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Did you know that the University of Wisconsin-Madison is one of just a few universities in the U.S. that offer Dutch?

Why Dutch?

The facts may surprise you (and here are just a few):

22 million inhabitants of the Netherlands and Flemish Belgium speak Dutch. That's more than all the Scandinavian languages put together.

GOVERNMENT and POLITICS: Brussels is the capital of the European Community. The Netherlands and Belgium are crucially important members of the European Community and of NATO.

BUSINESS: The Netherlands is the second greatest foreign investor in the USA. Many international corporations situate their European distribution center or main office for Europe in the Netherlands. Recently, American investment in the Netherlands has been twice what it was in Mexico and ten times what it was in China.

WORLDWIDE: Dutch is also the official language of Suriname and the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean; Dutch is an important language for research about the history of Indonesia.

THE ARTS: architecture: (Rem Koolhaas and others); **art** (Karel Appel, Mondriaan, Rembrandt, Vermeer, M. C. Escher, Marcel Broodthaers), **high fashion, music, dance,** and the **theater** are flourishing in the Dutch-speaking world; the very lively Dutch tradition of **literature** dates back to the Middle Ages.

SCIENCE and ENGINEERING: The Universities of the Low Countries are particularly famous for their research in Agriculture, Aquatic Engineering, and City Planning.

AMERICA: The first inhabitants of New York State and the Hudson Valley were Dutch, and many Wisconsinites have Dutch or Flemish ("Belgian-Dutch") roots.

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What is Dutch like?

Dutch looks and sounds more like English than any other national language. Have a look at the following pairs:

him - hem	house - huis
to hope - hopen	pen - pen
one-two-three-four-five / een-twee-drie-vier-vijf...	

And if you already know German ... well, you can see what an *interesting* time you'll have studying Dutch! (Hint: no cases).

Study Abroad

...in the beautiful, medieval, exciting, utterly modern city of Utrecht, the Netherlands, at the world-class University of Utrecht. The U.W.-Madison has courses in Dutch language and culture to help prepare you! Students who complete four semesters of Dutch language courses (German 111 through 214) receive preference in the application process.

Dutch courses offered fall 2005-2006

First Semester Dutch = "German 111" - we offer a choice of times to fit your life:

Third Semester Dutch = "German 213"

Fifth Semester Dutch = "German 335"

Dutch Culture = "German 245" (Topics in Dutch Life and Culture):

"Dutch tolerance" and the multicultural society

In the spring semester, we typically offer

Second Semester Dutch - German 112

Fourth Semester Dutch - German 214

Dutch Literature (taught in English) – Literature in Translation 326; the topic changes annually.

Topics in Dutch Literature – German 325 (for those with Dutch skills); the topic changes annually.

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