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LAFR2M1 2025 - 2026

Master [60] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures

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At Louvain-la-Neuve - 60 credits - 1 year - Day schedule - In French

Dissertation/Graduation Project: **YES** - Internship: **NO** Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages: **NO**

Activities on other sites: NO

Main study domain : Langues, lettres et traductologie

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

Programme acronym: LAFR2M1 - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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LAFR2M1 - Introduction

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This master can be completed in one year and offers advanced training in the field of French and Latin studies, in particular in relation to linguistics and literature.

Depending upon the electives they choose, the students will acquire more specialised skills, either in the field of French or the field of Latin.

Your profile

You

- have a Bachelor's degree in letters and have solid general, literary and historical knowledge in Latin and French;
- have established your liking for literary or linguistic issues and are looking for a training course that offers you the possibility of improving your skills in these subjects.

Your future job

Students of this course perform a variety of roles for which their education has provided them with the necessary polyvalence, precision and capacity to learn.

They become researchers, book retailers, journalists and advisors; they work in communication, expert assessment or the civil service, and perform roles in the finance and voluntary sectors, etc.. They organise events, create publications and manage document resources, etc..

Your programme

The program consists of a diploma thesis, disciplinary training, elective courses and a religious studies corus.

LAFR2M1 - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The Master [60] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures trains specialists in French and Latin languages and literature.

At the end of their training, students will have an expert literary and linguistic knowledge allowing them to produce precise and rigorous analyses, guided by a critical mind-set and intellectual independence, with a view to interpreting an author's ideas, a question relating to a societal issue or a linguistic phenomenon in its context.

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

- 1. Situate, analyse and interpret linguistic phenomena and literary productions in the Latin and French domains
- 1.1. Attain expert knowledge of Latin and French languages including their vocabulary, grammar (morphology and syntax), their stylistics and rhetoric.
- 1.2. Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of French and Latin works of literature and their authors, by mastering the tools and methods used in the analysis and interpretation of those texts.
- 1.3. Apply knowledge of vocabulary and grammar to French and Latin texts looked at during the course or individually, on the basis of different activities (translations into and out of the language studied, individual research, argumentative essays, preparation of oral presentations and production of written work).
- 2. Recognise, from within French and Latin literatures and languages, links relating to circulation, similarities and also differences and specific features between different authors, works and general historical and literary trends.
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- 3. Understand questions relating to philology, linguistics and the theory of literature and produce a critical reading of a text using the analytical and interpretation tools offered by the available methods and practices.
- 3.1. Conduct every aspect of data management: gather it, analyse it, classify it and determine its relevance.
- 3.2. Implement a critical approach: identify the original sources of the data, assess their value and analyse their impact.
- 3.3. Demonstrate the ability to summarize: efficiently analyse the data inherent to a situation or a question with a view to drawing the most appropriate conclusions or solutions from them.
- 4. Problematize a research question and implement a suitable method of analysis based upon the disciplinary field chosen for the final assignment.
- 4.1. Examine a theme by demonstrating its origins, development, circulation and possible permanency within French and Latin literature
- 4.2. Communicate the results of research work in writing.
- 5. Develop, on the basis of French and Latin languages, reflective and critical knowledge allowing them to become actors in modern society, and intellectuals in the area of humanities, open to a dialogue between language, literature and other artistic creations and scientific knowledge.
- 5.1. Take reasoned positions on complex problems.
- 5.2. Acquire the independence necessary to develop lifelong independent learning.

Programme structure

The program consists of :

- an 18-credit diploma thesis
- 30 credits of disciplinary training
- 10-credit elective courses
- A 2-credit religious studies course

LAFR2M1 Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [60.0]

- Mandatory
- ☼ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2025-2026
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- Activity with requisites
- 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 Individual final project (18 credits)

O LLAFR2898 Individual final project [M] □ [q1+q2] [] [18 Credits] ⊞

• Disciplinary training (30 credits)

O Latin studies (15 credits)

Students register for the three courses taught during the current academic year

Street Courses to be chosen in even-numbered years

O LGLOR2204	Seminar on Literary Translation from Ancient Languages into French: History, Theory and Practice	Aline Smeesters	[q1] [30h] [5 Credits] Ø 🕮
O LGLOR2232	Pre-classical Latin and introduction to Sabellian languages [M]	Nicolas Meunier	[q1] [45h+22.5h] [5 Credits] Ø 🕮
O LGLOR2532	Latin Literature Seminar		[q2] [45h] [5 Credits] Ø 🕮

S Courses to choose from in odd-numbered years

O LGLOR2431	Latin Authors Seminar		[q1] [45h] [5 Credits] \oplus \oplus > English-friendly
O LGLOR2231	Latin metrics and imperial, vernacular and late Latin [M]	Nicolas Meunier	[q2] [45h+22.5h] [5 Credits] ###
O LGLOR2501	Latin Authors of the Late Middle Ages and of Modern Times [M]		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🕀 🕮

O French Studies (15 credits)

O LFRA2151	Text Linguistics [C]		[q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
• LFRA2720	Questions of Literary History [C]		[q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
O LFIAL2230	Questions of General and Comparative Literature	Marta Sábado Novau	[q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] (

o Choice of courses (10 credits)

Strate LGLOR2502	History of Medieval Latin Literature	[q2] [30h] [5 Credits] Ø 🕮
Structure LGLOR2390	Typology and permanence of mythical imagineries	[q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕
☎ LFRA2725	The making of literature in the 17th century [C]	[q2] [15h] [5 Credits]
S LFRA2171	Neology [C]	FK [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🕮

o Religious Studies (2 credits)

The student takes one of the two following courses not taken in the 1st cycle for UCLouvain students

Streco1210	Societies, cultures, religions : lectures bibliques Biblical Readings	Geert Van Oyen	[q1] [15h] [2 Credits]
S LTECO1220	Societies-cultures-religions : Human Questions		FR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits] @

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 60 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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⇔ Formation générale

SS LFIAL1421	Antiquity History	Françoise Van Haeperen	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]
	Introduction to literary studies		ER [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
Strial1131	Understanding language: an introduction to linguistics	Elisabeth Degand Philippe Hambye	[11] [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
☐ LFIAL1260	Interpreting language: semantic and pragmatic approaches [M]		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

≅ French linguistics and literature

窓 LFRA1112	History of the French language	Philippe Hambye	FR [q2] [37.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits]
窓 LFRA1221	Variation in contemporary French [M]		[q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]
☎ LFRA1102	French literature: between artistic creation and novelistic analysis	Vincent Engel	[q2] [30h+10h] [5 Credits]
窓 LFRA1103	La fabrique du texte: French-language literature of the 20th and 21st centuries	Pierre Piret	[q2] [22.5h+10h] [5 Credits]
窓 LFRA1201	Medieval French literature (12th-15th centuries) [M]		[q1] [37.5h+10h] [5 Credits]
窓 LFRA1202	French literature from Belgium: literature, language, nation [M]		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] @
☎ LROM1360	Critical analysis of Texts: the French Language Theatre	Pierre Piret	FR [q1] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits] (
☎ LROM1330	Critical analysis of Medieval Texts : Middle French	Mattia Cavagna	[q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

□ Latin language and literature

☐ LFIAL1180	Latin - Beginners [M]		[q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]
⇔ LGLOR1230	Latin II - Languages, texts and culture (intermediate level) [M]	Nicolas Meunier	[q2] [45h+30h] [5 Credits]
\$\$ LFIAL1181	Latin Authors		[q1+q2] [45h+15h] [10 Credits] > English-friendly
SS LGLOR1331	Latin IIIA - Language structures: reflective approach and translation (advanced level) [M]	Nicolas Meunier	[q1+q2] [45h+45h] [5 Credits] # @
⇔ LGLOR1332	Latin IIIB - Language structures; reflective approach and translation (advanced level) [M]	Nicolas Meunier	[q1+q2] [45h+45h] [5 Credits] Ø 📵
SS LGLOR1731	Advanced Latin Authors A		[q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🕀 🕮

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SS LGLOR1732	Advanced Latin Authors B		[q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
S LGLOR1431	Latin Literature		[q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] #
⇔ LGLOR1210	Seminar: Introduction to Ancient Studies	Aline Smeesters	[q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits]

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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.

LAFR2M1 - 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.

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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 C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference. All skills must have been assessed and passed (written and oral comprehension, written and oral production).

The official certificate must be issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members). Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: DALF or TCF.

In terms of Latin language proficiency, a refresher course can be provided via the complementary module, but a previous level equivalent to that of the LGLOR1230 Latin II course is required wherever possible.

- 3° Have a training including the skills:
 - Modern (French) language and literature;
 - Ancient language and literature (Latin);
 - Philosophy, History and Historical Criticism, Arts and Civilisations;
 - · Linguistic and literary theory;
 - Modern languages and literature.

The 30 credits from the Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome or the Minor in French Studies (only available for reenrolment and ELAL Bachelor transitional programmes) may 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 on the basis of the student's previous course of study.

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors	UCLouvain Bachelors		
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures (Louvain-la-Neuve)		Direct access	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics (Louvain-la-Neuve)		Access with additional training	0 to 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme, determined by the jury depending on courses previously taken, for example via the Titre inconnu:Ifran100i

Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General (Louvain- la-Neuve) Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: General (Louvain-la-Neuve) (one Germanic language + French)	Provided that students have passed the following courses in the bachelor (major or minor): • LFIAL1180 Latin I ou LFIAL1181 Latin Authors • LGLOR1230 Latin II	Access with additional training	0 to 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme, determined by the jury depending on courses previously taken, for example via the Titre inconnu:lanti100i If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters (St-Louis Bruxelles)	Provided that students have passed the following courses in the bachelor: • BLANG1116 and BROMA1122 • (BLANG1116 or BROMA1122) and BROMA1294	Access with additional training	O to 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme, determined by the jury depending on courses previously taken. If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Other bachelor of the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters	If students have chosen one of the following minors: • Minor in French Studies (only available for reenrolment and ELAL Bachelor transitional programmes) • Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome and provided that they have passed the following courses: • LFIAL1180 Latin I ou LFIAL1181 Latin Authors • LGLOR1230 Latin II	Access based on application	In the event of admission, maximum 60 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.
Others Bachelors of the French	n speaking Community of Belgiu	ım	
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern + French)	Languages and Literatures (Latin	Direct access	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages a Bachelor in French and Romance General Bachelor in Modern Languages a Germanic language + French)	e Languages and Literatures:	Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background: maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures)
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking	ng Community of Belgium		
Bachelor in Taal- en letterkunde (français/latin)	Proficiency in French at level C1 (CEFR)	Direct access	
Bachelor in Taal- en letterkunde (français/) Bachelor in Taal- en letterkunde (latin/)	Proficiency in French at level C1 (CEFR)	Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background: maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures)
Foreign Bachelors			
Bachelor in languages and literat French and/or Latin)	ures (including the study of	Access based on application	In case of admission, possible additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Access

on the file). All candidates must ensure 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

Diploma	Access	Remarks
BA - AESI orientation Français et français langue étrangère - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60	Les enseignements supplémentaires éventuels peuvent être consultés dans le module complémentaire.	Type court

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks	
"Licenciés"				
Licence en langues et littératures classiques Licence en langues et littératures françaises et romanes		Access based on application	In case of admission, possible additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures)	
Masters				
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics Master [60] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General		Access with additional training	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures)	
Foreign Masters		Access based on application	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:

· Candidate's diploma issued by an institution recognized by WHED (see https://www.whed.net/home.php)

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- 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, 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 majority of courses on this programme use interactive teaching methods, inspired by the principles of the project 'gérer sa formation' or 'managing your training' (student autonomy guaranteed thanks to new ICT resources, e-learning, teaching teams, practice of oral and written communication, etc) . The programme familiarises the student with new resources and methods in the field of classical and Romance studies.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the <u>regulations</u> 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".

Written and oral exams aim to test both knowledge acquired as well as the student's know-how and communication skills. Some subjects, geared towards helping the student develop skills in research and personal criticism, are the subject of presentations and discussions spread over the year (permanent assessment).

Courses are evaluated according to current university regulations (see General Examination Regulations). Students may find further information on specific evaluation methods in the course descriptions.

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

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

The participation in an international mobility scheme is not authorized within the framework of this 1-year master's programme.

Nevertheless, courses in Latin language and literature can be borrowed from the programme of KU Leuven, in line with the UCLouvain-KU Leuven agreement.

Contacts

Curriculum Management

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Website

Mandate(s)

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Commission(s) of programme

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Jury

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