



## HORI2M1 - Introduction

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The objective of this master is to provide advanced training in the different fields of oriental studies, with a focus upon the linguistic, literary, historical and cultural aspects of the civilizations studied.

At the end of this master, the students:

- will have been trained in literary and philological analysis in the oriental languages they studied;
- will have developed, through preparing their final assignment, deeper reflections on a specific discipline from within oriental studies.

On the basis of the sections chosen, the students will have acquired skills in two of the following fields: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek language, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Middle East, Islam and the Arab World, India.

#### Your future job

Students of the course go on to work in the private sector, the public sector and research positions.

They hold a variety of positions there for which their education has provided them with the necessary polyvalence, precision and capacity to learn.

The intellectual rigour and open-mindedness acquired during their training allows the students to establish themselves quickly in their working environment, even if they have not necessarily acquired all the specific technical skills in advance.

#### Your programme

The master 60 can be completed in a year and offers supplementary training in fields relating to the ancient Oriental and Medieval periods, based upon the study of ancient languages used from the Mediterranean Basin to the Far East.

## HORI2M1 - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

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The [Master \[60\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies](#) trains specialists in Oriental texts and civilisations, with a particular focus on the following fields: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek language, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Middle East, Islam and the Arab World, India.

By working on original sources, this course develops an ability to produce precise and rigorous analyses, guided by a critical mind-set and intellectual independence, with a view to interpreting an author's ideas or a question relating to societal issue in its context. These qualities will enable access to employment outside the strict domain of ancient languages and literatures.

The challenge for students, in an immediate civilisation such as ours, is to promote the rigorous analysis of facts on the basis of primary sources and from a long-term perspective.

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

1. Become expert in and apply knowledge in the specific field of Oriental languages and literature.
  - 1.1. Attain expert knowledge of one or more Oriental languages including their vocabulary, grammar (morphology and syntax) and dialectology, their synchronous operation and their diachronic development;
  - 1.2. Apply knowledge of vocabulary and grammar to Oriental texts, within the framework of different activities: translations and prior transliteration, individual research, preparation of oral presentations and production of written work;
  - 1.3. Acquire an in-depth knowledge of Oriental works of literature and their authors, by mastering the tools and methods used in the analysis and interpretation of these texts.
2. Develop a scientific approach to Oriental societies and cultures in connection with the languages and literatures studied.
  - 2.1. Achieve a good knowledge of the history of the Oriental world (institutions, societies, philosophy, religions and cultures);
  - 2.2. Situate texts in their cultural and historical contexts with a view to extracting information from them relevant to an historical reconstruction project;
  - 2.3. Depending upon the sections chosen, widening their knowledge in the field of Near-Eastern and Ancient Egyptian archaeology, in the field of Jewish, Christian and Muslim studies, or in the field of modern Asian cultures.
3. Successfully complete an individual research assignment in the field of Oriental languages and literatures and present the results.
  - 3.1. Collect data using the appropriate heuristic tools, with a view to establishing a relevant corpus of primary sources (in Oriental languages), translating those texts and analysing them critically, and creating and using a relevant bibliography of secondary sources;
  - 3.2. Develop a methodology specific to the subject being studied and implement it in the handling of that subject;
  - 3.3. Deal with a well-defined subject: provide a specific question, define an issue, produce clear and structured arguments and formulate results;
  - 3.4. Examine a theme by demonstrating its origins, development, circulation and possible permanency within Oriental literature;
  - 3.5. Communicate the results of an individual research assignment in writing which fulfils the formal drafting requirements (referenced citations, language and style, structure and layout).
4. Acquire and develop general skills which can be used in a professional environment.
  - 4.1. Employ the knowledge acquired in the different fields of the humanities, with a view to conducting an in-depth analysis of facts, documents, speeches or issues;
  - 4.2. Manage all types of data: gather and analyse data, classify it and evaluate its relevance;
  - 4.3. Implement a critical approach: identify the original sources of the data, assess their value and analyse their impact;
  - 4.4. Demonstrate the ability to summarize: efficiently analyse the data inherent to a situation or a question with a view to drawing the most appropriate conclusions or solutions from them;

## Detailed programme by subject

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### *CORE COURSES [60.0]*

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- Mandatory
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



⌘ LGLOR2781	Biblical Greek (New Testament)	Jean-Marie Auwers	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
⌘ LGLOR2782	Biblical Greek (Old Testament)	Jean-Marie Auwers	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐

## ⌘ Byzantium









○ LGLOR2791	Byzantine Greek A	Bernard Coulie	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 > English-friendly
○ LGLOR2792	Byzantine Greek B	Bernard Coulie	

⌘ LGLOR2943



⌘ LGREC1300	Greek - Intermediate level		30 [q1+q2] [90h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LGREC1500	Greek - Advanced level		30 [q1+q2] [90h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LRUSS1100	Russian - Elementary level	Andréï Zakharkevitch (coord.)	30 [q1+q2] [90h] [5 Credits] 
⌘ LRUSS1300	Russian - Intermediate level	Andréï Zakharkevitch (coord.)	30 [q1+q2] [90h] [5 Credits] 

⌘ **Biblical Studies**

⌘ LTHEO2971	Research Seminar in history of christianity (Antiquity or patristics)	Jean-Marie Auwers	30 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LTHEO2432	History of biblical exegesis	Régis Burnet	30 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LTHEO2321	Questions of Patristics I	Jean-Marie Auwers	30 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LTHEO2322	Questions of Patristics II	Jean-Marie Auwers	30 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  
⌘ LTHEO2331	Eastern theologies		





## Supplementary classes

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***To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.***

**What is a preparatory module?**



## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomesg 18eo2871c91]n-1 80M cw8TJ 1 0 0 -1 0 46.55

## HORI2M1 - 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.**

#### SUMMARY

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### Specific access requirements

1° Student must hold a first level university degree.

2° Provide proof of a sufficient level in French (B1 of the [European Framework Reference](#)).

3° Student must prove skills in the following subjects:

- Ancient oriental culture and civilisation;
- Ancient oriental history and society;
- Ancient oriental language and literature;
- Human sciences (philosophy, history of Antiquity, arts and civilisations, source criticism, etc.);
- Language science, modern languages and literature.

Less than 30 credits of the [Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome](#), the [Minor in Oriental Studies](#) or the [Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization](#) may satisfy these requirements.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or several of these subjects, prerequisites will be added to the student's master's programme (15 to 60 credits). This [preparatory module](#) will be made up by the jury (small panel) according to the student's previous studies.

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

### University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
<b>UCLouvain Bachelors</b>			
<a href="#">Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies</a>		Direct access	
Any other bachelor		<a href="#">Access based on application</a>	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
<b>Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium</b>			
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	Having studied two fields in the bachelor's programme (among Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Near East, Islam and the Arab world)	Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of <a href="#">supplementary classes</a> integrated into the master's programme

	and/or India) allowing the choice of two sections in the master's programme		If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Other bachelor		Access based on application	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the students educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
<b>Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium</b>			
Bachelor in de Oosterse talen en culturen (including the study of ancient oriental languages) Bachelor in de Taal- en regiostudies (including the study of ancient oriental languages)		Access based on application	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
<b>Foreign Bachelors</b>			
Bachelor in Languages and Literatures Bachelor in History, in Art History and in Archeology		Access based on application	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the students educational background (consult <a href="#">Acces on the file</a> )

## Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

## Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
<b>"Licenciés"</b>			
Licence en langues et littératures orientales		Access based on application	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
<b>Masters</b>			
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics		Access based on application	In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
Foreign Masters		Access based on application	

## 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](#).

Candidates who do not fulfil the abovementioned admission requirements, but who have duly attested significant experience relevant to the field of study in question, may apply for admission to the programme on the basis of an individualised admission procedure.

For more information on the procedure for admission by validation of learning from experience (VAE) in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/valorisation-des-acquis-de-l-experience-vae.html>.

## 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.

Conditions of access based on application 2024-2025 of the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters are available in [this document](#) (in French).

## Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

## Teaching method

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The different paths available to students allow them to shape their own training in line with their skills and interests and, in this way, to have relative autonomy in their training programme. The various different areas of study provide a series of coherent and high quality courses.

- Interdisciplinarity is encouraged via the following methods : the student decides which sections he will take in the Master (60 credits) (in making this choice, he will be guided by the programme's interdisciplinary courses which complement the more philological part of the training).
- Variety of teaching methods (including e-learning) : use of multi-media for ancient languages.
- Range of learning situations : individual and group work, seminars and lectures.

## Evaluation

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**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".**

The written and oral exams aim to measure knowledge acquired as well as the student's know-how and communication skills. — Some subjects, geared towards helping the student develop research and personal criticism skills, are the subject of presentations and discussions spread over the year (permanent assessment).

Courses are evaluated according to current university regulations (see General Examination Regulations). Students may find further information on specific evaluation methods in the course descriptions.

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

## Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

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The participation in an international mobility scheme is not authorized within the framework of this 1-year master's programme.

Under the agreements between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, some courses in Greek language and literature as well as courses in various fields of Oriental Studies (Egyptology, Ancient Near East, etc.) may be selected from the KU Leuven programmes.

## Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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Upon successful completion of the [Master \[60\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies](#), graduates may:

1. enrol in the corresponding Master 120's programme;
2. enrol in the Teacher Training Certificate (upper secondary education);
3. enrol in another master's programme (60 or 120);
4. do a postgraduate internship and/or prepare their socio-professional integration.

### 1. Corresponding Master 120 programme

Upon completion of [Master \[60\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies](#), students directly access the [Master \[120\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#). 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)

Student may access the teaching focus of the [Master \[120\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics](#). Taking into account the students' educational background could allow credits to be exempted (see [admission requirements](#)).

- 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.

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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