

Course: Theological Dutch/ Dutch for Reading Knowledge

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Time: Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for six class periods from March 6 through April 24

Summary and Description: This is a 1-credit course in the Dutch language, designed to provide a second step in reading proficiency after a basic introductory course offered in the previous semester. That is to say, this course is the second part of a two- semester sequence. The goal of this course is to improve students' ability to read and translate Dutch, particularly as the language is used in theological writings. To this end, students will engage with texts, provided by the instructor, that demonstrate the diction, syntax, and style of 19th and 20th century Dutch theologians.

The professor will provide all students with textbook for the course.

Subjects to be covered include:

1. The vocabulary of theological Dutch through the Apostles's Creed.
2. A selection from the Heidelberg Catechism
3. A selection from the Canons of Dordt
4. A selection from Luke 2: 1-9.
5. The language of time
6. The Our Father
7. The Genitive Case. A text from *De Reformatie* journal.
8. The Dative Case. A prayer text.
9. Giving a Sermon in Dutch
10. What is Theology? Various texts.
11. Church matters vocabulary. A text on Freemasonry
12. Longer texts by Bavinck, Kuyper, and others

Grading:

Attendance and participation: 50%

A sample translation text (to be provided), due on the last day of class: 50%