

GERM2M - Introduction

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The training is centred on practical aspects : language classes held in the target language accompanied by exercises in the language lab, individual assignments and seminars on advanced issues, writing a dissertation in one of the chosen languages, etc.

We strongly recommend ERASMUS exchanges as a way of gaining complete immersion in one of the two languages.

Your profile

You

- have a Bachelor's degree in Germanic Languages and Literatures and wish to develop your communicative competences in English, Dutch or German;
- have demonstrated your liking for literary and linguistic topics and wish to specialise in your chosen fields;
- wish to undergo high quality training in a stimulating working atmosphere;
- wish your training to focus on using your skills in a professional environment.

Your future job

Apart from teaching, new graduates increasingly work in business (management, administration etc.); some become translators or interpreters, others journalists or proof readers; yet others become managers, private secretaries, booksellers, legal advisers, tourist guides or work as attachés in government departments.

Your programme

The Master's degree is designed:

- for you to reach the European level of 'proficient user' in two Germanic languages chosen from English, German or Dutch;
- for advanced study of the culture, linguistics and literature of the two languages;
- to gain a high level of critical and analytical expertise;
- to specialise in a professional field where you can develop your skills.

- 9.2. Express their thoughts in writing on complex subjects in a clear and well-structured way, master academic vocabulary and the tools necessary for organised and cohesive speeches as well as the components of scientific discourse;
- 9.3. Easily understand complex presentations in foreign languages, even if they are given in language which differs slightly to the standard version;
- 9.4. Understand and analyse a range of long and demanding texts and oral output, as well as grasping the implicit meanings and scientific arguments found in the details.
10. Develop, on the basis of language and literature and culture studies, reflective and critical knowledge and approaches allowing students to become an actor in modern society, an intellectual in the area of humanities, critical (towards third parties and themselves), and open to a dialogue between language, literature and other artistic and scientific knowledge.
- 10.1. Contribute to different professional environments where a specialist in discourse and culture can provide expertise;
- 10.2. Contribute to the scientific creation of theories of language;
- 10.3. Contribute to the scientific creation of theories on literature.
- 11. If the Research Focus is chosen:**
- 11.1. Develop specialist, expert knowledge in linguistic and literary theories;
- 11.2. Contribute to the production, critical analysis, evaluation and diffusion of new and complex knowledge;
- 11.3. Resolve problems in the areas of research and or innovation;
- 11.4. Integrate multiple theories and develop a critical and creative relationship to knowledge.
- 12. If the Teaching Focus is chosen:**
- 12.1. Take part in education, in partnership with different parties;



**PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : LANGUAGES FOR BUSINESS
COMMUNICATION [30.0]**

This professional focus enables students to develop their business communication skills in two Germanic languages (English, Dutch or German) in addition to understanding current economic, legal, social and political issues of the relevant country.

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2023-2024
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Optional courses [15.0]

OPTIONAL COURSES [15.0]

As part of a well-argued educational plan and with the agreement of the select committee, students may choose other courses (max. 15 credits) from the Master's programmes run by the Faculty or the University. Students must check with the course instructor that they may take the course(s) in question. Their choice may include courses in the [optional module in digital humanities and ethics](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/chaire-altissia-cultures-ethiques-numerique.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/chaire-altissia-cultures-ethiques-numerique.html) and in [genre studies](https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/egalite/le-genre-dans-l-enseignement.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/egalite/le-genre-dans-l-enseignement.html).

Note: If certain courses in the "optional course" category are also available in the core curriculum, in a research focus or in another option, no more than 6 credits may be taken from each.

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- ⌘ 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...)

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○ Content:

⌘ Languages for Business Communication

Placement in a company for a minimum of one month, on a full-time basis. This placement should be done in one of the languages of the students programme.

⌘ LGERM9004	Work placement in one of the studied languages - min. 1 month	Sylvie De Cock	FR [] [156h] [10 Credits] 🌐
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Course prerequisites

There are no prerequisites between course units (CUs) for this programme, i.e. the programme activity (course unit, CU) whose learning outcomes are to be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registration in another CU.

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

GERM2M - 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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Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English		Direct access	Students must choose the two languages studied in their bachelor's programme.
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in German Studies Minor in English Studies Minor in Dutch Studies (version B)	Direct access	Students must choose two of the three languages studied in their bachelor's programme.
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in German Studies Minor in English Studies Minor in Dutch Studies (version B)	Direct access	Students must choose the two Germanic languages studied in their bachelor's programme. If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General		Access with additional training	Maximum 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English		Direct access	Students must choose the two languages studied in their bachelor's programme.
Bachelor in Translation and Interpreting	If students have studied two Germanic languages	Access with additional training	Students must choose the two Germanic languages studied in their bachelor's programme. 15 to 30 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General		Access with additional training	Maximum 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor of Linguistics and Literature	If students have studied two Germanic Languages (Dutch, English, German)	Access with additional training	Students must choose the two Germanic languages studied in their bachelor's programme. Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Foreign Bachelors			
Bachelor in modern Arts and Letters	If students have studied two Germanic Languages	Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training (maximum 60 credits) to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Access on the file)

BA - AESI orientation Langues germaniques - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60

Les enseignements supplémentaires éventuels peuvent être consultés dans le [module complémentaire](#).

Type court

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
Licence en langues et littératures germaniques		Direct access	Programme established on the basis of the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Masters			
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English		Direct access	Programme established on the basis of the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) Taking into account the student's educational background will allow 45 to 60 credits to be exempted.
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English, second focus		Direct access	At the end of Master 120, each focus of the Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits.
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background	Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the programme followed
Foreign Masters		Access based on application	All candidates must ensure that they meet the specific access requirements. In case of admission, maximum 60 credits 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 [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

Specific professional rules

Successful completion of the master's course with **teaching focus** leads to the award of the master's degree with teaching focus and the title of secondary school education specialist.

The [Réforme des Titres et Fonctions](#) ("Titles and Functions Reform"), in force since 1 September 2016, is intended to harmonise the titles, functions and pay scales of basic and secondary education professionals in French Community of Belgium networks.

It also aims to guarantee the priority of preferred titles over minimum titles and to establish a regime for titles in short supply.

AESS holders can learn which functions they can carry out and the pay scales from which they can benefit by [clicking here](#).

The university cannot be held responsible for any problems that students may encounter at a later date with a view to a teaching appointment in the French Community of Belgium.

Teaching method

The study paths offered by the various focuses and optional courses give the student more and more opportunities to "take charge of his training" as well as his gradual choices in working life.

The different fields of study in the programme (Linguistics and literature in the three Germanic languages) provide a coherent set of courses.

As for interdisciplinary, the student can include in his programme courses from other disciplines (optional). In the end, the student's choice (geared towards the programme's interdisciplinary courses) will hold sway.

A second strong point is the variety of teaching strategies (including e-learning) : the use of multimedia for courses in foreign languages, the use of the possibilities offered by Icampus, and the balance between more 'lecture-based teaching and one-to-one student guidance.

Also noteworthy are the different learning situation: individual and group work, seminars and tutorials for the dissertation.

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".

Depending on the different kinds of instruction and courses, assessment may take different forms. Certain courses have traditional oral and/or written examinations (which are held during one of the three examination periods in January, June or August/September), whereas assessment of seminars entails much greater involvement from the student and the assessment of individual work. The form of assessment will be made clear at the beginning of each course.

Certain subjects, centred on the development of research skills and the capacity for personal criticism, involve presentations and discussions spread over the academic year (continuous assessment).

Students are required to write their Master's dissertation in one of the two languages registered on their programme and to attach a summary in French.

Course activities are assessed according to the regulations in force at the University (see General examination regulations). Students

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- [Practical information](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/etudiant-fial-en-echange.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/etudiant-fial-en-echange.html) (in French)
- [Information on international internships](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stages-pendant-mes-etudes.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stages-pendant-mes-etudes.html) (in French)

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