

Course manual Dutch for beginners

What is expected of you?

This block element helps the student to acquire a practical knowledge of Dutch. A student that has successfully completed the course will achieve level A1 according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages. This course focuses mainly on spoken Dutch. However, listening, reading and writing skills are being considered as well. The command of level A1 enables students to make themselves understood on a basic level in a Dutch speaking environment.

FIBS graduates have a lot to gain from this. Speaking Dutch is particularly useful in the light of potential export possibilities to the Netherlands. In this way, students can distinguish themselves from their peers. Moreover, being able to speak basic Dutch will also help students to function well within Dutch society during their studies. After graduation, Dutch language skills may be an advantage on many labour markets, since the Dutch currently have the 15th largest economy.

Moreover, can you imagine telling your friends or future employers that you do not speak any Dutch, even though you studied there for four years? No Way. So just go for it. It is easier than you may think. It is a considerable advantage to be able to communicate in a third or maybe even a fourth language.

After successfully finishing this course and Dutch 2, a student should have reached Level A1. The term Level A1 is taken from an international recognised grid that divides acquiring a foreign language into different European levels.

Oral test

The learning arrangement will be rounded off with an oral test during final examination weeks. During this oral test, the contents of week 1 till week 14 will be tested.

The final grade is determined as follows:

Oral test: 100%

To complete the course successfully, the grade of both tests has to be 5.5 or higher. Students who do not take part in an examination receive a 0 for this examination. All grades will be rounded to one decimal place.

Examination criteria

- Pronunciation
- Grammar
- Word order
- Vocabulary
- Fluency

Recording

The oral test will be recorded with a voice recorder.

Further terms

Students who are not on time for the oral test or do not show up at all will be excluded from participation in the test. They can take part in the re-take (see **Re-examination**).

Re-examination

A re-examination opportunity for the tests will be offered in official re-examination weeks of the semester. The content will be the same as the original tests.

Students who did not pass this course after the re-examination and who have achieved 45 credits at the end of the first study year need to re-take in the next semester in which this course will be offered for their course.

This re-take will be offered at the terms as described under 'Examination' and 'Examination criteria' in the course manual of the **next** semester of their course in which this block element will be offered again. Therefore, students need to study the course manual of **next** semester very carefully.