

GCE2M - Introduction

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Upon completion of this Master's degree programme, students will have mastered the principles and mathematical methods central to civil and environmental engineering: construction, hydraulics, geotechnology, structures and materials. Moreover, this Master's degree programme provides a wide range of specialisations through elective courses in its main fields.

Your profile

You

- Want to understand, model and master natural and built-up spaces while respecting sustainable development as well as design and create structures for a natural environment;
- Are looking for a degree programme that will prepare you to meet future technological challenges facing civil and environmental engineering in an ever changing European and global context;
- Want to develop your innovative spirit and self-initiative as well as develop the necessary tools to complete your projects.

Your programme

This Master's degree offers:

- advanced training in geotechnology, hydraulics, structures and materials;
- knowledge about project procedures;
- experience in a company via a 2 month long internship;
- immersion in high-tech research laboratories;
- a large choice of elective courses;
- the possibility of completing part of your coursework or internship abroad (in Europe or elsewhere).

GCE2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Civil engineers are expected to design and construct basic infrastructure for our everyday lives while at the same time respecting and improving the environment.

This Master's degree programme aims to train experts in the field of civil and environmental engineering who will be able to take into account sustainable development, as well as the unique prototype scale of the projects and the complex natural world in which these projects take place.

The future civil engineer will acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to become:

- a professional engineer capable of integrating multiple fields of civil and environmental engineering
- a practical engineer who can use his/her knowledge for solving real-world problems and use appropriate civil engineering tools and techniques, either on construction sites or in design offices
- a specialist in cutting edge methods used in civil and environmental engineering: construction, hydraulics, geotechnology, structures, materials and environment
- a manager capable of supervising projects alone or contributing as part of a team

The multidisciplinary training offered by the Louvain School of Engineering (EPL) emphasises a combination of theory and practice as well as analysis, design, manufacturing, production, research and development and innovation while never losing sight of issues related to ethics and sustainable development.

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

1. Demonstrate mastery of a solid body of knowledge and skills in basic and engineering science that allows them to solve relevant problems

1.1 Identify and use biomedical engineering concepts, laws and reasoning to solve problems related to civil and environmental engineering:

- Structures: design and calculation (cement, metal, wood, composite materials)
- Geotechnology: soil mechanics, foundations, subterranean drainage
- Hydraulic loads and open channel flow
- Infrastructure projects (bridges, dams, roads, tunnels)

1.2 Identify and use the modelling and calculation tools necessary to solve problems in the fields mentioned above

1.3 Validate problem solving results

2. Organise and carry out an engineering procedure in order to meet a specific need or solve a particular problem

2.1 Analyse all aspects of a problem, sort through available information, identify limits (rules, technical, security, budgetary, human, environmental, etc.) linked to the completion of a civil engineering project in order to write a specifications note

2.2 Model a problem and design one or more original technical solutions with the specifications note in mind.

2.3 Evaluate and classify solutions with regard to the criteria in the specifications note (efficiency, feasibility, quality, ergonomics, security) as well as the limits (workforce, materials, construction site security and accessibility, budget, etc.)

2.4 Test a solution as a blueprint, prototype and/or model scaled down for laboratory testing or numerical modelling.

2.5 Come up with recommendations to improve the operational nature of the solution under study.

3. Organise and carry out a research project to understand a physical phenomenon or new problem pertaining to civil engineering

3.1 Document and summarize the existing body of knowledge.

3.2 Suggest a model and/or an experimental device allowing for the simulation and testing of hypotheses related to the phenomenon being studied.

3.3 Write a summary report in such a way as the results are usable later on by other people; explain any potential theoretical and/or technical innovations resulting from the research

4. Participate in a group project

4.1 Frame and explain the project's objectives while taking into account its issues and constraints (deadlines, quality, resources, budget)

4.2 Collaborate on a work schedule, deadlines and roles to be played

4.3 Work in a multidisciplinary environment with peers holding different points of view; manage any resulting disagreement or conflicts.

4.4 Make team decisions and assume the consequences of these decisions (whether they are about technical solutions or the division of labour to complete a project).

4.5 Communicate effectively through reports, blueprints, presentations or other documents tailored to your interlocutor/contact person


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5.1 Identify the needs of the clients or users (who often come from public or private entities): question, listen and understand all aspects of their request and not just the technical aspects.

5.2 Present your arguments convincingly to your interlocutors (technicians, colleagues, clients, superiors).

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PROFESSIONAL FOCUS [30.0]

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
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 - Activity with requisites
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MAJOR IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

- Mandatory
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MAJOR IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

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MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP - INEO

Commune à la plupart des masters de l'EPL, cette option a pour objectif de familiariser l'étudiant-e avec les spécificités de l'entrepreneuriat et de la création d'entreprise afin de développer chez lui les aptitudes, connaissances et outils nécessaires à la création d'entreprise.

Cette option rassemble des étudiants de différentes facultés en équipes interdisciplinaires afin de créer un projet entrepreneurial. La formation interdisciplinaire en entrepreneuriat (INEO) est une option qui s'étend sur 2 ans et s'intègre dans plus de 30 Masters de 9 facultés/écoles de l'UCLouvain. Le choix de l'option INEO implique la réalisation d'un mémoire interfacultaire (en équipe) portant sur un projet de création d'entreprise. L'accès à cette option, ainsi qu'à chacun des cours, est limité aux étudiant-es sélectionnés sur dossier. Toutes les informations sur <https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/ineo> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/ineo>).

L'étudiant.e qui choisit de valider cette option doit sélectionner au minimum 20 crédits et au maximum 25 crédits. Cette option n'est pas accessible en anglais et ne peut être prise simultanément avec l'option « Enjeux de l'entreprise ».

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

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o Content:

o Required courses

○ LINEO2001	Théorie de l'entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	FR [q1] [30h+20h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	
○ LINEO2002	Aspects juridiques, économiques et managériaux de la création d'entreprise	Yves De Cordt Marine Falize	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	
○ LINEO2003	Plan d'affaires et étapes-clefs de la création d'entreprise <i>Les séances du cours LINEO2003 sont réparties sur les deux blocs annuels du master. L'étudiant doit les suivre dès le bloc annuel 1, mais ne pourra inscrire le cours que dans son programme de bloc annuel 2.</i>	Frank Janssen	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X
○ LINEO2004	Séminaire d'approfondissement en entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	

⊗ Prerequisite courses

Student who have not taken management courses during their previous studies must enroll in LINEO2021.

○ LINEO2021	Financer son projet	Yves De Rongé Philippe Grégoire (compensates Yves De Rongé)	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	
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GCE2M - 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

This programme is taught in English with no prerequisite in French. A certificate is required for the holders of a non-Belgian degree, see selection criteria of the Acces on the file.

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
Bachelor in Engineering		Direct access	Students who have neither major nor minor in the field of their civil engineering Master's degree may have an adapted master programme.
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in engineering		Direct access	Students with a Bachelor's degree in engineering sciences who have not taken the equivalent of a minor in the field of their civil engineering master degree may have an adapted master programme.
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in engineering		Access with additional training	Students who have no specialisation in the field of their civil engineering master degree may have an adapted master programme with up to 60 additional credits.
Foreign Bachelors			
Bachelor in engineering	Bachelor degree of Cluster Institution	Direct access	Students with a Bachelor's degree in engineering sciences who have not taken the equivalent of a minor in the field of their civil engineering master

degree may have an adapted
master programme.

Teaching method

Methods that promote multidisciplinary studies

The Master's degree programme in civil and environmental engineering (with a focus on construction) is by nature interdisciplinary. This is especially apparent in two projects: a building project completed with architectural engineering students and a structural engineering project completed with engineering students from all fields. Among the major courses, some are included in the Master's degree programmes in architectural engineering (design and architecture), physical engineering, chemistry and materials science, mechanics and bioengineering as well urban planning and sustainable development. Furthermore, students may expand their knowledge by taking elective courses in non-technical disciplines.

Various teaching strategies

The teaching methods used in the Master's degree programme in civil and environmental engineering are consistent with that of the Bachelor's degree programme in engineering sciences: active learning, an equal mix of group work and individual work, and emphasis on the development of non-technical skills.

One important teaching method is the assignment of projects that integrate several subjects. This allows students to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to design and model in a laboratory.

A major characteristic of the programme is the immersion of students in professors' research laboratories (and at times teaching laboratories, case studies, projects, theses) that expose students to advanced methods used in the discipline and allows them to learning by questioning, a process inherent in the research process.

During the 2nd semester of the 1st year of the Master's degree programme, students may participate in a two-month long company internship, which allows them to immerse themselves in the professional world.

Half of the students' workload in the last year consists of the graduation project and offers students the possibility to deal in-depth with a given subject, which given its size and context, provides a real initiation into the working life of engineers or researchers.

Diverse learning situations

The Master's degree programme uses a variety of teaching methods depending on the discipline:

- lectures
- projects
- exercise sessions
- problem solving sessions
- case studies
- laboratories
- computer simulations
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To obtain a passing grade, the marks received for the teaching units are offset by their respective credits.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Since its creation, the Louvain School of Engineering (EPL) has participated in diverse [exchange programs](https://uclouvain.be/en/faculties/epl/mobilite-internationale.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/faculties/epl/mobilite-internationale.html>) that were put into place at the European level and beyond.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Doctoral programmes

1. [GraSMech-Graduate School in Mechanics](#)
2. [ENVITAM-Sciences, Technologies and Environmental management](#)

UCLouvain Master's degrees (about 60) are accessible to UCLouvain Master's degree holders

For example:

- Different Master's degree programmes in management (automatic admission based on written application).
- The [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) at Louvain-la-Neuve or the [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) at Mons

Contacts

Curriculum Management

Entity

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