

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In FrenchDissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages : **NO**Activities on other sites : **NO**Main study domain : **Philosophie**Organized by: **Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters (FIAL)**Programme acronym: **FILO1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6**Table of contents**

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FILO1BA - Introduction

Introduction

Introduction

By the end of the first cycle, you will have

- mastered the main philosophical concepts and theories;
- received multidisciplinary training which fosters adaptability and flexibility;
- developed your skills in research, argumentation and writing; as well as your critical faculties
- the ability not only to defend your own ideas, but also to understand and evaluate those of others;
- a good knowledge of a modern language.

Your future job

In contrast to other studies, those in philosophy do not lead directly to a specific profession, but they develop skills which, through their openness, enable graduates to set their sights on a range of different jobs.

Apart from teaching, there are many other openings for philosophers: jobs in which training in critical skills, the ability to analyse and summarise, breadth of vision and a feeling for argumentation make philosophers highly valued.

Philosophers can be found in politics and diplomacy, the cultural world and the voluntary sector, in the government, trade, industry, journalism and communication.

Your programme

The programme is designed to enable you to develop the necessary tools to practice philosophy with both a significant historical dimension (reading and commentary of ancient and modern authors) and a practical dimension (analysis of text, comparison of theories, extent of implications), etc.

In the philosophy exercise sessions, you will put the theory you have learnt into practice, you will learn to read and analyse philosophical texts, to present and discuss them as well as writing assignments on them.

Having completed the Bachelor's degree, you may take the Master's degree in Philosophy or the Master's degree in Ethics. Depending on the minor you've chosen in the second block and/or the course you've completed, other courses are available to you.

FILO1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

UCLouvain's School of Philosophy strives to offer its students a comprehensive, coherent Bachelor's programme with a view to producing responsible citizens who play a full part in society.

By the end of the course, the students will have received:

- a solid grounding in philosophy;
- an introduction to one or more academic disciplines.

Graduates of this Bachelor's programme will have learned to:

- question the movements of social change in modern-day society;
- take inspiration from the history of thought to forge a link between present-day innovations and the constants of human experience;
- exercise their capacity for critical thinking and innovation;
- develop a critical mind and deductive reasoning skills.

These qualities, nurtured by adopting a questioning attitude and reading philosophical texts and by the diversity of the subjects taught, are vital in preparing students for a Master's degree or to take up employment.

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

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Programme structure

The bachelor programme of Philosophy : General totals **180 credits over 3 blocks** (3 x 60 credits). It consists of a basic major syllabus of 150 credits and a minor syllabus of 30 credits (2 x 15 credits, over blocks 2 and 3).

There are three main strands in the Bachelor's degree programme:

- (1) general training in different humanities subjects (historical criticism, arts and civilisations, comparative approach to European literature, methodology and academic discourse, modern and ancient languages, religious studies;
- (2) an introduction to the different periods in the history of philosophy (from Antiquity to the present time) and to the different areas of philosophy (logic, metaphysics, moral philosophy, etc.);
- (3) methodological and subject training in philosophy (basic concepts in philosophy, comprehension of philosophical texts, Bachelor's paper).

The first block of the Bachelor's degree opens with a term which mainly consists of general training courses common to all the Bachelors' programmes in the Faculty. This common introduction to the fields of history, history of art, literature and academic discourse provides a basic grounding and enables students to change direction if they wish at the end of the first semester.

From the first semester of the first block there are also specific subject courses. These form the main part of the training in the second semester of this first block.

From Block 2, students continue their studies in their major subject and are also invited to choose a 30-credit minor with a view to broadening their intellectual and professional horizons. This minor can be selected from another faculty discipline or from another UCL faculty, subject to certain admission requirements set by the programme managers.

FILO1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ✂ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

	Year
	1 2 3

o Major (150 credits)

o General training (20 credits)

● LFIAL1130	European Literatures: Historical and Comparative Approach	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Hubert Roland) Charles Doyen Hubert Roland Marta Sábado Novau (coord.)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
● LFIAL1140	History of Art and Music	Joël Roucloux Brigitte Van Wymeersch	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
● LFIAL1190	Historical introduction to philosophy & Philosophy and environmental ethics	Nathalie Frogneux Jean Leclercq	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
● LFIAL1540	Rhetoric and argumentation	Jean Leclercq	FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

o Religious Sciences (2 credits)

Student must choose one course from :

Student must choose one course from :

				Year		
				1	2	3
☒ LTECO1210	Societies, cultures, religions : lectures bibliques Biblical Readings	Geert Van Oyen	FR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LTECO1220	Societies-cultures-religions : Human Questions	Geoffrey Legrand	FR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LTECO1230	Societies-cultures-religions : Ethical Questions	Olivier Riaudel	FR [q2] [15h] [2 Credits] 🌐			X

o Philosophical subjects (70 credits)

o LFILO1111	Travaux pratiques I	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q1] [5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1112	Travaux pratiques II	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q2] [5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1120	Metaphysics	Olivier Depré	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1130	Philosophie du langage	Peter Verdée	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly	X		
o LFILO1140	Moral Philosophy	Olivier Depré	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1160	Main concepts and Trends in Philosophy	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1170	Philosophical anthropology	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1320	Epistemology	Alexandre Guay	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
o LFILO1223	Travaux pratiques III 🟡	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q1] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LFILO1224	Travaux pratiques IV 🟡	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q2] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LFILO1220	Philosophy of science	Charles Pence	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LFILO1250	Logic	Peter Verdée	FR [q2] [45h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly		X	
o LARKE1245	Notions of Aesthetics and Art Philosophy	Adnen Jdey (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LCOPS1311	Social Philosophy	Mark Hunyadi	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

o Philosophy : History and Texts (25 credits)

o LFILO1230	Seminar : History and Texts of Philosophy of Antiquity	Pierre Destrée	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LFILO1235	History and Texts of Philosophy of the Middle Ages and Renaissance	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
o LFILO1240	History and Texts of Philosophy of Modern Times	Aurélien Chukurian (compensates Jacob Schmutz) Marc Maesschalck	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly		X	
o LFILO1330	History & Texts of Contemporary Philosophy (XIXth century)	Jean Leclercq	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
o LFILO1340	History & Texts of Contemporary Philosophy II (XXth century)	Sébastien Richard (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

o Students should choose two courses from (10 credits)

These courses are two-yearly. Student must choose 3 courses in the second year and 3 in the third.

☒ LFILO1310	Philosophy of Nature	Alexandre Guay	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LFILO1360	Philosophy of Culture and Intercultural Dialogue	Marc Maesschalck	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly			X
☒ LFILO1370	History of arabic Philosophy	Cécile Bonmariage	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LFILO1390	Philosophy, Gender and Feminism	Nathalie Grandjean	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LDROI1503	Law, Nature and Society	Christophe Lazaro	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LESPO1321	Economic, Political and Social Ethics	Gregory Ponthiere	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LPPE1101	Political Thought Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.	Nicolas Arens Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LPPE1306	Epistemology, causation and modelisation Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.	Alexandre Guay Sébastien Van Bellegem	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

o Modern language (15 credits)

The same language must be chosen for the three years. Students must choose one course from :
The same language must be chosen for the three years.

☒ LDEU1116	German language as a social and cultural practice	Ferran Suner Munoz	DE [q1+q2] [45h+75h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
☒ LALLE1212	German - Intermediate level 🟡	Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
☒ LALLE1315	German communication skills for students in Archaeology, Philosophy, Oriental and Classics Studies and History of Art and History	Caroline Klein Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LANGL1111	English: Language & Culture	Estelle Dagneaux (coord.) Claudine Grommersch Marine Volpe (compensates Sandrine Mulkers)	EN [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
☒ LANGL1212	English for Arts Students. An intermediate course 🟡	Catherine Avery Stéphanie Brabant Jean-Luc Delghust (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
☒ LANGL1315	Interactive communication seminar	Philippe Denis (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ LNEER1111	Dutch language and culture	Katrien De Rycke (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
☒ LNEER1212	Dutch for Arts Students - Intermediate level 🟡	Hilde Bufkens (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
☒ LNEER1315	Dutch communication skills for students in Archaeology and History of Art and History	Caroline Klein (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

o Final assignment (8 credits)

○ LFILO1300	Work of end of first cycle		FR [q1+q2] [] [8 Credits] 🌐			X
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o Minor (30 credits)

Students choose a minor from the list of available minors and take into account any access requirements laid down by the management bodies. They will distribute the 30 credits of the minor between the annual block 2 and the annual block 3 of their bachelor's degree, so that their course programme (major + minor) comprises 60 credits each academic year.
Maximum 1 element(s)

List of available minors

When accessing the **bachelor's cycle** (annual block 2), students are invited to broaden their educational horizons by choosing a minor (see list at the bottom of the page).

What is a minor?

It is a kind of 30-credit option that allows students to:

- discover another discipline
- reflect on their personal learning project
- define the emphasis and meaning they wish to give to their training path
- access a Master's degree more easily (see the admission requirements for the Master's degree in question).

Please note that it is not possible to register for a minor outside the bachelor's degree!

List of minors available to this Bachelor's programme

- > [Minor in Law \(access\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minadroi]
- > [Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome](#) [en-prog-2024-minanti]
- > [Minor in History of Art and Archeology](#) [en-prog-2024-minarke]
- > [Minor in Information and Communication](#) [en-prog-2024-mincomu]
- > [Minor in Culture and Creation](#) [en-prog-2024-mincucrea]
- > [Minor in Scientific Culture](#) [en-prog-2024-mincults]
- > [Minor : Issues of Transition and Sustainable Development \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2024-mindd]
- > [Minor "Decentering History: Subalternities and postcolonial Studies"](#) [en-prog-2024-minthis]
- > [Minor in Gender Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-mingenre]
- > [Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization](#) [en-prog-2024-minislam]
- > [Minor in Medieval Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-minmedi]
- > [Minor in Musicology](#) [en-prog-2024-minmusi]
- > [Minor in Sociology and Anthropology](#) [en-prog-2024-minsoca]
- > [Minor in Christian Theology](#) [en-prog-2024-mintheo]
- > [Minor in Linguistics](#) [en-prog-2024-minlingui]

(*) *This programme is the subject of access criteria*

Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified in the **detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

Prerequisites list

LALLE1212	"Allemand: niveau moyen" has prerequisite(s) LDEU1116 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDEU1116 - German language as a social and cultural practice
LANGL1212	"English for Arts Students. An intermediate course" has prerequisite(s) LANGL1111 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LANGL1111 - English: Language & Culture
LFILO1223	"Travaux pratiques III" has prerequisite(s) LFILO1111 ET LFILO1112 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFILO1111 - Travaux pratiques I • LFILO1112 - Travaux pratiques II
LFILO1224	"Travaux pratiques IV" has prerequisite(s) LFILO1111 ET LFILO1112 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFILO1111 - Travaux pratiques I • LFILO1112 - Travaux pratiques II
LNEER1212	"Nederlands voor studenten Letteren en Wijsbegeerte - Intermediair niveau" has prerequisite(s) LNEER1111 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNEER1111 - Dutch language and culture

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

Detailed programme per annual block

FILO1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊙ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

o Major

o General training

o LFIAL1130	European Literatures: Historical and Comparative Approach	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Hubert Roland) Charles Doyen Hubert Roland Marta Sábado Novau (coord.)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFIAL1140	History of Art and Music	Joël Roucloux Brigitte Van Wymeersch	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFIAL1190	Historical introduction to philosophy & Philosophy and environmental ethics	Nathalie Frogneux Jean Leclercq	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]

o Philosophical subjects

o LFILO1111	Travaux pratiques I	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q1] [5h +35h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1112	Travaux pratiques II	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q2] [5h +35h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1120	Metaphysics	Olivier Depré	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1130	Philosophie du langage	Peter Verdée	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] > English- friendly
o LFILO1140	Moral Philosophy	Olivier Depré	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1160	Main concepts and Trends in Philosophy	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1170	Philosophical anthropology	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1320	Epistemology	Alexandre Guay	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

o Modern language

The same language must be chosen for the three years. Students must choose one course from :

The same language must be chosen for the three years.

o LDEU1116	German language as a social and cultural practice	Ferran Suner Munoz	DE [q1+q2] [45h +75h] [5 Credits]
o LANGL1111	English: Language & Culture	Estelle Dagneaux (coord.) Claudine Grommersch Marine Volpe (compensates Sandrine Mulkers)	EN [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LNEER1111	Dutch language and culture	Katrien De Rycke (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]

FILO1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

o Major

o Philosophical subjects

○ LFILO1223	Travaux pratiques III ■	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q1] [2.5h +35h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LFILO1224	Travaux pratiques IV ■	Sylvain Camilleri	FR [q2] [2.5h +35h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LFILO1220	Philosophy of science	Charles Pence	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LFILO1250	Logic	Peter Verdée	FR [q2] [45h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English- friendly
○ LARKE1245	Notions of Aesthetics and Art Philosophy	Adnen Jdey (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Philosophy : History and Texts

○ LFILO1230	Seminar : History and Texts of Philosophy of Antiquity	Pierre Destrée	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LFILO1235	History and Texts of Philosophy of the Middle Ages and Renaissance	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LFILO1240	History and Texts of Philosophy of Modern Times	Aurélien Chukurian (compensates Jacob Schmutz) Marc Maeschalck	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English- friendly

o Modern language

The same language must be chosen for the three years. Students must choose one course from :

The same language must be chosen for the three years.

⊗ LALLE1212	German - Intermediate level ■	Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LANGL1212	English for Arts Students. An intermediate course ■	Catherine Avery Stéphanie Brabant Jean-Luc Delghust (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LNEER1212	Dutch for Arts Students - Intermediate level ■	Hilde Bufkens (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o **Minor**

Students choose a minor from the list of available minors and take into account any access requirements laid down by the management bodies. They will distribute the 30 credits of the minor between the annual block 2 and the annual block 3 of their bachelor's degree, so that their course programme (major + minor) comprises 60 credits each academic year.

Maximum 1 element(s)

FILO1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

o Major

o General training

● LFIAL1540	Rhetoric and argumentation	Jean Leclercq	(FR) [q2] [15h] [5] Credits 🌐
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o Religious Sciences

Student must choose one course from :

Student must choose one course from :

⊗ LTECO1210	Societies, cultures, religions : lectures bibliques Biblical Readings	Geert Van Oyen	(FR) [q1] [15h] [2] Credits 🌐
⊗ LTECO1220	Societies-cultures-religions : Human Questions	Geoffrey Legrand	(FR) [q1] [15h] [2] Credits 🌐
⊗ LTECO1230	Societies-cultures-religions : Ethical Questions	Olivier Riaudel	(FR) [q2] [15h] [2] Credits 🌐

o Philosophical subjects

● LCOPS1311	Social Philosophy	Mark Hunyadi	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5] Credits 🌐
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o Philosophy : History and Texts

● LFILO1330	History & Texts of Contemporary Philosophy (XIXth century)	Jean Leclercq	(FR) [q1] [45h] [5] Credits 🌐
● LFILO1340	History & Texts of Contemporary Philosophy II (XXth century)	Sébastien Richard (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	(FR) [q1] [45h] [5] Credits 🌐

o Students should choose two courses from

These courses are two-yearly. Student must choose 3 courses in the second year and 3 in the third.

⊗ LFILO1310	Philosophy of Nature	Alexandre Guay	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5] Credits 🌐
⊗ LFILO1360	Philosophy of Culture and Intercultural Dialogue	Marc Maesschalck	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5] Credits 🌐 > English-friendly
⊗ LFILO1370	History of arabic Philosophy	Cécile Bonmariage	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5] Credits 🚫 🌐
⊗ LFIAL1390	Philosophy, Gender and Feminism	Nathalie Grandjean	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5] Credits 🌐
⊗ LDROI1503	Law, Nature and Society	Christophe Lazaro	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5] Credits 🌐

⊗ LESPO1321	Economic, Political and Social Ethics	Gregory Ponthiere	ES [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPPE1101	Political Thought <i>Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.</i>	Nicolas Arens Jacob Schmutz	ES [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPPE1306	Epistemology, causation and modelisation <i>Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.</i>	Alexandre Guay Sébastien Van Bellegem	ES [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Modern language

The same language must be chosen for the three years. Students must choose one course from :

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⊗ LALLE1315	German communication skills for students in Archaeology, Philosophy, Oriental and Classics Studies and History of Art and History	Caroline Klein Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LANGL1315	Interactive communication seminar	Philippe Denis (coord.)	ES [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LNEER1315	Dutch communication skills for students in Archaeology and History of Art and History	Caroline Klein (coord.)	NE [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Final assignment

○ LFILO1300	Work of end of first cycle		ES [q1+q2] [] [8 Credits] 🌐
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o Minor

Students choose a minor from the list of available minors and take into account any access requirements laid down by the management bodies. They will distribute the 30 credits of the minor between the annual block 2 and the annual block 3 of their bachelor's degree, so that their course programme (major + minor) comprises 60 credits each academic year.

Maximum 1 element(s)

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Access Requirements

Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.

The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

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General access requirements

Except as otherwise provided by other specific legal provisions, admission to undergraduate courses leading to the award of a Bachelor's degree will be granted to students with one of the following qualifications :

1. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued during or after the 1993-1994 academic year by an establishment offering full-time secondary education or an adult education centre in the French Community of Belgium and, as the case may be, approved if it was issued by an educational institution before 1 January 2008 or affixed with the seal of the French Community if it was issued after this date, or an equivalent certificate awarded by the Examination Board of the French Community during or after 1994;
2. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued no later than the end of the 1992-1993 academic year, along with official documentation attesting to the student's ability to pursue higher education for students applying for a full-length undergraduate degree programme;
3. A diploma awarded by a higher education institution within the French Community that confers an academic degree issued under the above-mentioned Decree, or a diploma awarded by a university or institution dispensing full-time higher education in accordance with earlier legislation;
4. A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an adult education centre;
5. A pass certificate for one of the [entrance examinations](#) organized by higher education institutions or by an examination board of the French Community; this document gives admission to studies in the sectors, fields or programmes indicated therein;
6. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification similar to those mentioned above, issued by the Flemish Community of Belgium, the German Community of Belgium or the Royal Military Academy;
7. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent to the first four mentioned above by virtue of a law, decree, European directive or international convention;

Note:

Requests for equivalence must be submitted to the Equivalence department ([Service des équivalences](#)) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Community of Belgium in compliance with the official deadline.

The following two qualifications are automatically deemed equivalent to the Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur – CESS):

- European Baccalaureate issued by the Board of Governors of a European School,
- International Baccalaureate issued by the International Baccalaureate Office in Geneva.

8. Official documentation attesting to a student's ability to pursue higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur - DAES), issued by the Examination Board of the French Community.

Specific access requirements

- Access to bachelor programmes for candidates of nationality outside the European Union who are not assimilated to Belgian nationals is subject to the following criteria:
 - not have obtained a secondary education diploma for more than 3 years maximum. Example: for an admission application for the academic year 2024-2025, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 ou 2023-2024. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
 - not already hold an undergraduate degree
- Candidates, whatever their nationality, with a secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, must have obtained an average of 13/20 minimum or, failing that, have obtained this average, have passed one year of study in Belgium (for example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country**, the admission request must contain the equivalence of your diploma or, at the very least, proof of the filing of the equivalence request with the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). For any information relating to obtaining an equivalence, please refer to [the following site](#).
- For any secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, the admission application must contain the [equivalence of your diploma](#) issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the [DAES](#) or a certificate of successful completion of the [examination giving access to 1st cycle studies](#) when you submit your application

Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

Pass certificate for the [special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect](#).

Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

Note: students wishing to enrol for a **Bachelor's degree in Medicine** or a **Bachelor's degree in dental science** must first sit an [aptitude test \(fr\)](#).

Teaching method

The School of Philosophy (EFIL) focuses especially on pedagogy during the Bachelors.

The first year of the undergraduate programme in philosophy consists of common courses given within the faculty and courses specific to the students' degree programme.

The former is made up of general courses (history, literature, arts and civilisations, etc.) taught by course teams and include practicals and a tutorial session that enable students to learn in a cross-disciplinary environment. The common courses in the first term also provide students with the opportunity to change to another Bachelor's programme in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters at the end of the January exam session if the advisory board agrees.

From the second term of the first year on, the focus is on courses specific to the degree programme. A tutoring system ensures that new students receive support from more experienced students.

The teaching of philosophy requires close proximity between students and the course team. The teachers are therefore particularly **available** to answer questions, clarify a paper or guide students with their individual assignments, whether after classes or on a one-to-one basis during drop-in sessions or by appointment.

The teaching of philosophy also involves a personal commitment on the part of the students, who must put a lot of effort into reading major philosophical texts from the very first year. This is why special attention is paid to supervision of the students. Practical and supervised reading are tasks assigned to research and teaching assistants, who, throughout the year, work with the students to gradually train them in the art of reading - they need to learn how to attentively **read** a philosophical text - and in the principles of **writing** philosophical commentaries and essays.

Finally, oral presentations are an opportunity for students to learn public speaking and to prepare for oral exams which may be rather new for them in first block.

Students will in 3rd block demonstrate their ability to carry out significant research for the first time in philosophy by writing a **bachelor's paper**. They will show their ability to master a philosophical subject and discuss it in an informed and coherent manner.

They must also correctly use research tools consistent with existing scientific conventions, argue and discuss in a correct, clear and structured manner, present the results of their research and defend their findings before a committee composed of their supervisor and reader.

Thus, the study programme offered aims to foster:

1. A progressive orientation: the bachelor's programme in Philosophy goes from the most general to the most specific. The actual philosophical part of the programme, whilst being quite significant from the outset, is reinforced in a gradual way. This, in fact, enables the student to allow his study choice to evolve, giving him, if he so wishes, the opportunity to re-orientate his course in the most favorable of conditions.
2. An active pedagogical approach: by encouraging the student to play an active role in his own learning, by encouraging him to personally put into practice the knowledge and tools he has acquired and the information he has received during the course. This is one of the main aims of the bachelor's programme of Philosophy. This becomes much more concrete in the practical sessions that the student will have to participate in and the pieces of work that he will have to produce. It is here that he will learn how to read and analyse philosophical texts and present them and comment on them with clarity and precision, as well as drafting reports and written pieces of work relating to the subject.
3. Interdisciplinarity: sound academic training in Philosophy involves an opening into other domains of knowledge and culture. Therefore, the bachelor's programme in Philosophy also covers an ensemble of courses related to non-philosophical subjects. In particular, the student will need to choose a "minor" from a domain other than Philosophy. That minor, which will be followed in the second and third blocks of the bachelor's programme, corresponds to 30 credits and may be chosen from any other faculty of the University, in accordance with the personal ambition of the student and subject to the approval of the faculty in question.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams. More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Depending on the nature of the course and the teaching methods, the evaluation will take different forms. Some courses will involve oral and/or written evaluations (held during one of the three exam sessions: January – June – August/September), whilst the evaluation of seminars will involve more substantial student participation as well as assessment of individual course work. Evaluation methods will be explained at the beginning of each course.

Those exams relating to courses on communication skills will evaluate the student's level, i.e. the practical use of the language in relevant situations.

To obtain a student's average, the grades awarded for each course unit are weighted by their respective credits.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

As part of their studies, students enrolled in the Bachelor's degree in Philosophy are strongly encouraged to undertake:

- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the [many universities](#) with which the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters has concluded partnership agreements, in Europe under the Erasmus+ programme, in Switzerland under the SEMP programme, or elsewhere in the world under the FAME/Mercator programme, or
- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the partner universities in Flanders, under the Erasmus Belgica programme.

The first term in the third year of the Bachelor's programme at UCLouvain can thus be substituted with similar courses offered in one of our partner universities.

Students can apply for UCLouvain-funded exchanges during both their Bachelor's and their Master's degree. This is a wonderful opportunity and all students are encouraged to seize it!

A period of study abroad is a personal and intellectual experience like no other. The Erasmus exchange is a unique opportunity to discover a different culture and its philosophy.

Our students should note the importance of considering two factors in choosing their destination: (1) the benefit of studying in a language other than their own mother tongue and (2) matching the particular strengths of the host university with their own preferred philosophy.

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses may be taken from the KU Leuven programme.

To find out more:

- [Contacts](#)
- [Practical information](#) (in French)

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

This bachelor's programme provides direct access to the:

- [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#)
- [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#)

Depending on the minor chosen, the [Bachelor in Philosophy](#) may also provide access, directly or through supplementary classes, to other master's programmes organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters or other faculties at UCLouvain. For more information, please read the masters' admission requirements.

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