

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 team, we would like to wish you a very pleasant and effective course!