

Dutch Art of the Golden Age



Utrecht Summerschool

19 July 2021 - 30 July 2021

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Day-to-day program

Unfortunately it will still not be possible to follow this course face-to-face this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is, however, that you can still participate in an online setting. While this means that you will not be able to explore the art of the Dutch Golden Age by joining actual fieldtrips all through the country, it does mean that we can broaden our experience together to discover how much Dutch art was loved worldwide, ever since it was created. The digital fieldtrips will take you all over the world and will show you how Dutch art ended up in the most amazing art collections, places you would never have imagined to visit, let alone in the short period of only two weeks!

The course consists of three teaching methods: live lectures, (supervised) digital 'fieldtrips' and literature study. The day-to-day program will more or less follow its original setup, meaning that most days will start with a lecture in the digital classroom, which is complemented with a digital excursion or assignment, as well as with some accompanying literature. You may schedule the latter two on your day yourself. In total, the program will take about 6-7 hours per day, of which about 3 hours will be in the digital classroom with all the participants together. The joint lectures will be held via MS Teams.

This course is interactive. You will be asked to participate in class: to ask relevant art historical questions and discuss about the artworks and their meaning. The course does include several short presentations.

WEEK 1

All the live lectures will take place in the digital classroom via MS Teams, every day from 10:00-c. 13:00 CET/UTC+1. The afternoon program (excursions) can be freely scheduled by the students during the day.

Monday 19 July

Welcome

Lecture 1: *What to expect from this course? Introduction on Dutch art*

Lecture 2: *Predecessors of the Golden Age: Early Netherlandish Art and Renaissance in Northern Europe*

Digital excursion: Highlights of Early Netherlandish Art in Belgium collections (Antwerp, Brussels and Gent) and introduction to Dutch art scavenger hunt in Rockoxhuis, Antwerp

Tuesday 20 July

Lecture 3: *The beginning of the Dutch Golden Age, A historic background*

Lecture 4: *Genre painting and the organization of the arts in the Dutch Golden Age*

Digital excursion: Explore the highlights of Dutch genre paintings in the most famous museums worldwide

Wednesday 21 July

Lecture 5: *Landscape and Still life painting*

Assignment: Meet the collector

Thursday 22 July

Lecture 6: *East meets West, the influence of the international trade on the Dutch Golden Age*

Digital excursion: The city of Delft and the Royal Delft Factory

Friday 23 July

Lecture 7: *The Famous Masters, part I (Rembrandt van Rijn)*

Lecture 8: *The city of Amsterdam as cultural metropole*

Assignment: Create your own exhibition/guided tour at Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

Weekend assignment:

Real excursion: Search for Dutch Art in your own neighborhood

WEEK 2

Monday 26 July

Lecture 9: *The Famous Masters, part II (Frans Hals, Johannes Vermeer)*

Digital excursion: Online Vermeer exhibition

Tuesday 27 July

Lecture 10: *Architecture in the Dutch Golden Age*

Digital excursion to Amsterdam: Palace on Dam Square

Assignment: Architecture in Delft, Leiden and Amsterdam

Wednesday 28 July

Lecture 11: *Applied arts in the Dutch Golden Age*

Digital excursion: Lecture at conference *The Matter of Silver: Substance, Surface, Shimmer, Trauma*

Thursday 29 July

Digital excursion to The Hague: Mauritshuis

This digital excursion will be taken together. The students will guide the group, based on their new knowledge about Dutch art: individual presentations 'on location', about the highlights of Dutch art in The Hague (+ Deadline: Submit accompanying hand-out)

Friday 30 July

Digital Exam