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**At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In French**

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **YES**

Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **NO**

Activities on other sites : **optional**

Main study domain : **Philosophie**

Organized by: **Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters (FIAL)**

Programme acronym: **ETHI2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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## ETHI2M - Introduction

### Introduction

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## ETHI2M - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

The holder of the [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#) prepares to become a citizen and contributor capable of assisting societal actors to respond, on a reasoned and informed basis, to ethical questions posed to them. The UCLouvain School of Philosophy offers its students a programme which will enable them to meet this challenge at the end of their studies.

In order to achieve this objective, students will need the following main virtues:

- the ability to examine transforming movements in modern society by applying critical thought to the phenomena embodying them;
- the ability to analyse ethical questions which raise decision-making processes and practices, but at an individual level and a social and political level;
- the ability to construct a reasoned and informed position in respect of these questions;
- the ability to assist social actors by calling for responsibility as regards these ethical questions.

Generally, at the end of the master, students will have developed a spirit of criticism, faculty of analysis and review, intellectual creativity, a sense of tolerance and dialogue as well as an ability to debate ethical questions. These qualities, encouraged by critical reflection skills exercises, knowledge of the theories, concepts and methods involved in philosophical ethics, practice in reasoning as well as exchanges with other disciplines and their actors, are highly valued in various professions (diplomacy, journalism, human resource management, teaching, etc.).

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

1. Demonstrate an expert and critical understanding of theories, concepts and methods in the domain of philosophical ethics and how they are connected to other fields of philosophy and scientific disciplines.
  - 1.1. Appropriate a range of theories, concepts and methods.
  - 1.2. Make theoretical and methodological choices in view of their relevance in dealing with ethical questions and be able to explain their founding principles and limitations.
  - 1.3. Compare the contributions of philosophical ethics to those of the humanities.
2. Discern and deal with ethical questions in a methodological manner, on a philosophically-grounded and scientifically informed basis.
  - 2.1. Determine and analyse ethical questions which raise decision-making processes and practices at an individual, social or political level.
  - 2.2. Clarify the socio-anthropological assumptions and normative principles on which the positions and possible arguments relating to these questions are grounded.
  - 2.3. Compare these positions and arguments to the contributions of scientific disciplines.
  - 2.4. Take an educated and critical position in relation to these questions.
3. Create and realize individual research (dissertation) implementing a rigorously methodological and critical approach in order to go deeper into an ethical research question.
  - 3.1. Carry out a critical review of the literature on this question, making effective, critical and appropriate use of IT and primary and secondary ethical and philosophical sources.
  - 3.2. Implement a rigorous methodological analysis approach relevant to the question.
  - 3.3. Challenge and defend the ethical theories which arise from that question.
  - 3.4. Carry out an analysis of them and draw a conclusion which is relevant both in relation to the debates between specialists in the field and its practical efficacy.
  - 3.5. Take and argue an educated and critical position in relation to that question.
4. Communicate, discuss and hold constructive debates, orally and in writing, with different actors (specialists and non-specialists) involved in a given situation where ethical questions are posed.
  - 4.1. Communicate, orally and in writing, on complex subjects (data, points of view and conclusions as well as the underlying knowledge and principles) in a clear, structured fashion, reasoned in accordance with the specific standards of communication relevant to the context and by adapting their presentations to the target audience and aims being pursued.
  - 4.2. Communicate, orally and in writing, original scientific results to specialists in the field of research concerned and discuss them critically.
  - 4.3. Converse respectfully and constructively with various counterparts, demonstrating an ability to listen, open-mindedness and tolerance.
  - 4.4. Contribute constructively to public debate (for example, in the media): recognise and take into consideration different points of view and ways of thinking, bring their own ethics-based points of view to the debate and participate constructively in order to develop solutions from the citizen's point of view.
5. Act as an academic and critical and responsible actor demonstrating "analytical distance" based upon philosophical reflection, and within an ethos of discussion.

### Programme structure

The programme consists of:

- a core curriculum (65 credits), comprising:
  - a master's thesis (30 credits);
  - a students' conference (5 credits);
  - shared subjects (30 credits);
- a research focus (30 credits);
- an option and/or optional courses (25 credits).

## ETHI2M Programme

### Detailed programme by subject

#### CORE COURSES [65.0]

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

				Year	
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● LFILO2007	<a href="#">Dissertation</a>		EN [q1+q2] [] [30 Credits] 🌐		x
● LFILO2802	<a href="#">Students' conference</a> [M]	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1+q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	

#### ● Shared subjects (30 credits)

*Courses with a bilingual title are given every other year in alternating French and English.*

● LFILO2192	<a href="#">Moral Philosophy (Advanced Studies)</a>		EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
● LESPO1321	<a href="#">Economic, Political and Social Ethics</a> [M] <i>Si LESPO1321 a été suivi en bachelier, il doit être remplacé par LESPO2211</i>		EN [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
● LFILO2362	<a href="#">Political Philosophy (Advanced Studies)</a> [M]		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
● LFILO2202	<a href="#">Biomedical Ethics</a>	Charles Pence	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
● LFILO2232	<a href="#">Philosophical issues of society</a>	Mark Hunyadi	FR [q2] [30h+0h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
● LFILO2233	<a href="#">Interdisciplinary Seminar on Transition</a>	Nathalie Frogneux (coord.)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x

**RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]**

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**o Content:****o Portfolio**

● LFILO2803	Preparation Portfolio for Research [M]		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > French-friendly	X	X
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**o Seminars (15 credits)**

3 seminars among:

⊗ LFILO2900	Seminar on history of philosophy [M]		EN [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LFILO2910	Seminar on philosophical anthropology [M]	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LFILO2920	Seminar on practical philosophy [M]		EN [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
⊗ LFILO2930	Seminar on Theoretical Philosophy [M]	Alexandre Guay (coord.) Charles Pence Peter Verdée	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X

**o Internship and Workshop**

● LFILO2804	Practical Philosophy Internship		FR [q1+q2] [0h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X
● LFILO2805	Philosophy and Social Intervention (Workshop)		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X

**OPTIONS [25.0]**

Students must complete their programme with an 15-credit option and 10 credits of optional courses or with 25 credits of optional courses.

- > [Digital Culture and Ethics](#) [ en-prog-2025-ethi2m-lfial800o ]
- > [Option in Gender Studies](#) [ en-prog-2025-ethi2m-lethi820o ]
- > [Optional courses](#) [ en-prog-2025-ethi2m-lethi810o ]

**DIGITAL CULTURE AND ETHICS [15.0]**

The digital has transformed our lives and culture to the extent to which everything takes place nowadays in “digital space,” as our own space, time, and existence are all deeply digitalized. In the “culture of connectivity,” the digital is ubiquitous, we are, one way or another, always online, while technology is no longer just ‘at hand’, but already intimately infiltrating and fusing with our thoughts, our sensations, and even our bodies.

The Digital Culture and Ethics Option offers courses focusing on such profound changes brought about by the digital in all walks of life and academic disciplines alike. It invites the students to reflect critically and creatively on the resulting large-scale evolutions and equips them with the right skills and tools for approaching their subject matters from cutting-edge and presently much needed, genuinely effective and encompassing perspectives.

The topics and practical applications taught in this option also open up the scope of our specialized fields to wider cross-disciplinary viewpoints, thus making us ready to be professionally versatile and successful in a deeply transformed digital world.

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**o Content:**

○ LFIAL2010	<a href="#">The Digital Turn in Culture &amp; Ethics - Altissia Chair</a>		FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	
○ LFIAL2020	<a href="#">Code et Culture: Python for digital humanities - Chaire Altissia</a>		FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ > English-friendly	X	

**o One course from the list below : (5 credits)**

⊗ LFIAL2630	<a href="#">Artificial intelligence for text data processing</a> [M]	Cédric Fairon	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ > English-friendly	X	X
⊗ LFIAL2640	<a href="#">Introduction to Python programming for the humanities</a>	Leonardo Zilio	FR [q2] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X
⊗ LFIAL2650	<a href="#">Critical analysis of artificial intelligence</a>		FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ > English-friendly	X	X
⊗ LHIST2600	<a href="#">Digital Practices in History Professions</a> <i>Ce cours est accessible uniquement à l'étudiant en master en histoire ou ayant suivi la mineure en histoire.</i>	Aurore François	FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕	X	X
⊗ LEPL2210	<a href="#">Ethics and ICT</a>	Axel Gosseries Olivier Pereira	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ > French-friendly	X	X
⊗ LANTR2115	<a href="#">How can you be an anthropologist in today's world?</a> [M]		FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X
⊗ LCOMU2640	<a href="#">Media education and media literacy</a>		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X
⊗ LDEMO2640	<a href="#">"Big data" : capture et analyse de données massives</a>	Christine Schnor	FR [q2] [20h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X
⊗ LEUSL2113	<a href="#">Digital Europe</a>	Christophe Lazaro	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X
⊗ LSOC2002	<a href="#">Digital sociology</a>	Eric Mangez	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕	X	X



**OPTION IN GENDER STUDIES [15.0]**

In this master's programme, the course LFILO2202 is not available in module 1 of the transversal option.

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**1 2****o Content:****⊗ Couples, Families, Sexualities**

⊗ LSEXM2713	Sociological approaches to family and couple		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LSEXM2722	Special topics: psychological approaches of contemporary sexualities		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LSEXM2810	Cultural anthropology of the family and couple		FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LSEXM2812	Gender approach on the family and couple		FR [q2] [15h] [3 Credits] △ 🌐	X	X
⊗ LSEXM2814	Family policies	Jean-François Husson	FR [q2] [22.5h] [3 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LFILO2202	Biomedical Ethics	Charles Pence	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X

**⊗ Cultures and Representations**

⊗ LFRA2720	Questions of Literary History [C]		FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LCOMU2200	Genres, cultures and representations	Sarah Sepulchre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LENG2726	Gender and Sustainability in Utopian/Dystopian Literatures in English [C]		EN [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LHIST2733	Early Modern Gender and Religious Issues [M]	Silvia Mostaccio	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ○ 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEO2430	Religions and gender		FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X

**⊗ Discrimination Analysis and Promotion of Equality**

⊗ LDVLP2310	Gender and development		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LPSYS2203	Psychology of multiculturalism and diversity	Karl-Andrew Woltin Vincent Yzerbyt	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
⊗ LDEMO2130	Theories of socio-demographic change	Philippe Bocquier Ester Lucia Rizzi	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
⊗ LDROI1525	Gender law	Pascale Vielle	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LDROP2072	Individual, Family and State	Geoffrey Willems	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LPSYS2056	Psychologie du genre	Annalisa Casini Isabelle Roskam Vincent Yzerbyt	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X



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### o Content:

#### ⊗ Ethics and Public Policies

LESPO2211	Integrated exercises of economic and social ethics		FR [q2] [0h+30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LECON2061	Philosophy and epistemology of the economics		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LLSMF2905	Corporate Social Responsibility	Corentin Hericher Valérie Swaen	EN [q1] [22.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LTHEO2261	Christian Social Ethics : politics and economics questions I		FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] ⊕ 🌐	X	X
LFOPA2921	Ethique de l'éducation et de la formation		FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LTRAV2250	Philosophy of work	Mark Hunyadi	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
EFILO2107	Political Philosophy: Advanced Course (KU Leuven)		EN [q1] [39h] [6 Credits] ⊕ 🌐	X	X
EFILO2108	Political Philosophy: Advanced Course (KU Leuven)		EN [q2] [39h] [6 Credits] ⊖ 🌐	X	X
EFILO2109	Research Seminar: Political Philosophy (KU Leuven)		EN [q1+q2] [52h] [8 Credits] ⊕ 🌐	X	X

#### ⊗ Ethics in Sciences and Technologies

LFILO2003	Ethics in the Sciences and technics	Hervé Jeanmart Charles Pence René Rezsöházy	FR [q2] [15h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
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#### ⊗ Biomedical Ethics

LDROP2131	Medical and Biomedical Law		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LFILO2790	Advanced questions in bioethics : Principles and methods [C]		FR [] [30h] [5 Credits] △ ⊕ 🌐	X	X
LFILO2791	In-depth bioethics (B) [C]		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] △ ⊖ 🌐	X	X
LFILO2402	Bioethics and biomedical ethics seminar [C]		FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LFILO2806	Internship observation and clinical ethics report [C]		FR [] [] [5 Credits] △ 🌐	X	X

#### ⊗ Ethics, Norms, Societies

LDROP2153	Philosophy of law		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LSEXM2720	Special topics: ethics in sexuality		FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LPSYS2206	Psychology of religions, values and their plurality		FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐	X	X

#### ⊗ Other courses

LFILO2801	Mercier Chair Course	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
EFILO2105	Ethics: Advanced Course (KU Leuven)		EN [q2] [39h] [6 Credits] ⊕ 🌐	X	X
EFILO2106	Ethics: Advanced Course (KU Leuven)		EN [q2] [39h] [6 Credits] ⊖ 🌐	X	X
LEPL2210	Ethics and ICT	Axel Gosseries Olivier Pereira	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > French-friendly	X	X
LECON2065	History of Economic Thought	Luca Pensieroso	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
LECON2067	Critical Analysis of Market Economies		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] △ ⊕ 🌐	X	X
LSEXM2813	Philosophy of the family and couple	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q1] [22.5h] [3 Credits] 🌐	X	X



## Supplementary classes

**To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.**

### What is a preparatory module?

It is a set of supplementary classes (courses, practical works, seminars, etc.) from the first cycle (see the non-exhaustive list below). The complementary module (maximum 60 credits) is tailor-made by the jury according to the student's educational background and added to the Master's programme in order to acquire fundamental knowledge to then pursue the 120 credits of the Master's programme.

### Who is it for?

- Students from a non-university higher education institution
- Candidates admitted with additional training
- Candidates admitted on the file with additional training

All the explanations are in [this document](#) (in French).

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### Philosophical subjects

⊗ LFILO1120	<a href="#">Metaphysics</a>	<a href="#">Olivier Depré</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1140	<a href="#">Moral Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Olivier Depré</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1160	<a href="#">Main concepts and Trends in Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Jacob Schmutz</a>	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1170	<a href="#">Philosophical anthropology</a>	<a href="#">Nathalie Frogneux</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1320	<a href="#">Epistemology</a>	<a href="#">Alexandre Guay</a>	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1220	<a href="#">Philosophy of science</a>	<a href="#">Charles Pence</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1223	<a href="#">Travaux pratiques III</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q1] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1224	<a href="#">Travaux pratiques IV</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q2] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1250	<a href="#">Logic</a>	<a href="#">Peter Verdée</a>	FR [q2] [45h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly
⊗ LARKE1245	<a href="#">Notions of Aesthetics and Art Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LCOPS1311	<a href="#">Social Philosophy</a> [M]	<a href="#">Mark Hunyadi</a>	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

### History of philosophy courses

⊗ LFILO1230	<a href="#">Seminar : History and Texts of Philosophy of Antiquity</a> [M]		FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1235	<a href="#">History and Texts of Philosophy of the Middle Ages and Renaissance</a> [M]	<a href="#">Jacob Schmutz</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1240	<a href="#">History and Texts of Philosophy of Modern Times</a> [M]	<a href="#">Marc Maesschalck</a> <a href="#">Jacob Schmutz</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > English-friendly
⊗ LFILO1330	<a href="#">History &amp; Texts of Contemporary Philosophy (XIXth century)</a>	<a href="#">Jean Leclercq</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1340	<a href="#">History &amp; Texts of Contemporary Philosophy II (XXth century)</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1370	<a href="#">History of arabic Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Cécile Bonmariage</a>	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 ⊕

### Introduction to academic writing

○ LFILO1499	<a href="#">Writing a scientific text</a>		FR [q1+q2] [] [10 Credits] 🌐
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## Course prerequisites

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There are no prerequisites between course units (CUs) for this programme, i.e. the programme activity (course unit, CU) whose learning outcomes are to be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registration in another CU.

## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the 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.

## ETHI2M - Information

## Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

**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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- > [Specific access requirements](#)
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- > [Access based on application](#)
- > [Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration](#)

## Specific access requirements

1° Student must hold a first level university degree.

2° Candidates who do not hold a higher education diploma from the French Community of Belgium (or from a country where French is the only official language) must provide proof of sufficient mastery of the French language at level **B2** of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).

In the absence of an official certificate issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>), a certificate issued by the University showing that the candidate has been taught in French may be accepted.

Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: [DELFL](#) or [TCF](#).

3° Students must have, in a previous academic training, developed skills in:

- scientific written and oral practices of the French language;
- the following disciplines of philosophy: logic, moral philosophy, epistemology, anthropology, metaphysics, politic and social philosophy, aesthetics and philosophy of art;
- history of philosophy;
- reading and commenting on a major philosophical text.

The 30 credits of the [Minor in Philosophy](#) or of the [Certificat universitaire en philosophie \(fondements\)](#) satisfy these requirements.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or more of these subjects, supplementary classes will be integrated into the master's programme (from 15 credits to a maximum of 60 credits). This [preparatory module](#) is established by the jury (small panel) on the basis of the student's educational background.

Equivalences between courses are subject to the approval of the jury (small panel).

## University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
<b>UCLouvain Bachelors</b>			
<a href="#">Bachelor in Philosophy</a> (Louvain-la-Neuve)		Direct access	
<a href="#">Bachelor in Philosophy</a> (St-Louis Bruxelles)		Direct access	
<a href="#">Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics</a>		Direct access	
All bachelors	If students have chosen one of the following: - <a href="#">Minor in Philosophy</a> - <a href="#">Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)</a>	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme  If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment

			application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Any other bachelor		Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme
<b>Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium</b>			
Bachelor in philosophy		Direct access	
All bachelors	If students have followed the <a href="#">Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)</a>	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )
Any other bachelor		Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )
<b>Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium</b>			
Bachelor of philosophy Bachelor in de wijsbegeerte	Proficiency in French of level B1 (CEFR)	Direct access	
<b>Foreign Bachelors</b>			
Bachelor in philosophy or equivalent training		<a href="#">Access based on application</a>	In case of admission, possible additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Access on the file</a> ). All applicants must check that they meet the specific access requirements.

## Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

## Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
<b>"Licenciés"</b>			
Licence en philosophie		Direct access	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )
<b>Masters</b>			
<a href="#">Master [60] in Philosophy</a> <a href="#">Master [120] in Philosophy</a>		Direct access	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )
All Belgian masters	If students have followed: the <a href="#">Minor in Philosophy</a> in bachelor the <a href="#">Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)</a> the <a href="#">Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)</a>	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme  Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )

		If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Any other Belgian master	Access with additional training	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures</a> )
Foreign Masters	<a href="#">Access based on application</a>	All candidates must ensure that they meet the specific access requirements. In case of admission, maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the Master's programme (consult Acces on the file).

## Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

## Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having the required qualifications. However, validation of prior experience does not automatically apply to all courses. Find out more about [Validation of priori experience](#).

Candidates who do not fulfil the abovementioned admission requirements, but who have duly attested significant experience relevant to the field of study in question, may apply for admission to the programme on the basis of an individualised admission procedure.

For more information on the procedure for admission by validation of learning from experience (VAE) in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/valorisation-des-acquis-de-l-experience-vae.html>.

## Access based on application

Access based on application : access may be granted either directly or on the condition of completing additional courses of a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, or refused.

### Admissibility criteria

A candidate's application will be deemed admissible if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Previous course of study including **at least 3 years of higher education** (equivalent to 180 ECTS credits), leading to an undergraduate degree;
- For holders of a **diploma obtained outside Belgium, an overall average of at least 60%** (12/20) for the course of study completed in the home institution and giving access to this program;
- For holders of a **diploma obtained outside the French-speaking Community of Belgium, official attestation of proficiency in the language(s)** at the required level (see specific admission conditions), to be attached to the application file. The official attestation must be issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>).

If a document is missing from the online application, it must be justified (see [UCLouvain Enrolment Department's frequently asked questions](#), in particular "[What do I do if my online application asks for a document I don't yet have?](#)")

Applications deemed admissible are forwarded to the Faculty by Enrolment Services. Applications that do not meet these criteria are automatically rejected.

### Eligibility criteria

Applications submitted to the Faculty by UCLouvain's Enrolment Department are examined by the program's jury in accordance with the specific conditions of access detailed above.

The jury decides on the admissibility of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application file, the quality of the training they have undergone and the results they have obtained.

When examining the application, the jury will pay particular attention to the following points:

- **Consistency** between the candidate's previous academic career and the prerequisites for the targeted program. The match between the candidate's academic background and the UCLouvain bachelor's degree giving direct access to the master's program need not be perfect, but the skills acquired (see specific access conditions) must be close; Example: for an application for admission to a master's program in modern languages and literature, the candidate's previous training includes courses in languages and literature in both modern languages.
- **Grades** obtained in the program's major disciplines (see specific entry requirements);
- **Arguments** put forward by the applicant in his or her cover letter (training project in line with the program in question, relevance of arguments, coherence between the applicant's application and the program in question, etc.) Example: the language combination requested by the applicant is organized in the program in question.



- **Original covering letter.** An original covering letter is expected, explaining the personal training project. Any plagiarism or use of artificial intelligence in writing the letter to the jury will result in the application being disqualified.
- **Experience gained.** If the access diploma was obtained more than 5 years ago, it is imperative that the experience acquired since leaving school is directly related to the field of study of the programme applied for.

Changes to the conditions of access to the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters for 2026-2027 will be available in this [document](#) .

## Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

## Teaching method

The courses on the programme of the [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#) guarantee students lessons in ethical reflection and train the students in how to acquire the necessary scientific skills for ethical reflection in a specific field. As for the research seminars, they are the place "par excellence" where the student learns how to integrate research work into an academic debate on ethics.

Given that UCLouvain is a complete university which is very up-to-date in ethical research, the students are easily integrated into the activities of the various ethical research bodies in UCLouvain: Centre de philosophie du droit (CPDR), Unité d'éthique biomédicale (EBIM), Chaire Hoover d'éthique économique et sociale (ETES), Centre interdisciplinaire techniques, sciences et sociétés (CITES).

Incidentally, internationalisation is not forgotten, as students can take part of their training away from UCLouvain, either by sharing courses with KU Leuven, or through a stay at a foreign university. Finally, the programme ends with the writing and oral defence of an individual piece of research.

## 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".**

In the courses and all the more so in the seminars on the master en éthique, students are often evaluated on their individual work. The relatively small class sizes means that teachers can provide follow-up guidance and constructive criticism.

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 [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#) are encouraged to undertake:

- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the [many universities](#) with which the School of Philosophy 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 and/or
- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the partner universities in Flanders, under the Erasmus Belgica programme and/or
- an **internship** in Belgium or abroad, in preparation for their Master's dissertation.

The School of Philosophy has privileged teaching and research collaborations with the University of Montréal (*Département de philosophie and the Centre de recherche en éthique*).

It is advisable to organise the study visit during the second term of the first year or the first term of the second year.

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses may be taken from the [Hooger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte](#) programme at KU Leuven.

To find out more:

- [Contacts](#)
- [Practical information](#) (in French)
- [Information on international internships](#) (in French)

### Mobility within the framework of the ESST network

Students interested in the "[Ethics in Sciences and Techniques](#)" **professional focus** can benefit from specific research training in this field as part of the European inter-university program "Society, Science and Technology" organized by the ESST network.

They can follow a term of the master's programme in a university of the ESST network with which the UCLouvain has established a mobility agreement specific to this programme, such as for example: the [Université de Strasbourg](#), the [University of Maastricht](#), the [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](#) or the [University of Oslo](#).

For further information, please consult the [ESST Network](#) website and contact Professor [Jean-Michel Counet](#) who is in charge of international relations at the School of Philosophy, or the coordinator of the ESST program at UCLouvain, Professor [Alexandre Guay](#).

### Courses at KU Leuven

Students interested in the "[Public Ethics and Policies](#)" **professional focus** have the opportunity to follow courses and seminars (in English) jointly offered by the specialization "Ethique et philosophie sociale et politique" from the Master's degree in Philosophy organised by the [Hooger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte](#) (KU Leuven).

### Mobility @home

All students can take advantage of many elements of internationalization of the master's degree in philosophy, such as teacher exchanges, the annual allocation of part of a course to a foreign professor within the framework of the [Mercier Chair](#), the development of courses jointly provided by UCLouvain and KU Leuven, exchange of professors and students as part of exchange programmes, etc.

## Contacts

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### Curriculum Management

#### Faculty

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#### Mandate(s)

- Dean : Elisabeth Degand
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#### Commission(s) of programme

- Ecole de philosophie ([EFIL](#))

Academic supervisor: [Charles Pence](#)

#### Jury

- President: [Jacob Schmutz](#)
- Secretary: [Peter Verdée](#)
- 3rd member of the small panel: [Nathalie Frogneux](#)

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