Dutch Studies

The Designated Emphasis (DE) in Dutch Studies provides curricular and research resources for students who want to concentrate on Dutch Studies within their respective disciplines and have their work formally recognized in their degree designation. Designed to bring together faculty and students from different departments, the DE will be administered by the Graduate Group in Dutch Studies and will provide a unique context for rigorous cross-disciplinary research. Sponsoring departments include German, History, History of Art, Southeast Asian Studies, African-American Studies, Comparative Literature, French, and Sociology. However, the DE is open to interested students regardless of whether their home department is officially affiliated with the DE. The program will help advance Berkeley’s position as America’s leading Dutch studies program and facilitate research in and cooperation with other universities in the Netherlands, Belgium, South Africa, Indonesia, and the Caribbean, for example, who also have strong Dutch studies programs. Students applying to the DE must be prepared to integrate high-level research in Dutch studies into their coursework, qualifying exam and dissertation.

To be admitted to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering, an applicant must already be accepted into a PhD program at the University of California, Berkeley. For further information regarding admission to graduate programs at UC Berkeley, please see the Graduate Division’s Admissions website (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions).

Students are required to fill out a form requesting admission, listing their prior preparation in the field, and their projected pathway through the program. In addition, they have to submit a brief essay stating interests and reasons for applying, a CV, a writing sample, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the student’s home department indicating why and how the student would benefit from the DE.

Students must be admitted to the DE prior to taking their qualifying exams. Admission will be determined on the basis of how coherently and logically the student can articulate the value of the DE for her/his larger course of study and career goals, as well as on the quality of the written work.

Curriculum/Coursework

Students admitted to the designated emphasis program must complete the following requirements before applying for their qualifying examination:

Language Requirement

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<tr>
<td>DUTCH 100</td>
<td>Dutch for Reading Knowledge ¹</td>
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<td>or DUTCH 1</td>
<td>Elementary Dutch</td>
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Integrative Course

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<td>DUTCH 299</td>
<td>Individual Studies in Dutch for Graduate Students ²</td>
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Electives

Select two additional courses related to Dutch Studies, from the following approved list; at least one must be a graduate seminar. ³

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<td>AFRICAM 118</td>
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<td>AFRICAM 131</td>
<td>Caribbean Societies and Cultures</td>
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¹ Students who already possess a basic knowledge of Dutch can apply for dispensation of this requirement. In order to do so, their knowledge of Dutch has to be examined and officially acknowledged in a letter written by a member of the Dutch Studies Program in the Department of German.

² This course will serve as the integrative course for the program regarding methodology and research skills. The student needs to write a 7000-word article to complete the course, using a bibliography that includes Dutch studies materials. The ultimate goal is to elaborate an article in close cooperation with the supervising faculty member(s) that can be published in an academic journal in the field of Dutch studies (such as Dutch Crossing, Journal of Dutch Literature, or The Low Countries), or any other academic journal.

³ Students may petition for a course not on this established list if approved by the advising committee.
One of the two course electives can be fulfilled by repeating DUTCH 299, under the condition that the topic of this course changes.

**Qualifying Examination**

A member of the Graduate Group in Dutch Studies must be a formal member of the PhD qualifying examination committee of the DE student. Under most circumstances, the Graduate Group member in the student’s home department will serve in this function. A member of the graduate group may also serve as the outside member of the qualifying exam committee if not a faculty member of the student’s major. At least one Dutch studies topic must be included as a subject on the qualifying examination. Satisfactory performance on the qualifying examination for the PhD will be judged according to the established rules in the student’s major program.

**Dissertation**

A member of the Graduate Group in Dutch Studies must be a formal member of the dissertation committee of the DE student. The dissertation must (partially) relate to Dutch studies (such as Dutch culture, history, politics, art, literature, linguistics, or sociology).

**Degree conferral**

Upon completion of all requirements of the student’s major program and the DE in Dutch Studies, students will receive a designation on their transcript and diploma stating that they have completed a “PhD in ( . . . ) with a Designated Emphasis in Dutch Studies.”

**Dutch Studies**

**DUTCH 299 Individual Studies in Dutch for Graduate Students 1 - 8 Units**

Offered through: German
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
For graduate students engaged in exploration of a restricted field, involving the writing of a research paper.

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Dutch/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.