

## COURSE DETAIL

### MEETING THE OTHER: AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH TO DUTCH CULTURE AND SOCIETY

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Dutch

**UCEAP Course Number**

102

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTERCULTURL DUTCH

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course invites both international and Dutch students who want to develop an understanding of Dutch culture and society from an intercultural perspective. It first considers the notion of (national) culture, and different approaches to (national) culture. In relation to the Dutch, the course considers auto-images and hetero-images, and the dynamics between the self and “the Other”. Students explore the mechanisms involved in representing “the Other” in an international context. Which hetero images of the Netherlands and the Dutch exist, and how are these images to be understood? Case studies from contemporary Dutch culture resonating abroad are covered, e.g. the monarchy, and policies of toleration concerning ethical issues. Representations of “the Other” in a domestic setting are explored. How are notions about Dutch identity constructed, what is the position of newcomers, expats, and other “Others” in such a context? Again, case studies from contemporary Dutch society are considered, such as the rise of (nationalist) populism on the political stage, and public discourse related to religious and ethnic diversity. The handbook and supplementary texts on selected themes present various disciplinary perspectives. Participants are encouraged to seek out representations of Dutch culture and contribute from their own perspectives. By comparing perspectives and exchanging experiences, students thus gain firsthand insight into the dynamics of the intercultural communication.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

TL2V19001

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**Host Institution Campus**

Utrecht University

**Host Institution Faculty**

Humanities

**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Languages, Literature and Communication

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