



HIAB1BA - Introduction

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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 geography, etc.) enable students to gain an in-depth understanding of entire eras of the past, as well as the present.
- Links to practice: from year 1 onwards, the programme provides a background in the various facets of the work of a historian: introduction to the various sources of information, research and classification of sources, critical analysis of records, making summaries, etc.
- Critical thinking: during seminars, students are asked to produce and present research papers, with a view to teaching them about the research process and the objective consideration of history and its issues.
- Interdisciplinarity: in year 1, students take courses in other areas of the humanities, such as sociology, law, philosophy and literature.
- Intellectual openness: in years 2 and 3, students can choose three optional courses in different disciplines, such as European studies, political science, communication sciences or literature and civilisations.
- Educational support: specialisation courses are taught in small groups, ensuring close contact and personalised support from the teaching staff.
- Learning in English: students acquire knowledge and understanding of a vocabulary specific to history in English. Students can also develop their oral and written communication skills in English. At least 60 of the 180 credits in the bachelor's degree in history will be taught in English. This is a fundamental asset on the job market.

Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Students can take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree. This means that they complete their main programme with a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 125 additional credits spread over several years. The additional bachelor's degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the

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.

● BDRAN1220

Economics

Bertrand Hamaide



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
- BHIST1229 - Seminar of history of Antiquity
 - BHIST1231 - Medieval History Seminar
 - BHIST1230 - Seminar on the history of modern times
 - BHIST1293 - Research Seminar : Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome
 - BHIST1228 - Seminar of contemporary history
 - BHIST1291 - Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history
- BHIST1293** "Research Seminar : Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - Source Criticism
 - BHIST1112 - Documentary resources in history
 - BHIST1118 - Initiation to historical research
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 - BHIST1228 - Seminar of contemporary history
 - 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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BROMA1294 "Auteurs latins I " has prerequisite(s) BLANG1116 OU BROMA1122

- BLANG1116 - Initiation to Latin
- BROMA1122 - Translation and explanation of Latin texts

BSPOL1215 "International Organizations" has prerequisite(s)

○ 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]
○ BHIST1115	History of Belgium and the Low Countries	Eric Bousmar	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
○ BGERM1263	Civilisation of English-speaking territories	Marleen Cré	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

○ Languages

○ BLANG1120	English	Marleen Cré	
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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

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

HIAB1BA - Information

Access Requirements

Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.

The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

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General access requirements

Except as otherwise provided by other specific legal provisions, admission to undergraduate courses leading to the award of a Bachelor's degree will be granted to students with one of the following qualifications :

1. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued during or after the 1993-1994 academic year by an establishment offering full-time secondary education or an adult education centre in the French Community of Belgium and, as the case may be, approved if it was issued by an educational institution before 1 January 2008 or affixed with the seal of the French Community if it was issued after this date, or an equivalent certificate awarded by the Examination Board of the French Community during or after 1994;
2. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued no later than the end of the 1992-1993 academic year, along with official documentation attesting to the student's ability to pursue higher education for students applying for a full-length undergraduate degree programme;
3. A diploma awarded by a higher education institution within the French Community that confers an academic degree issued under the above-mentioned Decree, or a diploma awarded by a university or institution dispensing full-time higher education in accordance with earlier legislation;
4. A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an adult education centre;
5. A pass certificate for one of the [entrance examinations](https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) organized by higher education institutions or by an examination board of the French Community; this document gives admission to studies in the sectors, fields or programmes indicated therein;
6. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification similar to those mentioned above, issued by the Flemish Community of Belgium, the German Community of Belgium or the Royal Military Academy;
7. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent to the first four mentioned above by virtue of a law, decree, European directive or international convention;

Note:

Requests for equivalence must be submitted to the Equivalence department ([Service des équivalences](#)) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Community of Belgium in compliance with the official deadline.

The following two qualifications are automatically deemed equivalent to the Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur – CESS):

- European Baccalaureate issued by the Board of Governors of a European School,
- International Baccalaureate issued by the International Baccalaureate Office in Geneva.

8. Official documentation attesting to a student's ability to pursue higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur - DAES), issued by the Examination Board of the French Community.

Specific access requirements

- Access to bachelor programmes for candidates of nationality outside the European Union who are not assimilated to Belgian nationals is subject to the following criteria:
 - not have obtained a secondary education diploma for more than 3 years maximum. Example: for an admission application for the academic year 2023-2024, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 ou 2022-2023. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
 - not already hold an undergraduate degree
- Candidates, whatever their nationality, with a secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, must have obtained an average of 13/20 minimum or, failing that, have obtained this average, have passed one year of study in Belgium (for example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country**, the admission request must contain the equivalence of your

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

