

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French
Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES**

FILO1BA - Introduction

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By the end of the first cycle, you will have

- mastered the main philosophical concepts and theories;
- received multidisciplinary training which fosters adaptability and flexibility;
- developed your skills in research, argumentation and writing; as well as your critical faculties
- the ability not only to defend your own ideas, but also to understand and evaluate those of others;
- a good knowledge of a modern language.

Your future job

In contrast to other studies, those in philosophy do not lead directly to a specific profession, but they develop skills which, through their openness, enable graduates to set their sights on a range of different jobs.

Apart from teaching, there are many other openings for philosophers: jobs in which training in critical skills, the ability to analyse and summarise, breadth of vision and a feeling for argumentation make philosophers highly valued.

Philosophers can be found in politics and diplomacy, the cultural world and the voluntary sector, in the government, trade, industry, journalism and communication.

Your programme

The programme is designed to enable you to develop the necessary tools to practice philosophy with both a significant historical dimension (reading and commentary of ancient and modern authors) and a practical dimension (analysis of text, comparison of theories, extent of implications), etc.

In the philosophy exercise sessions, you will put the theory you have learnt into practice, you will learn to read and analyse philosophical texts, to present and discuss them as well as writing to a.

Programme structure

The bachelor programme of Philosophy : General totals **180 credits over 3 blocks** (3 x 60 credits). It consists of a basic major syllabus of 150 credits and a minor syllabus of 30 credits (2 x 15 credits, over blocks 2 and 3).

There are three main strands in the Bachelor's degree programme:

- (1) general training in different humanities subjects (historical criticism, arts and civilisations, comparative approach to European literature, methodology and academic discourse, modern and ancient languages, religious studies;
- (2) an introduction to the different periods in the history of philosophy (from Antiquity to the present time) and to the different areas of philosophy (logic, metaphysics, moral philosophy, etc.);
- (3) methodological and subject training in philosophy (basic concepts in philosophy, comprehension of philosophical texts, Bachelor's paper).

The first block of the Bachelor's degree opens with a term which mainly consists of general training courses common to all the Bachelors' programmes in the Faculty. This common introduction to the fields of history, history of art, literature and academic discourse provides a basic grounding and enables students to change direction if they wish at the end of the first semester.

From the first semester of the first block there are also specific subject courses. These form the main part of the training in the second semester of this first block.

From Block 2, students continue their studies in their major subject and are also invited to choose a 30-credit minor with a view to broadening their intellectual and professional horizons. This minor can be selected from another faculty discipline or from another UCL faculty, subject to certain admission requirements set by the programme managers.

FILO1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

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- 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...)

Year

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				1	2	3
⊗ LTECO1210	Societies, cultures, religions : lectures bibliques Biblical Readings	Jean-Pierre Sterck-Degueudre (compensates Geert Van Oyen)	PR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits]			X
⊗ LTECO1220	Societies-cultures-religions : Human Questions	Geoffrey Legrand	PR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits]			X
⊗ LTECO1230	Societies-cultures-religions : Ethical Questions	Olivier Riaudel	PR [q2] [15h] [2 Credits]			X

o Philosophical subjects (70 credits)

○ LFILO1111	Travaux pratiques I	Sylvain Camilleri	PR [q1] [5h+35h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ LFILO1112						

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				Year		
				1	2	3
⊗ LPPE1306	Epistemology, causation and modelisation <i>Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.</i>	Alexandre Guay Sébastien Van Bellegem	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			x

o Modern language (15 credits)

The same language must be chosen for the three years. Students must choose one course from :

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⊗ LDEU1116	German language as a social and cultural practice	Ann Rinder Ferran Suner Munoz	DE [q1+q2] [45h+75h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x		
⊗ LALLE1212	German - Intermediate level 🇩🇪	Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	
⊗ LALLE1315	German communication skills for students in Archaeology, Philosophy, Oriental and Classics Studies and History of Art and History		DE [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 ⚠️			x
⊗ LANGL1111	English: Language & Culture	Estelle Dagneaux (coord.) Claudine Grommersch Sandrine Mulkers	EN [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x		

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.

o Major

o General training

o LFIAL1130	European Literatures: Historical and Comparative Approach	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Hubert Roland) Charles Doyen Hubert Roland Marta Sábado Novau (coord.)	FB [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFIAL1140	History of Art and Music	Joël Roucloux Brigitte Van Wymeersch	FB [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFIAL1190	Historical introduction to philosophy & Philosophy and environmental ethics	Nathalie Frogneux Jean Leclercq	FB [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]

o Philosophical subjects

o LFILO1111	Travaux pratiques I	Sylvain Camilleri	FB [q1] [5h +35h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1112	Travaux pratiques II	Sylvain Camilleri	FB [q2] [5h +35h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1120	Metaphysics	Olivier Depré	FB [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1130	Philosophie du langage	Peter Verdée	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] > English- friendly
o LFILO1140	Moral Philosophy	Olivier Depré	FB [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1160	Main concepts and Trends in Philosophy	Jacob Schmutz	FB [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1170	Philosophical anthropology	Nathalie Frogneux	FB [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o LFILO1320	Epistemology	Alexandre Guay	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

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o LNEER1111	Dutch language and culture	Marie-Laurence Lambrecht (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]

FILO1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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⊗ LDROI1503	Law, Nature and Society	Olivier De Schutter (compensates Christophe Lazaro) Christophe Lazaro	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LESPO1321	Economic, Political and Social Ethics	Pierre André	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPPE1101	Political Thought <i>Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.</i>	Nicolas Arens Jacob Schmutz	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPPE1306	Epistemology, causation and modelisation <i>Cette UE est accessible uniquement sur dossier à un nombre restreint d'étudiants.</i>		

FILO1BA - Information

Access Requirements

Teaching method

The School of Philosophy (EFIL) focuses especially on pedagogy during the Bachelors.

The first year of the undergraduate programme in philosophy consists of common courses given within the faculty and courses specific to the students' degree programme.

The former is made up of general courses (history, literature, arts and civilisations, etc.) taught by course teams and include practicals and a tutorial session that enable students to learn in a cross-disciplinary environment. The common courses in the first term also provide students with the opportunity to change to another Bachelor's programme in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters at the end of the January exam session if the advisory board agrees.

From the second term of the first year on, the focus is on courses specific to the degree programme. A tutoring system ensures that new students receive support from more experienced students.

The teaching of philosophy requires close proximity between students and the course team. The teachers are therefore particularly **available** to answer questions, clarify a paper or guide students with their individual assignments, whether after classes or on a one-to-one basis during drop-in sessions or by appointment.

The teaching of philosophy also involves a personal commitment on the part of the students, who must put a lot of effort into reading major philosophical texts from the very first year. This is why special attention is paid to supervision of the students. Practical and supervised reading are tasks assigned to research and teaching assistants, who, throughout the year, work with the students to gradually train them in the art of reading - they need to learn how to attentively **read** a philosophical text - and in the principles of **writing**

- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the [many universities](#) with which the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters has concluded partnership agreements, in Europe under the Erasmus+ programme, in Switzerland under the SEMP programme, or elsewhere in the world under the FAME/Mercator programme, or
- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the partner universities in Flanders, under the Erasmus Belgica programme.

The first term in the third year of the Bachelor's programme at UCLouvain can thus be substituted with similar courses offered in one of our partner universities.

Students can apply for UCLouvain-funded exchanges during both their Bachelor's and their Master's degree. This is a wonderful opportunity and all students are encouraged to seize it!

A period of study abroad is a personal and intellectual experience like no other. The Erasmus exchange is a unique opportunity to discover a different culture and its philosophy.

Our students should note the importance of considering two factors in choosing their destination: (1) the benefit of studying in a language other than their own mother tongue and (2) matching the particular strengths of the host university with their own preferred philosophy.

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses may be taken from the KU Leuven programme.

To find out more:

- [Contacts](#)
- [Practical information](#) (in French)

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

This bachelor's programme provides direct access to the:

- [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#)
- [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#)

Depending on the minor chosen, the [Bachelor in Philosophy](#) may also provide access, directly or through supplementary classes, to other master's programmes organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters or other faculties at UCLouvain. For more information, please read the masters' admission requirements.

Contacts

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Denomination

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