



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2009-10

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

INSTITUTION NAME:	<i>JAMES BOSWELL INSTITUUT</i>	
ADDRESS:	<i>KRIEKENPITPLEIN 21-22</i>	
COUNTRY:	<i>THE NETHERLANDS</i>	
EILC LANGUAGE	<i>DUTCH</i>	
LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:	<i>LEVEL I (BEGINNER) X NUMBER OF COURSES: DATES:</i>	<i>LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE) <input type="checkbox"/> NUMBER OF COURSES: DATES:</i>
WEB SITE	<i>WWW.UTRECHTSUMMERSCHOOL.NL</i>	

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENT EILC APPLICATION FOR OUR EILC SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: EILC@NUFFIC.NL

STAFF

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RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR THE PROGRAMME	<i>MRS. B. NELEMANS</i>
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

The Scot James Boswell was a lawyer, an author and diarist. He studied Roman law at Utrecht University from 1763 to 1764. He was a colourful precursor of today's international student. Boswell became well known as a biographer and travel journalist. His magnum opus 'The life of Samuel Johnson' (1791) is a classic of English biography. During his stay in Utrecht he became a close friend of Belle van Zuylen, a famous Dutch feminist novelist.

The James Boswell Instituut is located in Utrecht, right in between the city centre and the Utrecht University. Utrecht is a lively city in the geographical centre of the Netherlands.

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

With regard to museums, this city has more than its fair share. Utrecht is especially proud of its unique Museum Quarter. In the Museum Quarter there are 7 large museums, each one's collections closely linked with the city's past and present. In the modern music centre Vredenburg a variety of concerts take place. Utrecht hosts a large number of cultural events every year. An example is the internationally known Holland Festival of Old Music, the Wharf Area Theatre Festival (with acts playing both on and off the wharves), the Festival of Modern Dance, the Springdance movement and Dutch Film Days. Utrecht is becoming increasingly famous for these excellent festivals, including its 'Cultural Sundays'. Once a month, there is a Cultural Sunday that invites all citizens of Utrecht to enjoy a unique cultural theme-Sunday downtown, for free!

Furthermore, Utrecht is full of beautiful architecture, old as well as modern. The world-famous architect Rietveld was born in Utrecht. The university centre 'De Uithof' has some of the best modern architecture in The Netherlands.

- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)

Utrecht can easily be reached by train:

Schiphol Airport Amsterdam - Utrecht Central Station

Schiphol train station is situated directly below the airport. You can pick up a free baggage trolley from the platform. Via Schiphol Plaza you can walk straight to the departure or arrival hall. Train tickets are available from the yellow ticket machines near the platforms at Schiphol Plaza or from the ticket offices, which are situated close to the red/white-checked cube at Schiphol Plaza. Trains depart for Utrecht about every 15 minutes. Buy a one way ticket (in Dutch: 'enkele reis') to Utrecht Central Station (€7,80). There is a direct train to Utrecht every half hour.

Eindhoven Airport - Utrecht Central Station

From the arrival hall at Eindhoven airport you can walk to the bus stop. With bus nr 401, starting at Eindhoven Airport, Eindhoven Central station is accessible in approximately 15 minutes. You can buy a ticket in the bus. Train tickets are available from the yellow ticket machines near the platforms at Eindhoven Central station or from the ticket offices in the central hall of the station. Buy a one way ticket (in Dutch: 'enkele reis') to Utrecht Central Station (€12,40). There is a direct train to Utrecht every 15 minutes. Travelling from Eindhoven Central Station to Utrecht Central station takes 50 minutes.

For journey advises and time tables you can also check: <http://www.ns.nl/cs/Satellite/travellers>

- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

In the city of Utrecht transportation by local bus is a good option. The main bus station is located at the Central Railway Station. A multiple ride ticket (in Dutch: 'strippenkaart') should be bought before getting on the bus. However, the best way to get around is by bike. There are cycle paths everywhere and it is the fastest way to get through the city centre. Bikes can be rented or bought. Make sure the bike can be locked, as bikes are very popular. For more detailed information on how to get to Utrecht, check out www.uu.nl/maps.

• **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION**

The James Boswell Instituut provides courses for educational institutions, government institutions, companies, and others. We are part of Utrecht University and we teach and train both individuals and groups in a variety of subject areas, such as various languages, Chemistry and Mathematics. Furthermore we are actively involved in international cooperation within higher education. The JBI is one of the largest institutes to offer courses and trainings in the Utrecht region. All our activities have one common theme: improving and enhancing people's skills and competences.

We provide language and communication courses for effective communication in all aspects of academic and professional life. The EILC Dutch course helps to develop the basic skills and strategies necessary to successfully handle oral and written communication. These may occur in a variety of social situations one could encounter in daily life in the Netherlands. The course also provides activities related to Dutch culture.

• **ACCOMMODATION**

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK

In Utrecht most students live together with other students in a communal house with shared kitchen and bathroom. The James Boswell Institute offers help to find a room during the course period, through the Housing office of Utrecht University.

A furnished room costs 550 euro for the duration of the course. After the students have been accepted for the course, the JBI will contact the students to ask whether they are interested in a student room or not. The accommodation fee must be paid in advance. In winter accommodation is offered on availability.

• **MEALS**

- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)

There are various options for having lunch or dinner. The James Boswell Institute as well as most faculties have a restaurant where you can have lunch and/or dinner. Moreover there are numerous restaurants and bars in the city centre.

- **RECEPTION OF STUDENTS**

- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)

The students will receive pre-departure information before the course starts. The teacher of the group will welcome them.

- **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES**

- SITE VISITS

E.g. a city tour through Utrecht including a climb up the Dom tower, cycling in 'Park De Hoge Veluwe', a visit to the Kröller Möller Museum and a city tour to The Hague. In winter the program will be less extensive, but ice skating is a possibility then.

- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)

In and around Utrecht there is plenty to do. Fitness clubs, squash centres, swimming pools (indoor and outdoor) and many other sports facilities are located in the centre of the city. The students can buy a special Summer School Card at Olympos Sports Centre for only 12 euros which gives them unrestricted use of their tennis, squash, fitness and beach volleyball facilities from 1 July through 2 September. Many parks can be found in Utrecht, a broad variety of people will be relaxing or sporting there. If you want even more green surroundings; just outside the city there is the Maarseveense Plassen, and the Utrechtse Heuvelrug, where you can spend a day out and hike or just relax along the lake. For more info see: <http://www.utrecht.nl/smartsite.dws?id=13353>

- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)

In summer the students can attend free movie nights with mostly Dutch movies (with English subtitles) on Monday evenings. There are a lot of cinemas and theatres in the city centre of Utrecht offering all kinds of movies and plays.

PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION

COURSE NO: 1 TO 7

LEVEL:

I: Beginner course

II: Intermediate course

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD: JULY 2009	6 JULY 2009	31 JULY 2009
PERIOD: AUGUST 2009	3 AUGUST 2009	28 AUGUST 2009
PERIOD: JANUARY 2010	4 JANUARY 2010	29 JANUARY 2010

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

The used teaching materials are the textbook and workbook of 'Taal Vitaal'. The main activity is the use of Dutch in a variety of oral and written communication tasks performed in small groups, in pairs or with the whole class. The instructor supplies the students with input, instruction and explanations concerning these tasks and helps students prepare the assignments. After performing the tasks students analyze with the instructor's help, the strategy, vocabulary and grammar etc. which has been used. The working language in the classroom is Dutch, but if necessary explanation will be given in English.

Students are expected to co-operate with other students, but they work individually as well. They evaluate themselves and each other on a regular basis, in order to optimize language learning. The students are expected to come to class with their own questions and analyze their own learning problems and learning needs.

- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

YES NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

Not applicable

- DURATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	60 h.
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	40 h.
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	20 h.
OTHER: SELF-STUDY	60 h.

- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)

The final test consists of a written and an oral test. If the results are sufficient the course members receive a certificate.

• **COURSE FACILITIES**

- *TEACHING AIDS*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPARENCIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Open Learning Centre, beamers, electronic learning environment (Blackboard)</i>

- *LIBRARY*

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	<i>NA</i>
OPENING DAYS	<i>NA</i>
ADDRESS	<i>NA</i>

- *LANGUAGE LABORATORY*

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	<i>Monday - Tuesday: 8:30 to 21:00, Friday 8:30 to 17:00</i>
OPENING DAYS	<i>Monday to Friday</i>
ADDRESS	<i>Kriekenpitplein 21-22, room 1.14</i>
COST	<i>€ 0,-</i>

• **CULTURAL COMPONENT**

- *SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS*

The course also provides activities related to Dutch culture. These activities aim at providing a basic understanding of Dutch society, which will facilitate a stay in the Netherlands. Once a week students will go on an excursion (e.g. Utrecht City Tour or a visit to a museum).

- *DURATION*

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	Approx. 20 h.
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• **TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	NUMBER OF...:
<input type="checkbox"/> TEACHERS	2
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATORS	2
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENTS	112 (16x7)