will receive a digital proof of participation, issued by the Education Office of the Language Centre.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will earn the equivalent of 1 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 Social Dutch, part 2.

<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!**