

# Travel Study to Holland

May 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010



Are you interested in travel? In writing? This course is designed to give students professional writing experience combined with literary study and travel. We will spend a semester sampling a wide spectrum of works in the genre of travel writing, including early American and European colonial travel narratives, adventure travel accounts, and recent popular works about living and working abroad. We'll also study Dutch literature (in English translation) and culture, and enhance our studies with a seven-day excursion to the Netherlands, focusing in particular on the cities of Amsterdam, Delft, and The Hague. We'll visit numerous landmarks and sights in and around Amsterdam, including the van Gogh Museum, the Rijks Museum, and the Anne Frank House, tour the World Court in The Hague, and take a walking tour of Delft. We'll also have the option to take a short bicycle trip around Amsterdam. There will be ample opportunity to explore the vibrant cultural life of Amsterdam on your own and to experience this truly diverse and multicultural world capital up close. Upon our return, we will work collaboratively to produce a professional-quality, multimedia travel document about our experiences, readings and research.

**Course:** English 496-Reading and Writing about Travel: An Amsterdam Adventure

**Instructor:** Leslie LaChance, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages

**Course Goals:** To understand the essential features of travel literature, to prepare for and undertake a journey abroad, to become familiar with Dutch literature and experience Dutch culture, and to gain experience in producing and publishing well-researched multimedia accounts of our learning.

- 6 evening classes in spring 2010
  - 1 week travel May 17-24
  - 4 writing workshops May 25-28
- Cost: TBA, depending on enrollment

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