



HIAB1BA

2023 - 2024

Bachelor in History (French - English)

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The Faculty of Philosophy, Languages & Letters, and Human Sciences Saint-Louis offers a **bilingual French-English** bachelor's degree in history. This programme is the only one of its kind in French-speaking Belgium, and combines general courses, history courses and practical education in both languages. Students will develop academic, linguistic and intercultural skills.

Students take a language test during the first week in order to assess their level of English. Students can join the [French bachelor's degree programme](#) at any time.

Studying history

The study of history means learning about the past as well as taking a retrospective look at the human adventure, thereby helping us to understand the contemporary world and build the one to come.

The study of history means exploring and understanding periods other than our own. It allows us to learn how to build bridges between generations and cultures, which is a necessary step in the face of global human and environmental challenges.

This implies that students will learn specific ways to formulate a coherent research question, locate and make use of the works and sources available for this purpose, and analyse them by developing a critical and reasoned approach. These different stages of historical work will enable them to master the subject in depth and present it orally or in written form.

Your profile

Are you passionate about understanding past and present realities and the connections between them? Do you like to discover new things on your own through research in libraries and archives? Do you consider that acquiring a broad general knowledge is a main objective of your studies? To achieve this, are you able to show rigour, critical thinking and precision? These are just a few of the skills you will use and develop as you study history.

The choice of a bilingual bachelor's degree reflects your interest in the English language, which you have at least a minimum knowledge of without claiming to be perfectly bilingual.

Your future job

Historians stand out for their methodical and organised approach to research, their ability to collect, analyse and summarise information, and their refined critical thinking skills. These assets make them ideal candidates for work in:

- education;
- conservation: archives, museums, libraries;
- public administration: international, federal, regional and local;
- research: universities, public and private institutes;
- the socio-cultural sector: exhibitions, cultural centres;
- the media: journalism, cultural communication;
- associations: non-governmental organisations, non-profit associations and other organisations with a social vocation;
- the banking sector;
- the diplomatic service, etc.

Your programme

The strengths of the bilingual history programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles:

- A solid knowledge of history: numerous theoretical courses on periods in history or specific themes (history of justice, historical

additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment. The additional bachelor's degree has the same value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.

The following additional bachelor's degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in History\]](#)
- [Bachelor in Political Sciences \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in History\]](#)
- other additional bachelor's degrees on request.

For further information, please contact the faculty administration : phlb-slb@uclouvain.be.

HIAB1BA - Teaching profile

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⌘ BHIST1230	Seminar on the history of modern times 🟡	Serge Dauchy (coord.) Philippe Desmette	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	x	
⌘ BHIST1228	Seminar of contemporary history 🟡	Bérendère Piret Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	x	
○ BHIST1293A	Research Seminar : Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome - (Advanced level) 🟡	Florence Liard	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐		



Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified in the **detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:




- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html>).

Prerequisites list

- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1164
- BESPO1164 - Geopolitics
- BHIST1228** "Séminaire d'histoire contemporaine" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
- BHIST1229** "Séminaire d'histoire de l'antiquité" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
- BHIST1230** "Séminaire d'histoire des temps modernes" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
- BHIST1231** "Séminaire d'histoire du moyen âge" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
- BHIST1286** "Heuristique des différentes périodes de l'histoire" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1112
- BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
- BHIST1291** "Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
- BHIST1291A** "Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history - (niveau approfondi)" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1229 OU BHIST1231 OU BHIST1230 OU BHIST1293 OU BHIST1228 OU BHIST1291
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 - BHIST1291 - Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history
- BHIST1313** "Séminaire : enjeux et débats. L'historiographie et le métier d'historien" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1229 OU BHIST1231 OU BHIST1230 OU BHIST1293 OU BHIST1228 OU BHIST1291

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○ BHIST1112	Documentary resources in history	Florence Liard	FR [q1] [30h] +15h] [5 Credits] 
○ BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 
○ BHIST1116	Archaeology and cultural heritage of Antiquity	Florence Liard	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 
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HIAB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- 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 \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

o Content:

o Core Courses

● BHIST1291

Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history

⊗ BGERM1361	Cross-cultural approaches to English literature, (post)colonial and/or (post)modern perspectives and rewritings of the great classics	Ingrid Bertrand	EN [q2] [30h+8h] [5 Credits] 
⊗ BHDPO1315	EU politics 	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 
⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini) Amandine Orsini	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 
⊗ BDRAN1217	Legal History	Ornella Rovetta	EN [q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 
⊗ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 

HIAB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- 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
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● BHIST1291A Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history - (Advanced level)

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Access Requirements

- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country**, the admission request must contain the equivalence of your diploma or, at the very least, proof of the filing of the equivalence request with the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). For any information relating to obtaining an equivalence, please refer to [the following site](#).
- For any secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, the admission application must contain the [equivalence of your diploma](#) issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive

Teaching method

Courses, seminars

Teaching methods vary according to the content and objectives of the course or seminar. They may include: presentations followed by discussions and question and answer sessions between the course lecturer and students; student presentations; or lectures followed by discussions. Specialised courses are taught in small groups, and the teaching staff are composed of lecturer-researchers who are available to students.

Being located in Brussels means that students have the opportunity to access major library collections and archives, which are essential in learning about the work of a historian. The programme also includes a practical introduction to the use of non-textual sources, such as images, monuments and historic sites.

Methodological assistance

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of learning support activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

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".

Examinations are held in January, June and September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have up to two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and/or September. In the second and third years, students have two opportunities during the academic year to take their exams.

Assessment can be written, oral or based on the presentation of a work. Specific courses and practical seminars require active participation, which may be assessed. Assessment procedures are specified in the course descriptions.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Exchange programmes

Students can take part in an exchange programme during the first term of the third year. Selection is based on credits already earned, marks and motivation.

Three types of exchange are available:

1. **Erasmus exchanges** with universities in European Union countries
2. **Erasmus Belgica exchanges** with Dutch-language Belgian universities
3. **exchanges with universities outside Europe.**

Find out more about the [destinations](#).

Language study grants

Students who have submitted a motivated request and have obtained sufficient marks in their June exams can obtain a grant for taking language courses in a European country during a holiday period. The proposed destinations include Spain, Italy, Germany, the UK and the Netherlands. The grant covers up to half the cost of the language course and accommodation.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The bachelor's degree in history gives direct access to the master's degree in history (120 and 60) organised under the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.

Master's degrees available at UCLouvain

Direct access

- **Master [120] in History** (Louvain-la-Neuve) et **Master [60] in History** (Louvain-la-Neuve)

Other master's degrees available on completion of the programme

The bachelor's degree in history also allows access to other master's degree programmes organised by UCLouvain, subject to compliance with the admission requirements for these programmes. In some cases, this requires the completion of certain course units (see the admission requirements for the master's degree programme in question).

- [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#) [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General new# \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)

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