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Dutch Courses

The Embassy of Belgium is pleased to announce that the **Dutch Language Courses** will resume **Monday, October 17th, 2011**.

Classes will be open to all interested parties, **age 16 or older**. No prior knowledge of Dutch is required in order to enroll. The focus of the course is **conversational Dutch**.

There are two course levels: Beginner and Intermediate. Classes take place at the embassy on Mondays from 6pm to 8pm for "Beginners" (level 1) and on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm for "Intermediates" (level 2). Groups will be formed according to proficiency.* All levels will be taught by experienced Dutch- language instructors (native speakers).

Anyone with no to very little prior Dutch-language experience or knowledge will automatically be enrolled at the Beginners level. Returning students can advance to the next level when they feel comfortable in doing so. For new students who already have knowledge of Dutch, we will administer a short evaluation to help you decide which level is appropriate for you. This evaluation is scheduled on Wednesday, September 14th at 6 pm at the embassy.

There will be **26 weeks of class**, spread over the fall and spring semesters. The first day of the course (for beginners the 17th of October and for intermediates the 19th of October) is reserved for registration and does not count as an actual class. At the end of the school year a certificate will be provided to those students who attended classes on a regular basis (minimum 20 classes) upon request of the student.

The courses are offered at the price of **\$ 400.00**** for the entire school year. Enrollment fees are payable **at time of registration**, in cash or check made payable to the "Embassy of Belgium – Dutch Classes."

* The Embassy of Belgium reserves the right to cancel the classes at any level if no more than 10 students register for said level.

** Refunds can be obtained by written request **no later than November 17 2011 (refunds do not cover the books).**

Curriculum

1. Beginners: "Vanzelfsprekend. Nederlands voor anderstaligen" parts 1 – 5

The goal of this year is to build up a vocabulary which makes it possible for you to understand and to take part in basic conversations in the Dutch language. Through grammar and exercises we build up the ability to speak and write, to conjugate verbs in the present tense, to comprehend sentence structure and to learn to express oneself. Being native Dutch speakers the teachers can enrich the language with many Dutch expressions. Classes are held in a friendly atmosphere and at a slow pace. The course is divided into 5 parts, each part containing 7 chapters. The texts in the textbook are accompanied by a soap series on DVD. During class conversation in Dutch is highly encouraged!

2. Intermediates: "Vanzelfsprekend. Nederlands voor anderstaligen" parts 6 – 10

This level expands and deepens one's knowledge of vocabulary and grammar, and adds the past tenses for conjugation. After this year students are capable of expressing themselves in an easier and more comfortable way in Dutch. The course is also divided into 5 parts, each part containing 7 chapters. The soap series started at the first level continues, however, having seen the first part is not a prerequisite to enjoying the classes at this level. During class the medium of communication is Dutch.

Course material :

✓ Beginners and Intermediate level:

The textbook and workbook "Vanzelfsprekend. Nederlands voor anderstaligen" are available for purchase at the price of **\$ 130**. This covers both books, which will be used over two years, bringing the cost down to \$65 per year. The price includes shipping and handling fees.

You can find more information on the books here:

[Textbook](#)

[Workbook](#)

Please return the registration form and fee as soon as possible. Enrollment is open to anyone until November 15th. (Later enrollment is possible, per decision of the teachers, on a case by case basis.)

You can find a copy of the registration form on the embassy's website:

www.diplobel.us/NewsPublications/NewsEvents.asp#Dutchclasses

Feel free to pass around copies of this form to your family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances.