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Advanced Master in EU Environmental Governance (POLLEN)

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At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 60 credits - 1 year - Shift schedule - In English Dissertation/Graduation Project : YES - Internship : NO Activities in English: YES - Activities in other languages : YES Activities on other sites : NO Main study domain : Sciences politiques et sociales Organized by: Institute for European Studies Saint-Louis (IEE-SaintLouis) Programme acronym: EUPB2MC - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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EUPB2MC - Introduction

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This Advanced Master in EU Environmental Governance (Master POLLEN) is organised by the Institute for European Studies Saint-Louis and the School of European Studies. This programme is for students who have an interest in Environmental issues and European affairs and who have at least a Master degree in relevant fields such as Law, Political Science, Economics, Sociology and Anthropology, Human and Social Sciences, European Studies and Environmental Studies. Classes are taught during afternoon and evening classes on the Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus of UCLouvain. For this programme, the students need to have a working knowledge of English (level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference).

Your profile

You :

- have an interest in environmental topics, the functioning of the EU and its place in the world.
- want to develop cutting-edge expertise and critical thinking on EU environmental governance.
- want to learn from leading academics and high-level practitioners from EU institutions and the 'EU bubble'.
- want to acquire practical skills that will help you make a difference when applying for EU-related jobs.

Your future job

Graduates from this Advanced Master will be ready to work in public or private organisations and bodies connected to European affairs and Environmental issues.

They will hold positions as advisers, researchers, representatives, or managers in :

- International, European, national, regional or local administration and institutions.
- NGOs and European associations, professional associations.
- Consultancy offices and lobbying firms.

Your programme

The POLLEN Master promotes excellence in teaching EU Environmental studies and consists of intensive and interdisciplinary courses of staggered teaching hours delivered by renowned scholars and practitioners who expose participants to a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. It aims to equip students and professionals with a rigorous understanding of relevant and pressing environmental challenges, with an overarching emphasis on:

- EU Environmental Law
- EU in Multilateral Negotiations
- EU Climate Change and Energy Governance
- The European Green Deal

EUPB2MC - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Develop in-depth knowledge of the political and legal aspects of European governance of environmental issues (outcome 1)

- Advanced knowledge of the main authors and principles of disciplines dealing with environmental issues, particularly at European level
- · Specialised knowledge of the main concepts of the disciplines on environmental issues, particularly at European level
- Advanced knowledge of the main analytical approaches to environmental issues, particularly in Europe

Ability to develop analytical, reflective and critical skills in these different areas (outcome 2)

- · Ability to synthesise analytical knowledge on a course-related subject
- Ability to present arguments on European environmental issues
- Production of a final dissertation

Gaining intellectual resources and analytical tools needed to prepare for professional activities (learning outcome 3)

- · Knowledge of the main stakeholders in the field of European environmental governance
- Knowledge of tools, particularly data, used by the stakeholders in that field
- · Ability to work independently (completing individual assignments), enabling integration into new contexts

Development of English language skills (outcome 4)

- · Following all courses in English and learning specific vocabulary
- Produced several publications in English, including a policy brief and a final year dissertation

Programme structure

The 60-credit (250-hour) programme is composed of general courses, two seminars and a final dissertation. All these activities are compulsory. The first semester consists of two introductory courses in European environmental governance, of the two key disciplines linked to the Master's degree. These introductory courses are supplemented by an introductory course on global environmental issues, which is also essential to provide a foundation for the specialised Master's degree. These courses are formal lectures, although they may include contributions from external speakers. The first term also includes a methodology seminar on how to write a Policy Brief, an essential document format in the European bubble. This seminar will be organised around three activities: a presentation of the methodology; presentations by students; and the production of short videos on Policy Brief themes. The second semester consists of an in-depth study of European environmental governance and the writing of the final dissertation. It includes two formal lectures on environmental data will be organised around two other activities: a presentations by students in on environmental governance outside the European Union. A seminar on environmental data will be organised around two other activities: a presentation on the data issue followed by presentations by students. In order to make it easier to follow the programme, to include a wide range of teachers and to prepare participants on the importance of online activities, a portion of the course will be delivered remotely. It is therefore a hybrid training.

EUPB2MC Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES

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- 🗱 Optional
- Δ Not offered in 2025-2026
- Ø Not offered in 2025-2026 but offered the following year
- \oplus Offered in 2025-2026 but not the following year
- $\Delta \oplus$ Not offered in 2025-2026 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...)

• BEUP2001	Introduction to EU environmental Policy [C]	🗈 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🕮
• BEUP2002	Introduction to EU environmental Law [C]	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🛞
• BEUA2003	Ecosystems and Human Health in the EU [M]	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🕮
• BEUA2002	Climate and Energy Transition in the EU [M]	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🛞
• BEUP2005	How to Write a Policy Brief [C]	💷 [q1] [45h] [11 Credits] 🕮
• BEUP2006	Environmental Data [C]	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🛞
• BEUP2007	Environmental Security [C]	EN [q2] [15h] [3 Credits] 🛞
• BEUP2008	Environmental Governance beyond the EU [C]	[q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🔀
• BEUP2009	Master Thesis [C]	🗈 [q2] [] [16 Credits] 🛞

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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.

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Access Requirements

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

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed 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.

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SUMMARY

- General access requirements
- Specific access requirements

General access requirements

Translated from https://www.gallilex.cfwb.be/fr/leg_res_01.php?ncda=39681&referant=I02

Art. 112. of the "Décret définissant le paysage de l'enseignement supérieur et l'organisation académique des études" :

§ 1. In accordance with the general requirements established by the academic authorities, students who have:

1. a master's degree;

2. an academic degree similar to the one mentioned in the preceding paragraph awarded by a higher education institution in the Flemish Community or the German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy, by virtue of a decision of the academic authorities and in accordance with any additional requirements they may establish;

3. a foreign academic degree deemed equivalent to the one mentioned in paragraph 1, in accordance with this Decree, a European directive, an international convention or other legislation, in accordance with the same requirements.

The additional admission requirements referred to in paragraph 2 are intended to ensure that the student has acquired the knowledge and skills required for the studies in question. When the additional admission requirements consist of one or more additional course units, these may not represent more than 60 additional credits for the student, taking into account all the credits that he or she may otherwise use for admission. These course units are part of the student's study programme.

§ 2. In accordance with the general requirements established by the academic authorities, a student who holds a title, diploma, degree or certificate of higher education, in the French Community or outside it, which does not grant him or her eligibility for admission to a specialised master's course by virtue of the preceding paragraph, may nevertheless be admitted by the jury of the course in question, in accordance with the additional requirements that it establishes, if the totality of the higher education that he or she has completed or the expertise that he or she has acquired is valued by the jury to be at least 240 credits.

§ 3. By way of derogation from these general requirements, the academic authorities may also admit to a specialised master's course holders of a title, diploma, degree or certificate awarded outside the French Community which, in that system of origin, grants direct eligibility for postgraduate studies, even if the studies sanctioned by these credentials are not organised into distinct degree courses or within a time period of at least five years.

Specific access requirements

Holders of a University Master in law, economics, political science, sociology and anthropology, human and social sciences and environmental studies, have access to this Advanced Master.

Teaching method

The academic body is made up of professors, mainly in political science and law, from UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, whose areas of research focus on global and European environmental issues. This team will be supported by practitioners from the European institutions or the world of European public affairs (representatives of environmental non-governmental organisations, officials from the European institutions, diplomats, journalists, etc.) who will provide additional insight into the day-to-day operation of European environmental governance. They will provide additional expert input for the students' assignments.

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".

The assessment procedures comply with the study and examination regulations (RGEE). More detailed explanations of the procedures specific to each course unit are available on their description pages under the rubric 'Method of assessment of learning outcomes'. Assessment may take the form of written or oral examinations.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Doctoral training: please note that there are no doctoral programmes in European Studies in the FWB. Each Faculty sets the admission criteria for the doctoral programmes that they organise internally.

Contacts

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Exemption requests must be submitted by September 30 at the latest to the following addess: derogation-inscription-slb@uclouvain.be

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