

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

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

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

Activities on other sites : **NO**

Main study domain : **Philosophie**

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Learning outcomes

The UCLouvain School of Philosophy is mindful of providing its students with a compact programme which will enable them, when it is finished, to take up the challenge of being a responsible citizen and actor in their own right within today's society.

In order to achieve that aim, students will have 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 employ the history of thought in the area to better integrate the pioneers of contemporary society into the continuity of human experience;
- the ability to assist social actors by calling for responsibility as regards the long term issues arising from these movements;
- demonstration of the ability to adapt as well as a plan for continuing development through their capacity to cast a critical and constructive eye over their own actions.

Generally, at the end of the master, students will have acquired a cultivated critical mind-set, and the ability to perform objective analyses and synopses which put the factors which must be considered when approaching a question into perspective. These qualities will be cultivated through exercises in critical thinking and the reading of philosophical texts, and the disciplinary diversity of the subjects taught will engender the "analytical distance" which is typical of philosophy students and very much valued in the job market by different professions (diplomacy, journalism, human resource management, education, etc.).

Holders of a [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#) will be able to function as responsible, professional actors within society who are both collaborative and creative thanks to a spirit of tolerance, dialogue and the capacity to see the big picture, open-mindedness and sensitivity to various disciplines which characterise their training.

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

1. Demonstrate critical expertise of a high level in various areas, periods and branches of philosophy, interfacing with other disciplines (science, history of art, sociology, ...), ensuring the "adoption of an intention to appropriate knowledge".

1.1. Appropriate the technicalities of a range of philosophical methods and knowledge.

1.2. Interpret and develop the links between different philosophical approaches and with other disciplines (science, history of art, sociology, ...).

1.3. Make methodological choices taking the chosen philosophical approach into question.

1.4. Form a specialisation within one of the domains of philosophy.

2. Understand and deal with philosophical questions.

2.1. Analyse and determine the aspects of and issues present in the questions being dealt with.

2.2. Formulate a question in such a way that it can be answered rationally.

2.3. Identify and assess the available responses.

2.4. Take an educated and critical position in relation to the question.

3. Create and realize individual research (individual final project) implementing a rigorously scientific, methodological and critical approach in order to go deeper into a philosophical research question.

3.1. Formulate the question which will be the topic of the dissertation.

3.2. Carry out a critical review of the literature on this question, making effective, critical and appropriate use of IT and primary and secondary philosophical sources.

3.3. Implement rigorous methodological analysis approach relevant to the question.

3.4. Challenge and defend the philosophical theories which arise from that question.

3.5. Demonstrate an objective analysis and ability to summarize which allow the factors at play to be put into perspective and appropriate conclusions to be drawn.

4. Understand, analyse and discuss questions which are subject to public debate in accordance with a philosophical approach, asserting the relevance of and contributing to the development of responses which are relevant and based upon the point of view of a citizen.

4.1. Detect and determine the philosophical issues arising from societal questions and their assumptions.

4.2. Use their philosophical knowledge to analyse and discuss these societal questions and construct a point of view based upon a philosophical approach.

4.3. In so doing, be mindful of the consistency of the problematizations and resulting responses in vim [(3.3. Im-akeifrom th to summarize wh m th.)145.3

6. Act as academics and critical and responsible actors demonstrating “analytical distance” based upon a philosophical approach, with a plan for their continuing education.

6.1. Progress in a professional project in accordance with a grounded academic approach (from a theoretical and methodological point of view) and characterised by “analytical distance” based upon a philosophical approach.

6.2. Independently and responsibly, within a framework, engage in and make decisions upon the context of the work and others.

6.3. Cast a critical eye over their own knowledge and competencies and independently put in place methods and opportunities to improve them as part of system of continuing development which is indispensable in order to progress in a positive way in their social and professional environment.

Programme structure

The programme is made up of core courses (60 credits), comprising:

- an individual final project (15 credits);
- the Chaire Mercier (5 credits);
- the students' conference (5 credits);
- shared subjects (25 credits);
- and free credits (10 credits).

FILO2M1 Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [60.0]

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2023-2024
- ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 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...)

● LFILO2006	Individual final project		FR [q1+q2] [] [15 Credits] 🌐
● LFILO2801	Mercier Chair Course	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● LFILO2802	Students' conference	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1+q2] [7.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐

○ Shared subjects (25 credits)

Five courses to be chosen (at least 1 course in at least 4 headings) for a total of 25 credits

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

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

FILO2M1 - 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° Provide proof of level B1 of the [Common European Framework of Reference](#) in French.

3° To have developed the following skills in the context of their previous academic training:

- mastery of the written and oral scientific practices of the French language;
- competence in the following philosophical disciplines: logic, morals, epistemology, anthropology, metaphysics, political and social philosophy, aesthetics and philosophy of art;
- mastery of the history of philosophy;
- competence in the commented reading of a major text from the philosophical tradition.

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

Course equivalences are submitted for approval to the jury (small panel).

University Bachelors

Diploma

integrated into the master's programme

Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium

Bachelor of philosophy

Direct access

Other bachelor

If students have chosen the [Certificat universitaire en philosophie \(fondements\)](#)

Access with additional training

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

Teaching method

The master 60 en philosophie aims mainly to build on the philosophical training provided in the first level whilst helping the student, thanks to the selection of courses offered, to form a specialisation.

There is a rich selection of courses on offer, given that UCLouvain is a complete university.

In general terms, the training the student will have received at the end of his master will equip him with a highly developed **critical mind**, skills in **objective analysis** and an **ability to summarise** and pick out the parameters to take into account when addressing an issue. These qualities provided by calling things into question, reading philosophical texts and the diversity of the subjects taught help the student "step back" from the subject in a manner which is characteristic of graduates in philosophy and valued by the jobs market (diplomacy, journalism, managing human resources). In his working life, the philosopher will tend spontaneously to work with his colleagues in a spirit of tolerance and openness to dialogue.

Incidentally, the training provided by the master 60 provides the student with all resources and methods which will allow him, subject to completing extra training, to conduct himself, albeit as part of a research team, a specialisation in a sector of philosophical research.

More specifically, the teaching methodology favoured by the master is characterised by

- the **availability** of the professors : whether at the end of the class or by appointment in his office, the professor will always be present to answer a question, go over an issue again or give information on reading matter.
- the **close link to research** : the content of the courses and seminars is very closely linked to the research conducted by the professors. This makes their classes all the more lively and students can share in their research.
- **interaction**: at the level of the master, courses are often less 'lecture-like' than in the first level. Since the auditorium is smaller, there is a lot more room for dialogue between the teacher and the students and for the prepared interventions of both parties.
- the **diversity** of the learning situations and teaching strategies: courses are sometimes devoted to the reading of a major traditional text, sometimes to in-depth topical issues; the seminars promote active research and dialogue and the oral presentation by the students of the results of their research.
- **interdisciplinarity**: the student may choose 15 course credits from another discipline. This possibility is all the more valuable when one considers that UCLouvain is a complete university. This choice must be made in discussion with the dissertation supervisor and be linked to the topic of the dissertation. In this framework, it is possible for the student to explore other disciplines. The fact that the course content is very closely linked to the research conducted by the professors and students are often asked to undertake individual reading and individual work as part of the course gives them ample opportunity to become part of a lively approach to philosophical thought and reflection.

From this point, the master 60 could be of particular interest to students who already hold a master in another discipline, who could thus link their initial training to advanced training in philosophy leading on to a dissertation on philosophy which could include aspects relating to other disciplines.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html>). 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 second level philosophy courses, students are often evaluated through individual work. The relatively small group sizes means professors can provide follow-up supervision of this work and formative evaluation.

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

1. Corresponding Master 120 programme

Upon completion of [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#), students directly access the [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#) and [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#). Their programme, of minimum 60 credits, will include the Master's dissertation (between 15 and 30 credits) which may complete their Master 60 individual final project, the chosen focus (30 credits) and possible supplementary classes determined by the jury.

2. Teacher Training Certificate (upper secondary education)

Upon completion of the Master 60, students may access the [Teacher Training Certificate \(upper secondary education\) - Philosophy](#).

- Further information on the FIAL Teacher Training Certificate: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/etudiant-en-agregation.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/etudiant-en-agregation.html>)
- Further information on the functions that can be carried out in teaching (Primoweb): <http://www.enseignement.be/index.php?page=27705>

3. Other master's programmes (60 or 120)

Other Master's programmes of the Faculty could be accessible, directly or through supplementary classes. For more information, please read the masters' admission requirements.

List of masters organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/masters-en-fial.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/masters-en-fial.html>)

Other Master's programmes of UCLouvain are widely accessible, either directly or through supplementary classes, to UCLouvain graduates. For example :

- [Master \[120\] in Public Administration](#)
- [Master \[60\] in Management \(shift schedule\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#)

4. Postgraduate internship and socio-professional integration

Students have the opportunity, during their Master's programme or after graduation, to prepare their **socio-professional integration** with the qualified services of the Faculty and of UCLouvain. It is also possible for them to complete their training with a **postgraduate internship** in Belgium or abroad. In some cases, procedural steps must be undertaken during the master's programme.

- Further information on postgraduate internships: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stage-apres-diplomation.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stage-apres-diplomation.html>)
- Further information on the Faculty's Employment Service: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/service-emploi.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/service-emploi.html>)
- Further information on the interviews and workshops offered to (future) graduates by the *Centre d'information et d'orientation* (CIO): <https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/cio/futur-diplome-diplome.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/cio/futur-diplome-diplome.html>)

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