

The University of California at Berkeley

**Summer 2009 Travel/Study Course to the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg**

Dutch 177 (6 semester units)

**The Amsterdam-Brussels Connection: History, Art and Identity in the Heart of Europe**

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Introduce yourself to the cultural history of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, three contrasting monarchies in the heart of Europe. From our starting point in Amsterdam, we travel to Ghent, in Belgium, then to Luxembourg and our final destination is Europe's capital Brussels. On our way, we will trace important cultural developments on daily fieldtrips. From the medieval towns in Flanders over the Dutch "Golden Age" up to the contemporary (multi)cultural, liberal and European identity of the Low Countries. You will engage with international politics, art and culture through trips to Haarlem, Delft, Rotterdam, Leiden, Utrecht, Louvain, Antwerp, Bruges, Ostend, Ypres, Namur and many other cities. Guided visits to the Dutch House of Representatives and the European Parliament in Brussels are also included.

No language-teaching is involved in this travel/study course. However, during the first six weeks-session (May-June), the Dutch Studies Program in cooperation with Summer Session will offer two Dutch language courses on campus: A six-weeks Intensive Dutch 1 Language Course for Beginners (5 units) and also a 1-week Intensive Dutch Language Course for Beginners as an Independent Study (Dutch 199, 1 unit). Enrollment in one of these language courses is optional and no requirement for participation in the Dutch 177 travel/study course. For more information, contact [jdewulf@berkeley.edu](mailto:jdewulf@berkeley.edu)

The Travel/Study Course Dutch 177 satisfies the Arts & Literature or Historical Studies L&S Breadth Requirements. It is also part of the Dutch Studies minor or major. Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor to see which other major/minor this program may fulfill. Visiting students are encouraged to talk to their advisor about transfer of credit to their home institution.

Itinerary (tentative)

***\*\*Note: students should plan their travel to arrive in Amsterdam, but to return from Brussels***

Sunday July 5  
Departure to Amsterdam.

### Monday July 6

Arrival at **Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol**.

Change some money into Euro's after you pass emigration-control and recover your baggage. Then take a train from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to Amsterdam Central Station. At Amsterdam Central Station you can take a taxi or tram to the Hostel. Check in at **Stayokay Amsterdam Vondelpark Hostel**. Rooms are available from 2pm onwards. If you arrive earlier, you can store your luggage in one of the lockers and wait until your room gets free. Assistant professor Martha de Bruin will be at the hostel at 2pm.

### Tuesday July 7

10am: Meeting at the reception of the Hostel.

10am-1pm: Lecture: Introduction to the Netherlands: Dutch identity/identities and the history of the Netherlands.

1.00-2.00pm: free for lunch.

2pm: Meeting at the reception of the Hostel and walk to van Gogh Museum.

2.30-4.30pm: Visit van Gogh Museum.

5.00-6.00pm: Canal tour by boat.

6.00pm: free.

### Wednesday July 8

10-12am Lecture: Dutch Golden Age – Painting

12.00-1pm: Film *The life of Rembrandt*

1-2pm: lunch

2pm: meeting reception hostel and walk to Rijksmuseum.

2.30-4.30pm: Visit Rijksmuseum: Visit of the collection of Dutch paintings from the Golden Age, including Rembrandt's famous painting *The Night Watch*.

4.30pm: free.

Optional evening program: Meeting at the hostel at 7pm. By tram to COC Amsterdam, Rozenstraat 14. 7.30-8.30pm: Visit COC Amsterdam, founded in 1946, it is the oldest LGBT organization in the world. Krzysztof Dobrowolski-Onclin takes us on a tour through Amsterdam and shows us some landmarks of gay and lesbian identity in the Netherlands, including the Homo-Monument in commemoration of the gay victims of the Holocaust.

### Thursday July 9

Visit The Hague by train.

Meeting at 8am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept. 08:10 (Leidseplein), arrival 08:24 A'dam centraal.

Train to The Hague at 08:41am, track 14. Arrival The Hague Centraal at 09:32am.]

10am-11.30am: Guided visit Dutch House of Representatives by Dutch MP Margot Kraneveldt-van der Veen. [Do not forget your passport; Visitors should dress appropriately – no shorts and flip-flops]

11.30am-1pm: Lunch with a Dutch MP. Discussion about the pros and cons of the progressive Dutch policies (liberalization of soft drugs, gay marriage, euthanasia, etc.).

1.30 -3pm: Visit to the Dutch Language Association “Taalunie”.  
Lecture on the history and the importance of the Dutch language by Ludo Parmentier, journalist for the newspaper *De Standaard* and director of the language commission for the leading Dutch Language Dictionary *Van Dale*.

3.30-5pm: Visit Mauritshuis - Art Museum with Vermeer’s famous painting *Girl with the Pearl Earring*.

5-6.30pm: Free time in The Hague.

Return to Amsterdam

Meeting 6.45pm at Den Haag Centraal Station

[Dept: 6.58pm Den Haag Centraal – Track 9 *Leiden Centraal*

Arrival: 7.50pm Amsterdam Centraal

Dept: 8.03pm Central Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 6mins, Tram 2&5 also goes to Leidseplein)

Arrival: 8:16pm Leidseplein]

Friday July 10

Visit Utrecht by train.

Meeting at 8.50am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: 9.06am Leidseplein Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 6mins, Tram 2&5 also goes *Amsterdam Centraal*)

Arrival: 9.19am Amsterdam Centraal

Dept.: 9.37am Amsterdam Centraal – Track 5 *Utrecht Centraal*

Arrival: 10.04am Utrecht Centraal]

10.30am-1pm: Visit Utrecht University. Information session about the Dutch educational system, the exchange program between UCB and Utrecht University. Presentation of Utrecht University. Sessions are organized by Prof. Dr. Wiljan van den Akker, Dean of Humanities, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ted Sanders (Dutch Studies Program) and MSc Caspar de Bok (Academic Affairs, Utrecht).

1-2pm: Lunch offered by Utrecht University.

2-4.30pm: Guided city tour in Utrecht. Visit Cathedral, St.

Catharijneconvent and the old city center.

4.30-6pm: free time in Utrecht.

Return to Amsterdam

Meeting at 6.15pm at Utrecht Centraal Station

[Dept: 6.25pm Utrecht Centraal – Track 7 *Amsterdam Centraal*

Arrival: 6.52pm Amsterdam Centraal

Dept: 7.00pm Central Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 10mins, Tram 2&5 also goes Leidseplein)

Arrival: 7:13pm Leidseplein]

Saturday July 11 – free day

Sunday July 12 – free day

Monday July 13

10.00-11.30am: Lecture: Multiculturalism in the Netherlands

11.30-1pm: Film *Shouf Shouf Habibi*

Meeting at 1:30pm at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept. 14:42 (Leidseplein, tram 10 Azartplein), transfer at Weesperplein to Metro 54 Gent (2pm) Arrival at 2:11pm Bijlmer Arena Station, walk to Anton Komplein]

2.30pm-4.30pm: Guided Tour in Amsterdam-Zuidoost, the most multicultural part of the city (130 nationalities). The Bijlmer-neighborhood was once a prestige project that represented the multicultural future of the Netherlands but eventually became one of the most crime-ridden zones of the city. Today it is totally renovated. This tour includes a visit of a Mosque and of a religious center for African evangelical churches.

4.30pm: free time in Amsterdam Zuidoost.

Meeting at 5:15pm at Anton Komplein. Return to Amsterdam

[Dept.:5:43pm Bijlmer Arena Station, metro 54 Centraal Station, transfer at Weesperplein to tram 10 Van Hallstraat Arrival: 6:08pm Leidseplein]

Tuesday July 14

Visit Leiden and Delft by train.

Meeting at 8.00am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: 8.12am Leidseplein Tram 1a (Tram 1a is every 6mins, Tram &5 also goes \*Amsterdam Centraal\*)

Arrival: 8.25am Amsterdam Centraal

Dept.: 8.40am Amsterdam Centraal – Track 1 \*Haarlem \*

Arrival: 9.38am Delft]

10am-11.45pm: City tour in Delft. Visit New Church with the Dutch royal family's burial vault and the former palace Prinsenhof where William of Orange was shot.

11.45am: Walk to Delft University of Technology.

12.15-1.15pm: Professor of Dutch Design Timo de Rijk will present us to his University and to some of its most famous technological inventions.

1.15-1.45pm: free for lunch

1.45pm: Walk to Delft Train Station.

[Dept: 2:24pm Leiden Centraal - Track 1 Den Haag

Arrival: 2:44pm Leiden Centraal]

3-4pm City tour in Leiden, the city with the oldest Dutch University.

4-5pm: Visit of the *National Museum of the History of Science and Medicine*. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Leiden was a European center of science. This legacy is reflected in this museum and its masterpiece: a replica of the oldest Anatomy Theatre in the world. We will be passing through twenty-three very contrasting rooms, traversing five centuries,

from late-medieval herbals to the comparatively recent electron microscope.  
5-6pm: free time in Leiden.

Meeting at 6pm at Leiden Central Station.

[Dept: 6.14pm Leiden Centraal, Track 4 Schiphol  
Arrival: 6.50pm Amsterdam Centraal]  
Dept: Central Tram 1a  
(Tram 1a is every 10mins, Tram 2&5 also goes Leidseplein)  
Arrival: 7:13pm Leidseplein]

### Wednesday July 15

Visit Rotterdam by train.  
Meeting at 8.45am at the reception of the Hostel  
[Dept: 9.00am Leidseplein Tram 1a  
(Tram 1a is every 6mins, Tram 2&5 also goes *Amsterdam Centraal*)  
Arrival: 9.13am Amsterdam Centraal  
Dept.: 9.29am Amsterdam Centraal – Track 14a *Schiphol*  
Arrival: 10.32am Rotterdam]

11am-1pm: City tour in which we focus on modern Dutch architecture and engineering: The post-war reconstruction, the Erasmus-Bridge, Piet Blom's Cube-houses.  
1pm-2pm: free for lunch  
2.30-4.30pm: Visit Rotterdam seaport. Boat tour in the world's biggest seaport.  
4.30-6pm: free time in Rotterdam

Return to Amsterdam  
Meeting at 6.00pm at The Rotterdam Station  
[Dept: 6.11pm Rotterdam – Track 8 *Den Haag HS*  
Arrival: 7.22pm Amsterdam Centraal  
Dept: 7.30pm Central Tram 1a  
(Tram 1a is every 10mins, Tram 2&5 also goes Leidseplein)  
Arrival: 7.43pm Leidseplein]

### Thursday July 16

Meeting at 9am at the reception of the Hostel.  
9.30-11am: Visit to the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD, Herengracht 380). Lecture by Prof. David Barnouw, author of *The Diary of Anne Frank - The Critical Edition*, on the Holocaust and the Netherlands under Nazi occupation in WW II.  
11-1pm: Film *Black Book*.  
1-1.30pm: Free for lunch  
1.30pm: To the Dutch Theater-Holocaust Memorial by tram.  
2-2.30pm: Visit Dutch Theater-Holocaust Memorial.  
2.30-3.45pm: Walk past the Portuguese Synagogue, the Auschwitz Memorial and February Strike Memorial. Visit Jewish Historical Museum.

3.45pm: With Tram 1, 2, 5 or 14 to Westermarkt.  
4.30-5.30pm: Visit Anne Frank House.  
5.30pm: free

7.30pm: Optional evening program: Famous Dutch writer, journalist and pop-music specialist Jan Donkers takes us (by boat!) to Amsterdam-Noord, the former working class neighborhood that has been transformed into an attractive living area for young artists.

#### Friday July 17

Visit Enkhuizen by train.

Meeting at 8.50am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: 9.06am Leidseplein Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 6mins, Tram 2&5 also goes *Amsterdam Centraal*)

Arrival: 9.19am Amsterdam Centraal

Dept.: 9.33am Amsterdam Centraal – Track 7a *Hoorn*

Arrival: 10.38am Enkhuizen]

11am-1.30pm: Walking tour in Enkhuizen, one of the most picturesque small towns in the Netherlands. Visit Enkhuizen Arts and Crafts Museum.

1.30-2.30pm: free for lunch

2.30pm: Short boat trip to the open air Zuiderzee Museum, a completely rebuilt traditional Dutch village.

3-5pm: Guided visit Zuiderzee-Museum

Return to Amsterdam

Meeting at 5.15pm at Enkhuizen Station

[Dept: 5.23pm Enkhuizen – Track 1 *Hoorn*

Arrival: 6.27pm Amsterdam Centraal

Dept: 6.33pm Central Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 7mins, Tram 2&5 also goes Leidseplein)

Arrival: 6:46pm Leidseplein]

Saturday July 18 – free day

Sunday July 19 – free day

#### Monday July 20

10.00-11.30am: Lecture: Dutch Golden Age - Colonial Empire

11.30-1pm: Film *Oeroeg*

1pm-2pm: free for lunch

2.15pm: Meeting Reception Hostel.

Tram to Tropenmuseum.

[Dept: 2.23pm Leidseplein Tram 10

Arrival: 2.35pm Alexanderplein]

3-5pm: Visit Tropenmuseum: Visit to the collections on the former Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) and Dutch West Indies (Caribbean).

Return to Amsterdam Vondelpark Hostel with Tram 10.

5pm: free

## Tuesday July 21

Visit Haarlem by train.

Meeting at 9.15am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: 9.32am Leidseplein Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 6 mins, Tram 2&5 also goes *Amsterdam Centraal*)

Arrival: 9.45am Amsterdam Centraal

Dept.: 10.15am Amsterdam Centraal – Track 4a *Haarlem*

Arrival: 10.30am Haarlem]

11-1pm: City tour with visit St. Bavo Church.

1-2pm: free for lunch

2.30-4pm: Visit Frans Hals Museum

4-5.45pm: free time in Haarlem

Return to Amsterdam

Meeting at 6.00pm at Haarlem Station

[Dept: 6.06 pm Haarlem – Track 1 *Amsterdam Centraal*

Arrival: 6.22pm Amsterdam Centraal

Dept: 6.30pm Central Tram 1a

(Tram 1a is every 10mins, Tram 2&5 also goes Leidseplein)

Arrival: 6:43pm Leidseplein]

## Wednesday July 22

10am Check-out in hostel. Transfer to Ghent by bus, with visit of the Kinderdijk on our way to Belgium.

12.00-1pm: Stop in Kinderdijk. Visit the site with the most famous Dutch windmills in a typical polder landscape.

1pm-2pm: lunch at the Kinderdijk.

2pm: departure to Ghent

5pm: arrival in Ghent

Check-in in **Youth Hostel De Draecke**

### Checking of all journals

Optional Night Program: The Ghent Festivities (“Gentse Feesten”): a whole week of free open air music concerts, international street theatre and historical processions.

## Thursday July 23

9-11am: Lecture: Introduction to Belgium and Luxembourg.

11am-1pm: Guided city tour with Prof. Dr. Prevenier, Em. Professor in History at the University of Ghent.

1-2pm: Free for lunch.

2-3.30pm: Lecture on Flemish art by Prof. Dr. Marc de Mey, Em. Professor in Cognitive Science at the University of Ghent.

3.30-4.30pm: Visit St. Bavo Cathedral and the painting *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* by Jan van Eyck.

4.30: free.

## Friday July 24

Visit Bruges by train.

Meeting at 8.30am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: Walk to Rabot – Tram 4 or 40 to Station. Arrival: 9.05am Gent Sint-Pietersstation. Dept: 9.15am Gent Station– IC 1830 *Ostend*  
Arrival: 9.40am Bruges]

10.30-12.30: Lecture on the role of the provinces in Belgium at the residence of the Governor of West-Flanders. Followed by a reception.  
[Visitors should dress appropriately – no shorts and flip-flops]

12.30-1.30pm: free for lunch.

1.30-3pm: City tour with visit Belfry, Cloth Hall, Our Lady's Church.

3-4pm: Visit Groeninge Museum with a fabulous collection of Flemish medieval masters.

4-5.30pm: Free.

Return to Ghent

Meeting at 6.00pm at Bruges Station

[Dept: 6.20 pm Gent – IC1818 *Antwerpen-Central*  
Arrival: 6.45pm Gent Tram 4 to Rabot, walk to Hostel]

Saturday July 25

Special weekend at the famous sea resort of Ostend. Trip to Ostend by train, main luggage remains in Ghent. Take only luggage for 1 night with you.

Visit Ostend by train.

Meeting at 9.00am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: Tram 4 from Rabot. Arrival: 9.26am Gent Sint-Pietersstation Tunnel. Dept.: 9.42am Gent – IC 1830 *Ostend* Arrival: 10.21am Ostend]

11am: Check-in in **Youth Hostel De Ploate**.

11.30-12.30: City-tour with visit James Ensor House and Fishing Port.

12.30-1.30pm: free for lunch

Meeting at 1.30pm at the reception of the Hostel

1.30-2.30pm: With the Coast Tram along the beach to Raversijde.

2.30-5pm: Visit the German Atlantic Wall from WW II.

5-7pm: free time at the beach and the dunes of Raversijde.

7pm: Return by tram to Ostend.

Sunday July 26

Free day at the beach.

5.30: Check-out in Hostel De Ploate.

Meeting at Hostel at 6pm.

Return to Ghent

Meeting at 6.30pm at Ostend Station

[Dept: 6.43 pm Ostend – IC518 *Eupen*  
Arrival: 7.21pm Gent. Tram 4 to Rabot. Walk back to hostel.]

## Monday July 27

Visit Antwerp by train.

Meeting at 8 am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: Walk to Rabot. Tram 4 to Station. Arrival: 8.26am Gent Sint-Pietersstation Tunnel Dept.: 8.47am Gent– IC3029 *Antwerpen-Centraal*

Arrival: 9.39am Antwerp Central Station]

9.45am: City tour with Joris Duytschaever, Em. Prof. of Dutch Studies at Antwerp University.

10.30pm: Visit Tower of Our Lady's Cathedral: meeting with carillonneur Geert d'Hollander. Life performance with fantastic view on top of the cathedral's tower: 400 feet high! Visit Our Lady's Cathedral – Painting *The Raising of the Cross* by Pieter Paul Rubens.

12.30-1.30pm: free for lunch

1.30-2pm: walk to the National Maritime Museum in the castle Het Steen.

2-4pm: Visit exhibition + lecture by Jetty De Coster and Mandy Nauwelaerts (curators at the National Maritime Museum) on the famous "Red Star Line", the shipping company that transported thousands of people from all over Europe from Antwerp to the United States.

4-6pm: Free time in Antwerp.

Return to Ghent

Meeting 6.15pm at Antwerp-Centraal Station

[Dept: 6.22 pm Antwerp-Centraal – IC1840 *Ostend*

Arrival: 7.12pm Gent. Tram 4 to Rabot. Walk to Hostel.]

## Tuesday July 28

Visit Ypres by train.

Meeting at 9.30am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: Rabot. Tram 4 to Station. Arrival: 9.59am Gent Sint-Pietersstation Tunnel Dept: 10.09am Gent– IC709 *Mouscron*  
Arrival: 10.21am Kortrijk

Dept: 10.50am Kortrijk – IC2331 *Poperinge*

Arrival: 11.20am Ypres]

12-1pm: Lunch in Ypres.

1-3pm: Lecture by city guide Wouter Sinaeve on World War I and the Flemish war-front, the trenches, the poison-gas, the destruction.

Guided visit to the interactive war-museum 'In Flanders Fields'.

3.00-3.30: break

3.30-5.30pm: City tour in Ypres. Visit of the former war front and trenches, war cemetery.

5.30-7.30pm: free time in Ypres.

8pm: Meeting at the Menin Gate for the Last Post Memorial.

Return to Ghent

Meeting 9.00pm at Ypres Station

[Dept: 9:39pm Ypres – IC2321 *Termonde*  
Arrival: 10.09pm Kortrijk  
Dept: 10.18pm Kortrijk – IC743 *Kortrijk*  
Arrival: 10.52pm Gent  
Tram 4 to Rabot, Walk to hostel.

#### Wednesday July 29

Transfer to Luxembourg by bus. On the way to Luxembourg: Visit Leuven.

9am: Departure bus.

10.30am: Stop at the headquarters of the cultural organization “*Davidsfonds*” (Blijde-Inkomststraat 79). Lecture on the political history of Belgium and the “*Flemish Movement*” by Jeroen Sleurs, Director of the *Davidsfonds*.

12-1pm: free for lunch

1-2.30pm: City tour in Leuven by Patrick Pasteure, Prof. in History at the Univ. of Louvain. Visit City Hall, Beguinage and library of the oldest University of the Low Countries

2.30pm: Bus departure to Luxembourg.

5.30pm Arrival at Luxembourg.

Check-in in **Youth Hostel "Luxembourg-City"**

#### Thursday July 30

Access to the university campus:

[http://www.en.uni.lu/contact/campus\\_limpertsberg](http://www.en.uni.lu/contact/campus_limpertsberg)

10:00am-1:00pm: Visit of the University of Luxembourg. Welcoming by the Rector of the University. Introduction to the political and cultural history of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by Prof. François Carbon.

2:00-3:00pm: City walk

3:00-4:00pm: Reception at the City Hall of Luxembourg.

4:00-5:00pm : Visit of the Luxembourg City Museum.

5pm: free

#### Friday July 31

Visit Namur by train.

Meeting at 7.45am at the reception of the Hostel

[Dept: 8.00am Luxembourg Clausen/Plateau Altmunster Bus 9  
(Bus 9 is every 15mins)

Arrival: 08.11am Luxembourg Gare Centrale

Dept.: 08:24am Luxembourg Gare – IC2131

Arrival: 10.18am Namur]

10.30am-12.30pm: Guided tour by Elisabeth Meur, GSI at the Dept. of Political Sciences at the University of Namur.

12.30-1.30pm: Free for lunch

2-4pm: Visit Parliament of the French-speaking Region of Wallonia.

Lecture on the political history of Wallonia.

4-6.30pm: Free time in Namur.

Return to Luxembourg.  
Meeting at 7.00pm at Namur Station  
[Dept: 7:14pm Namur – IC4618  
Arrival: 8.59pm Luxembourg Gare  
Dept: 9.10pm Luxembourg Gare Centrale Bus 9  
Arrival:9.19pm Luxembourg Clausen/Plateau Altmunster

Saturday August 1 – free day  
Sunday August 2 – free day

#### Monday August 3

Transfer by bus to Brussels. On the way to Brussels: visit Liège.  
9am: Departure in Luxembourg.  
11am-12.30pm: Arrival in Liège. Visit *Metallurgic Museum*: history of the iron and steel industry in Liège, one of the centers of the Industrial Revolution on the European continent.  
12.45pm: Transfer by bus to the city center of Liège: Place Saint Lambert.  
1-2pm: Free for lunch  
2-3.30: City tour in Liege.  
3.30pm: Departure to Brussels.  
5pm: Arrival in Brussels.  
Check-in in **Youth Hostel "Brueghel"**

#### Tuesday August 4

10-1pm: City tour in Brussels with Jeffrey Tyssens, Professor of History at the University of Brussels, with visit Grand Place, Manneken-Pis, Royal Palace, Galeries Saint-Hubert.  
1-2pm: free for lunch  
2.30-4.30pm: Visit Flemish Parliament. [Do not forget your passport; Visitors should dress appropriately – no shorts and flip-flops]  
4.30pm: Visit Atomium Park by Metro.  
6pm: return to hostel.

#### Wednesday August 5

**10-12am: Visit University of Brussels. Lecture on the history and importance of the European Union by Tony Joris, Professor of European Law.**  
12-1pm: Free for lunch.  
1.30-4pm: Visit European Parliament. [Bring your passport; Visitors should dress appropriately – no shorts and flip-flops]  
4pm: free

#### Thursday August 6

Free  
5pm: Journals are due.

#### Friday August 7

10am: Meeting Reception Hostel.  
10am-1pm: Final examination.

1-2pm: free for lunch  
2-3pm: Return of Journals and final review of Course.  
3pm: free

Saturday August 8

Check-out by 10am (according to your flight).  
Taxi or walk (5 min.) to Brussels Central Station. Direct train-connection to Brussels Airport.  
Return flights from **Brussels International Airport Zaventem**.

Sunday August 9

Arrival in the US.

### **HOUSING**

**In Amsterdam:** Youth Hostel “Stayokay Amsterdam Vondelpark” Zandpad 5, NL - 1054 GA Amsterdam, Tel +31(0)205898996, Fax +31 (0)205898955, [vondelpark@stayokay.com](mailto:vondelpark@stayokay.com) (July 6-July 22)

**In Ghent:** Youth Hostel “De Draecke” St. Widostraat 11, 9000 Ghent, Tel +32(0)9233-7050, Fax+32(0)9233-8001, [gent@vjh.be](mailto:gent@vjh.be) (July 22-July 25 + July 26-July 29).

**In Ostend:** Youth Hostel “De Ploate” Langestraat 82 - B 8400 Oostende, Tel +32(0)5980-5297, Fax +32(0)5980-9274, [oostende@vjh.be](mailto:oostende@vjh.be) (July 25-July 26), main luggage remains in Ghent.

**In Luxembourg:** Youth Hostel “Luxembourg City” 2, rue du Fort Olisy - L 2261 Luxembourg, Tel +35(2)2268-8920, [luxembourg@youthhostels.lu](mailto:luxembourg@youthhostels.lu) (July 29-August 3)

**In Brussels:** Youth Hostel “Breughel” Heilige Geeststraat 2, 1000 Brussels, Tel +32(2)511-0436; Fax +32(2)512-0711, [brussel@vjh.be](mailto:brussel@vjh.be) (August 3-August 8)

### **Course Requirements**

No knowledge of Dutch, French or German language is required. No language teaching is involved in this course. All readings and discussions will be in English.

You are expected to attend all lectures and participate in all trips. You must have completed the required reading before each new trip and to be ready to pose questions, try out ideas, listen to and challenge the ideas of others, and actively engage the material as a group. Your attendance and participation count for 30% of your final grade.

You will be required to keep an intellectual journal during the course. In this journal, you should present a summary of the daily visits and add your personal comments and reflections, using the texts in the Reader as intellectual support. It is particularly important to show how the successive visits shaped your view of the Low Countries, their history, culture, politics and identity.

This course has a final examination. In this 3-hours final exam, you will have to analyze several questions related to quotations dealing with the lectures and the topics that have been discussed during the course. You are allowed to make use of both your notes and the Reader. You should take into consideration the following questions: What is the author's argument in the quotation? What is at stake in this argument? How can we connect this argument with other problems that have been discussed during the travel course? It is highly recommended to express a personal, critical opinion.

### **Assignments and Grades**

Attendance and Participation	30%
Journal	40%
Final examination	30%

### **Required Readings**

A Reader (aprox. 400 pages) will be provided with selections of both literary works and historical studies dealing with Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Including excerpts from the following books:

Jacob Vossestein: Dealing with the Dutch

Wim Daniels: Talking Dutch

Geert Mak: Amsterdam

The Netherlands and the United States

Charles Wilson: The Dutch Republic

Simon Shama: The Embarrassment of Riches

Jeroen Dewulf: A Surinamese Marriage

Louis de Jong: The Netherlands and Nazi Germany

Richard Kempton: Provo. Amsterdam's Anarchist Revolt

Jeroen Dewulf: In the Jungle of Amsterdam

Ian Buruma: Murder in Amsterdam

The Royal House of Orange-Nassau

Patricia Carson: The Fair Face of Flanders

Peter Gunst: Belgium. A Historical View

Manu Ruys: The Flemings

The Royal House of Saxe-Coburg

History of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Languages in Luxembourg

Multicultural Luxembourg

The Royal House of Luxembourg-Nassau

Travel-guides are optional. We recommend buying the following guides:

- Belgium & Luxembourg Travel Guide, Lonely Planet, ISBN: 9781741042375.

- The Netherlands Travel Guide, Lonely Planet, ISBN: 9781741042993

