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This pamphlet is intended principally as a guide to applicants for admission to the University in October 1982. The matters covered by it are subject to change from time to time both before and after a candidate's admission.

Institute of Modern Dutch Studies

The Netherlands and Britain

Nowhere in Europe have we more loyal friends than the people of the Netherlands. Indeed, closer ties in general between the United Kingdom and the European continent, and an increasing interest among the rising generation in 'minority' groups and topics have resulted in a rapid expansion in university courses offering languages not taught in schools. Moreover, the communication explosion since the war has also resulted in a greater interest in current affairs and in present-day life abroad. Consequently area studies are now also a common feature of higher education, and these studies are particularly valuable because of the comparative features involved.

The Institute

This trend was recognised by the Leverhulme Trust when, in 1976, it provided funds for the establishment of an Institute of Modern Dutch Studies at this University. Hull is particularly suitable for such a centre, since it has close trading connections with the Benelux countries and there is a large Dutch community in the Humberside area. In fact the cover of this brochure depicts not Holland, but a scene three miles away from the University. The University also has excellent relations with Dutch and Flemish universities, particularly with Rotterdam, Utrecht and Leuven.

The department has its own house on the edge of the University campus where the small number of students meet in an informal atmosphere, and individual requirements can be easily assessed and rapidly dealt with.

Why Modern Dutch Studies?

The widespread goodwill between the Low Countries and ourselves has so far been expressed in the rising demand for Dutch language and literature courses at several British universities. This Institute is however unique in offering a course providing an advanced competence in the Dutch language and knowledge of Dutch and Flemish life, combined with a specific training and experience in a business or professional field. It is therefore primarily intended for those seeking employment associated in some way with the Low Countries.

From the following syllabus, it will be seen that no prior knowledge of the Dutch language is required, and that the course includes a year spent in Holland or Belgium where enrolment at a university will normally be combined with practical experience in a business office or service department.

All suitable candidates will be invited for an interview.
B.A. Special Degree in Modern Dutch Studies
(U.C.C.A. Code 6120)

Syllabus
Course Requirement:
Good advanced level passes in at least two subjects and an ordinary level pass in a foreign language.

Courses of Study:
The course consists of an obligatory general course in Dutch language, life and history together with one of the special options offered which shall be followed throughout the course:
(a) European Studies
(b) Politics
(c) Law
(d) Geography
(e) Economics
(f) South-East Asian Studies
(g) Social and Economic History
(h) European Literature

Year 1 (6 courses)
* Dutch Elementary Grammar
* Use of the Dutch Language
* Translation from Dutch into English
* Dutch Oral Practice
* The Netherlands in the 19th Century
(a) + The Structure of Contemporary Europe or Europe 1789-1914
(b) + Elements of Politics
(c) + Public Law
(d) + Principles of Human Geography
(e) + Principles of Economics
(f) + Peoples and Cultures of South-East Asia
(g) + Britain from the 1870's to the 1970's: A Century of Social Change
(h) + The Individual and Society in the 19th and 20th Century European Literature

* Obligatory
+ Optional, available in another department

(At the end of the first year there will be departmental examinations testing written and aural comprehension of Dutch, a paper on the Netherlands in the 19th Century, and a paper on the other course followed.)

Year 2 (5 courses)
* The spoken Dutch Language
* The written Dutch Language
* The Emergence of 20th Century Society in the Low Countries
* Dutch and Flemish Literature and Art in the 19th and 20th Centuries
(a) + Europe since 1914
(b) + The Politics of West European States
(c) + International Law
(d) + Economic Geography or Social Geography
(e) + A subject available to second year B.Sc. (Econ.) students chosen in consultation with the Head of the Department of Economics and Commerce
(f) + History of Modern South-East Asia
(g) + History of Sociological Thought or British Economic Development in the 20th Century
(h) + Mode and Matter in European Literature from the Renaissance

Year 3 Abroad

Year 4 (5 courses)
* The Dutch Language
* Economic Growth in Holland and Belgium
* Dutch Medieval and Renaissance Life and Literature
* Dutch and Belgian Industrial Society since 1945
(a) + The History of European Integration from 1945 or The Dutch Republic 1555-1795
(b) + The Politics of West European Integration
(c) + European Community Law
(d) + A subject chosen from the third year Special Degree courses in Geography in consultation with the Head of the Department of Geography
(e) + A subject available to third year B.Sc. (Econ.) students chosen in consultation with the Head of the Department of Economics and Commerce
(f) + Selected Topics in the Politics of South-East Asia
(g) + British Economic Development in the 20th Century or a subject available to third year Special Degree students in Economic and Social History, to be chosen in consultation with the Head of the Department of Economic and Social History
(h) + The Picaraque Novel in Europe or Theories of Culture in Modern and Contemporary Europe

Examinations
(The titles of papers are not necessarily the same as those of the courses)
Part I (after second year 4 papers):
Dutch comprehension and translation
Writing in Dutch
* Dutch Literature and Life since 1830 and one of the following:
Europe since 1914 or The History of European Integration since 1945
The Politics of West European States
Public International Law
Economic Geography or Social Geography
Economics
History of Modern South-East Asia
History of Sociological Thought
British Economic Development in the 20th Century
The Individual and Society in 19th and 20th Century European Literature or Mode and Matter in European Literature from the Renaissance

* The answer to one question in this paper is to be written in Dutch

Part II
Oral Examination (at the beginning of fourth year)
5 papers (after fourth year):
The Social and Economic History of the Netherlands before 1830
The Political and Economic History of the Netherlands 1830-1945
The Netherlands since 1945
Dutch Medieval and Renaissance Life and Literature and one of the following:
The History of European Integration since 1945 or The Dutch Republic 1555-1795
The Politics of West European Integration
Law of European Communities
A specified topic in Geography
A specified topic in Economics
Selected topics in the Politics of South-East Asia
British Economic Development in the 20th Century or a specified topic in Economic and Social History
The Picaraque Novel in Europe or Theories of Culture in Modern and Contemporary Europe

The oral examination at the beginning of the fourth year will include extemporary
translation and interpreting and an extended discussion on the year abroad.

Students will spend the third year at a Dutch-language university, pursuing an agreed course of study with the optional addition of attachment to an approved business, administrative office, or service. Assessment will be based either on a dissertation of 8,000 to 10,000 words in Dutch or, when combined with a report from the employer, 4,000-5,000 words. Performance in the oral examination, dissertation and continuous assessment will be taken into account by the examiners for the final examination.

It will be seen from this syllabus that the historical perspective focuses progressively on the period 1945 to the present day, a period of the most interesting and significant developments in Dutch and Belgian political and economic life, including the roles of Holland and Belgium in the E.E.C.

It will also be clear that the course is intended to give a specialised qualification in Dutch to those interested in one of the named options (economics, history, geography, politics, etc.). The reason for this is that although Dutch businessmen are capable of negotiating in English with colleagues abroad, there is growing scope for specialists in their own fields abroad who also have an intimate knowledge of the Netherlands and Belgium and the Dutch language.

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B.A. Joint Degree Course in Modern Dutch Studies

The Institute offers 3 Joint (two-subject) honours degree courses: Modern Dutch Studies and French (U.C.C.A. Code 6123); Modern Dutch Studies and German (U.C.C.A. Code 6121); and Modern Dutch Studies and German Studies (U.C.C.A. Code 6122).

Course Requirement:

Good advanced level pass in a Modern Language, preferably with an ordinary level pass in German or Dutch.

Courses of Study:

Intensive language study, as in the Special Degree course, is supplemented by courses on the social history of the Netherlands (in the first year), the Low Countries in the 19th century, and Dutch and Flemish literature in the 19th and 20th centuries (in the second year). The third year is spent abroad, either at a Dutch university (in which case students write a dissertation on Dutch on a specific topic during the year in the country of the second language), or in each country for six months. In the fourth year, the following courses supplement the study of the Dutch language: Economic Growth in Holland and Belgium, Dutch Medieval and Renaissance Life and Literature, Dutch and Belgian Industrial Society since 1945.

Examinations

The examinations, like the courses, are selected from those for Special students, but without the special option, and the oral examination takes place at the end of the fourth year. For Joint students who do not spend their third year at a Dutch university the third-year dissertation will be replaced by a translation paper in the Part II Examination.

Though Joint students do not benefit from the "sandwich" provision offered to Special students in their third year abroad, they will find the combination of language skills helpful in the fields of translating, publishing and general business which demand a broader knowledge of Western Europe.

Post-graduate opportunities

The Institute was founded to co-operate in and co-ordinate existing research in Dutch studies in the University. Its present staff consists of a Director, a lecturer in Dutch Social and Economic History, and a Research Fellow. Research Studentships may be offered in the fields of nineteenth and twentieth century political, social and economic history, geography, literature and fine art in the Low Countries. A University Series of Monographs in Modern Dutch Studies is available to contributors in these fields. The University has close associations with Erasmus University, Rotterdam, involving regular exchanges and co-operation between members of staff and research students.

Library and teaching materials

The University Library is exceptionally well provided with books and periodicals for both undergraduate and post-graduate use. In addition the Institute offers a book loan-scheme to students to mitigate the high cost of continental publications. Attractive courses from introductory to advanced levels in the Dutch language are enhanced by audio-visual presentation in the Language Teaching Centre linked with written programmes available to students at individual computer terminals. This means that the personal progress of each student can be followed through and discussed individually and in small group tutorials.

Computer programmes can provide teaching material such as this.
Accommodation, Welfare and Recreation

Nearly 60% of all students can be housed in University accommodation. This means that all first-year students who wish may be accommodated in University-owned property.

Accommodation includes traditional halls of residence, self-catering halls (some single sex, some mixed), and self-catering student houses for smaller groups. Most of the halls, including the award-winning Lawns group, are at Cottingham, a pleasant village on the main bus route about 3 miles from the University site. The Students' Union has a new building on the University site which is the focus for a wide range of social and cultural activities and supports over 100 student societies. Prominent among these are several groups involved in social work in the city. Other amenities on the campus include a purpose-built day nursery for students with pre-school children, an outstanding library, the University bookshop, and a notable collection of British Art 1890-1940. The Health Centre provides medical services to all students who register there.

Sports Facilities

The University has extensive playing fields and a large modern sports centre which have helped to produce successful inter-University sports teams. The great advantage is that these facilities are on the main campus, so students can make use of them without the expense and loss of time usually involved in visits to sports fields and buildings.

Recommended preliminary reading (English texts)

E. H. Kossmann
*The Low Countries 1780-1940*
Oxford History of Modern Europe
(Oxford UP, 1978)

J. de Vries
"Benelux 1920-1970" in C. M. Cipolla (ed),
The Fontana Economic History of Europe.
Contemporary Economies pt 1,
(Glasgow, 1976) pp. 1-71

D. Pinder
*The Netherlands*.
Studies in Industrial Geography
(Folkestone, 1976)

Further information can be obtained from:
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The gilded statue in Hull's Old Town, known locally as 'King Billy', bears the inscription: 'THIS STATUE was Erected in the Year MDCCXXXIV To the Memory of KING WILLIAM The Third OUR GREAT DELIVERER'.

"Rembrandt van Rhine was in England liv'd at Hull in Yorkshire about sixteen or eighteen months [reported by old Larenno who in his youth knew Rembrandt at York] where he painted several Gentlemen & sea faring mens pictures."

- Extract from the Notebooks of George Vertue (died 1756).

Self-portrait by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69), Kenwood House, London.