UCLouvain

EUAB2M

2026 - 2027

Master [120] in EU Studies

At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In English
Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **YES**
Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **NO**
Activities on other sites : **NO**
Main study domain : **Sciences politiques et sociales**
Organized by: **Institute for European Studies Saint-Louis (IEE-SaintLouis)**
Programme acronym: **EUAB2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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EUAB2M - Introduction

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This Master in EU Studies is organised by Institute for European Studies Saint-Louis and the School of European Studies.

This programme is for students who have an interest in European affairs and who who have at least a university bachelor's degree in relevant fields such as law, political science, economy and history.

Classes are taught during the day 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 European affairs, the functioning of the EU and its place in the world.
- Want to develop cutting-edge expertise and critical thinking on EU policies and 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.
- Want to have a first job experience by working as an intern for a public or private organization dealing with European affairs.

Your future job

Graduates from this Master will be ready to work in public or private organisations and bodies connected to European affairs. They will hold positions as advisers, 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

This master's programme is characterised by:

- A practice-oriented approach. Based in Brussels, it will put students in contact with EU affairs practitioners (EU institutions, NGOs, law firms, etc.)
- A strong interdisciplinary focus. This programme provides students with a critical understanding of European policies and governance through strongly integrated interdisciplinary modules.

EUAB2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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

Students enrolled on the Master [120] in EU Studies will become experts in EU affairs, combining a in-depth knowledge of the EU's governance model, an ability to critically analyse key EU policies and the practical know-how to be quickly operational in EU-related jobs.

Upon completion of the Master in EU Studies, graduates will be able to:

- Describe and explain the EU's economic, political, legal and historical foundations and governing principles
- Develop a critical and expert opinion on key challenges facing the EU (climate change, artificial intelligence, migration, threats to the rule of law, etc.)
- Understand, analyse and evaluate major EU policies (trade, environment, defence and security, migration, etc.)
- Write policy papers and develop advocacy/lobbying strategies
- Apply for and manage EU funding
- Boast a first job (internship) experience

Programme structure

The first year of this programme consists of 300 hours of lectures over two semesters, as well as two practice-oriented seminars.

The second year consists of 180 hours of lectures, only in the first semester. The second semester is made up of an internship, or alternatively (and exceptionally) to the writing of a master thesis (30 credits).

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Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [90.0]

O Mandatory
X Optional
△ Not offered in 2026-2027
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⊕ Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
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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
O BEUA1001	Political History of the EU	Samuel Defacqz	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
O BEUA1002	Economic History of the EU	Clément Fontan	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
O BEUA1003	EU Legal System & Political System	Teresa Cabrita Samuel Defacqz	EN [q1] [90h] [15 Credits]	x	

				Year 1	2
BEUA1004	EU Advocacy Training	Jéromine Andolfatto Thimotée-Hubert Benjamin Denis Lora Verheecke	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1005	EU Trade policy	Andreas Maurer Andreas Maurer (compensates Teresa Cabrita)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1006	Digital Economy in the EU	Patricia Nouveau (compensates Samuel Defacqz)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1007	Internal Market & Competition Law	Teresa Cabrita Damien Gerard	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1008	Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights	Serena Menzione (compensates Antoine Bailleux)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1009	EU Gender and Non-discrimation Policies	Sophie Jacquot	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA1010	Seminar Designing and Managing EU-funded Projects	Franco Conzato Frédéric Soudain	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	
BEUA2001	EU Fiscal and Social Policies	Zoé Evrard Antoine Lapeyre de Cabanes	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
LEUSL2112	Economic and Monetary Union	Clément Fontan	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
BEUA2002	Climate and Energy Transition Policies	Benjamin Denis	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
BEUA2003	Ecosystems and Human Health Policies	Camille Bertaux Natacha Cingotti	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
BEUA2004	Defence and Security Policies	Samuel Faure	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
BEUA2005	Migration and Mobility in the EU	Eleonora Frasca	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : EU AFFAIRS [30.0]

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Content:

				Year 1	Year 2
BEUA2006	Training and master's thesis (Training supervision & Master's thesis)	Teresa Cabrita Samuel Defacqz	[EN] [q2] [30h] [30 Credits]		x

Course prerequisites

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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EUAB2M - 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

Language skills

Access to the master's programme requires a proficiency in English (C1 or higher) attested either through a Language Exam Test (TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 95, IELTS with a minimum score of 7.0, or a Cambridge Certificate of level C1, issued within the last 5 years) or through other proxies.

These proxies may include, but are not limited to:

- Completion of three English-taught courses (excluding language courses) during the candidate's University bachelor's degree (with validated ECTS),
- Professional experience of at least three months involving written tasks in English, related to law or social science topics,
- Participation in English-speaking extracurricular activities relevant to the master's program, such as preparing for and participating in European Parliament simulations.

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
LAW Bachelor in Law (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Law (French-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor of Laws (French-Dutch-English / Droit-Rechten-Laws) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Law French-Dutch (and French-Dutch-English) Bachelor in Law (Louvain-la-Neuve)		Direct access	
ECONOMICS Bachelor in Economics and Management (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Economics and Management (French-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Economics and Management (French-Dutch-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor : Business Engineering (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor : Business Engineering (French-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis)		Direct access	

Bachelor : Business Engineering (French-Dutch-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Economics and Management (Louvain-la-Neuve) Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Louvain-la-Neuve) Bachelor : Business Engineering (Louvain-la-Neuve) Bachelor in Management (Mons) Bachelor : Business Engineering (Mons)	
POLITICAL SCIENCE Bachelor in Political Sciences (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-Dutch-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Political Sciences (shift schedule) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Political Sciences: General (Louvain-la-Neuve) Bachelor in Political Sciences: General (Mons)	Direct access
SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (French-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (French-Dutch-English) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis) Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (Louvain-la-Neuve)	Direct access
HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences (Louvain-la-Neuve) Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences (Mons)	Direct access
All holders of a bachelor's degree from UCLouvain in a discipline other than those listed above	Access based on application
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium	
Holders of an University bachelor in law, economics, political science, sociology and anthropology, and human and social sciences.	Direct access
Holders of other university degrees.	Access based on application
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium	
Holders of an University bachelor in law, economics, political science, sociology and anthropology, and human and social sciences.	Direct access
Holders of other university degrees.	Access based on application
Foreign Bachelors	
Holders of university degrees from third countries.	Access based on application

Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about links to the university

According to the Government Decree, your initial diploma does not grant you automatic access to this Masters. For additional information, please contact iee-slb@uclouvain.be .

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
Holders of a "licence" degree.		Access based on application	
Masters			
Holders of a master degree.		Access based on application	

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Students must undergo an application-based process to gain access. For additional information, please contact iee-slb@uclouvain.be .

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 .

Access to the Master may also be granted through the 'validation of prior experience' procedure. Information .

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.

An application-based admission process means that access to the master programme may be granted or refused by the select panel based on an assessment of the candidate's professional and academic curriculum, including:

1. the candidate's academic background (results obtained in previous studies, and the relevance of previous studies and their suitability in preparing the candidate for the master's programme in European Studies ;
2. the candidate's motivation and career project ;
3. the candidate's profile (including language skills and extracurricular experiences).

For additional information, please contact iee-slb@uclouvain.be .

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

Requests for information : iee-slb@uclouvain.be.

Teaching method

The teaching team include professors in political science, law, economics, history, sociology and philosophy from UCLouvain, as well as practitioners such as EU civil servants, lawyers, diplomats and NGOs or think tank advocacy and policy officers.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the Academic regulations and procedures . 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 evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams. More detailed explanations of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".
Assessment can take the form of written or oral examinations.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Doctoral programmes:
There is no PhD programmes in European studies in FWB. Each Faculty sets the admission criteria for the PhD programmes it organizes.

Contacts

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