

**At Louvain-la-Neuve - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French**

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **NO** - Internship : **YES**

Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **NO**

Activities on other sites : **NO**

Main study domain : **Sciences**

Organized by: **Faculty of Science (SC)**

Programme acronym: **BIOL1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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- 5.2 Gérer sa formation : développer des objectifs pour sa formation future en master et formuler progressivement un projet professionnel, établir le choix de mineure, de cours, de stages, le cas échéant de séjour en programme d'échange en conformité avec ces objectifs et en fonction de contraintes externes.
- 5.3 Exercer ses compétences et utiliser ses connaissances dans des situations d'apprentissage variées et nouvelles et tirer parti de ces situations nouvelles.
- 5.4 Identifier les applications des savoirs biologiques à travers l'observation et la participation aux activités de professionnels dans le domaine de la biologie par le biais de stages.
6. Travailler en équipe sur des questions multidisciplinaires centrées sur la biologie et ainsi développer des qualités relationnelles
- 6.1 Identifier les objectifs et responsabilités individuels et collectifs en tenant compte des avantages et des contraintes d'une action collective et organiser et réaliser le travail en conformité avec ces rôles, en particulier dans le cadre d'études pratiques, de laboratoire et / ou sur le terrain.
- 6.2 Partager les savoirs et les méthodes, favoriser la collaboration et l'entraide.
- 6.3 Reconnaître et respecter les points de vue et opinions des membres de l'équipe, établir des compromis.
- 6.4 Evaluer ses performances en tant que membre d'une équipe ainsi que les performances des autres membres de l'équipe de la façon la plus objective possible.
- 6.5 Lors de stages, s'intégrer dans une équipe professionnelle et collaborer avec ses membres avec modestie, ouverture d'esprit et curiosité.
7. Agir en scientifique conscient de lui-même et du monde, responsable et respectueux de son environnement
- 7.1 Référencer ses travaux conformément aux standards du monde scientifique et sans plagiat.
- 7.2 Etre conscient de l'impact environnemental de certaines activités d'études du baccalauréat en sciences biologiques et respecter des règles et des lois visant à en minimiser l'importance.
- 7.3 Mener une réflexion personnelle et critique sur sa formation, sa façon de travailler, ses objectifs, sa motivation.
- 7.4 Etre conscient de l'impact sociétal des développements scientifiques, réfléchir et débattre sur les controverses actuelles dans le domaine des sciences biologiques, entre autres celles qui touchent à la qualité de la vie et l'action de l'homme sur son environnement.

## Programme structure

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The programme consists of a major of 150 credits, completed :

- either by blocks of options orientated towards the main domains of Biology (30 credits). These course blocks are taken in the 3rd year of the bachelor's programme
- or by a minor with studies more directed towards Chemistry (30 credits) ; this minor in Chemistry begins in the 2nd year of the bachelor's programme with a prerequisite course for the same minor in the third year of the bachelor's programme
- or by another minor selected from the University programme in concertation with the study advisor. This minor will be taken in its entirety (30 credits) in the 3rd year of the bachelor studies.

The progressive orientation of the programme starts right from the first year of polyvalent studies. The first year programme aims at the acquisition of basic knowledge in Sciences, (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Sciences).

At the end of the first year, the students may re-orientate their studies, without the need for any complements, to the second year of the bachelor's of Biochemistry and of Bioengineering Science and also to that of Geographical Science, subject to an extra course in Geography (GEO 1111).

The second year is composed of a common pool of subjects totalling 54 credits, to which are added, in accordance with the student's personal choice, a project of 4 credits and a course in Philosophy of 2 credits, or a minor in Chemistry of 6 credits. The third year again takes the form of a common pool of subjects (30 credits) and options in the form of personally selected blocks of courses (30 credits) or a minor. The programme groups different subjects together with the aim of breaking down the boundaries of the different disciplines. This interdisciplinary approach is also fostered in the context of the individual or group projects. Several courses are based on self-study. A part of the evaluation takes the form of ongoing assessment which also includes the wide number of seminars offered.

Language courses accompany the programme and are aimed at mastering scientific English.

Principal Subjects

The major in Biology, totalling 150 credits, contains the following :

Philosophy (30) (2 credits)

Mathematics and Biostatistics (20 credits)

- General Mathematics I (75-60) (11 credits)
- Statistics in Natural Sciences (30-30) (5 credits)
- Biometrics (25-25) (4 credits)

These courses are followed in the order indicated.

**Physics and Biophysics (18 credits)**

- General Physics I (75-75) (12 credits)
- Biophysics (45-30) (6 credits)

These courses are followed in the order indicated

**Earth Sciences (45-30) (6 credits)****Chemistry - Biochemistry (25 credits)**

- General Chemistry (60-60) (10 credits)
- Organic Chemistry I (30-30) (5 credits)
- Bio-organic Chemistry (30-10) (3 credits)
- Elements of Biochemistry (30-24) (4 credits)
- Metabolic Biochemistry B (22,5-15) (3 credits)

The first four courses are followed in the order indicated ; the next one may be followed independently after the course in Elements of Biochemistry.

**General Biology (34 credits)**

- Biology (90-45) (11 credits)
- Complement of Vegetal Biology (60-25) (7 credits)
- Complements of Animal Biology (75-70) (12 credits)
- Microbiology and Virology (40-15) (4 credits)

The Biology course must be followed before the other courses which may then be taken independently.

**Physiology and Histology (11 credits)**

- Animal Biochemistry, Physiology and Histology (45-15) (6 credits)
- Vegetal Physiology (45-15) (5 credits)

These courses may be followed after the course in Biology.

**Genetics (6 credits)**

- Elements of Genetics (25-15) (3 credits)
- Molecular Genetics (25-15) (3 credits)

Courses to be followed in the order indicated.

**Ecology (6 credits)**

- Elements of Ecology (60-15) (6 credits)

**Integrated tasks and exercises, projects and work experience (16 credits)**

- Project 1 (0-45) (3 credits)
- Training course in Marine Biology (0-40) (3 credits)
- Project 2 (0-45) (4 credits)
- Integrated seminars (25-0) (2 credits)
- Internship (0-60) (4 credits)

The projects are carried out in the order indicated. The training course in Marine Biology takes place after the courses in Animal and Vegetal Biology and Elements of Ecology. The integrated seminars and internship period take place at the end of the bachelor's programme.

**English : 6 credits**


- English 1 (0-30) (2 credits)
- English 2 (30-0) (2 credits)
- English 3 (30-0) (2 credits)

These courses must be followed in order (unless exemption is granted).

**BIOL1BA Programme**

## Detailed programme by subject

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- Mandatory
  - ✘ Optional
  - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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  - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
  - Activity with requisites
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**o Minor or additional module (30 credits)**

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*L'étudiant complète sa formation en choisissant un approfondissement ou une mineure dans la liste proposée pour le bachelier en sciences biologiques. Il répartit les unités d'enseignement dans le 2e et le 3e bloc annuel, de manière à ce que son programme annuel totalise 60 crédits.*

*Maximum 1 element(s)*

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## List of available minors

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## 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](#).

### # Prerequisites list

**LANG1862** "English: reading and listening comprehension of scientific texts" has prerequisite(s) LANG1861

- LANG1861 - English: reading and listening comprehension of scientific texts

**LVETE1300** "Integrated Seminars" has prerequisite(s) LANG1861

- LANG1861 - English: reading and listening comprehension of scientific texts

## 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.

## Detailed programme per annual block

### BIOL1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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 Majeure

#### o Mathématiques et statistiques

● LMAT1101	Mathematics 1	Pedro Dos Santos Santana Forte Vaz	FR [q1] [30h +20h] [4 Credits] 🌐
● LMAT1102	Mathematics 2	Augusto Ponce	FR [q2] [30h +30h] [4 Credits] 🌐







**BIOL1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT**

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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 Majeure****o Mathématiques et statistiques**

○ LBIO1383	<a href="#">Statistical methods applied to biology</a>	Anouar El Ghouch	(FR) [q2] [30h +40h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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**o Chimie et biochimie**

○ LCHM1371B	<a href="#">Metabolic biochemistry - lectures and lab</a>	Melissa Page	(FR) [q2] [30h +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐
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**o Biologie végétale**

○ LBIO1343	<a href="#">Plant morphogenesis: genetic control</a>	François Chaumont	(FR) [q2] [30h +0h] [2 Credits] 🌐
○ LBIO1344	<a href="#">Plant diversity and physiological principles of plant interactions</a>	Stanley Lutts	(FR) [q1] [30h +15h] [3 Credits] 🌐

**o Biologie animale**

○ LBIO1330	<a href="#">Integrated animal biology : reproduction and development</a>	Patrick Dumont René Rezsóhazy	(FR) [q1] [30h +10h] [3 Credits] 🌐
○ LBIO1333	<a href="#">Integrated animal biology: circulation, respiration, digestion and excretion</a>	Patrick Dumont Françoise Gofflot René Rezsóhazy	(FR) [q2] [30h +10h] [3 Credits] 🌐

**o Génétique et biologie moléculaire**

○ LBIO1323	<a href="#">Molecular signaling</a>	Henri Batoko Patrick Dumont Géraldine Laloux	(FR) [q1] [30h +10h] [3 Credits] 🌐
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**o Ecologie**

○ LBIO1317	<a href="#">Functional ecology</a>	Laurent Duchatelet	(FR) [q1] [30h] [2 Credits] 🌐
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**o Evolution**

○ LBIO1355	<a href="#">Speciation : origin of biodiversity</a>	Thierry Hance Renate Wesselingh	(FR) [q1] [20h +10h] [2 Credits] 🌐
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## BIOL1BA - 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](#) 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 2024-2025, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 ou 2023-2024. 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 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 equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the [DAES](#) or a certificate of successful completion of the [examination giving access to 1<sup>st</sup> cycle studies](#) when you submit your application

## Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

## Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

Pass certificate for the [special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect](#).

Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

## Teaching method

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Des séances sont organisées au cours de la première année autour des questions de méthode de travail, par exemple la gestion du temps ou la manière d'aborder les différentes matières.

Outre des rapports à remettre ou des contrôles de connaissances au début de certaines séances de laboratoires, des interrogations obligatoires intervenant dans la note finale de chaque matière sont organisées après un mois de cours au premier quadrimestre.

Les exercices et laboratoires sont organisés en petits groupes et sont encadrés par des assistants. Les monitorats permettent à ceux qui le souhaitent de faire le point sur les matières vues au cours : les enseignants de chaque discipline répondent aux questions des étudiants et expliquent les points moins bien compris.

La plupart des enseignements disposent également d'un site internet ou est déposée une série d'informations utiles pour l'étude.

## Evaluation

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**The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams. More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".**

Différentes modalités sont mises en oeuvre pour l'évaluation des connaissances et des compétences acquises au cours de la formation; elles sont adaptées aux types de prestations : évaluation continue notamment pour les exercices pratiques, évaluation des travaux personnels et de groupe, évaluation globale (écrite et/ou orale) durant les sessions d'examens.

## Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

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International mobility is recommended rather within the framework of master programmes. In special cases, however, it is possible to consider international mobility at the end of the bachelor's degree.

Moreover, participation in a short mobility can be envisaged at the end of the bachelor's degree in the framework of the Athens network <https://www.paristech.fr/fr/international/europe/athens>

## Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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Positioning of the programme within the University cursus

Whatever the minor or course blocks selected, the bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences automatically entitles access to one of the following masters :

- master's of Biochemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology (120 credits)
- master's of Biology of Organisms and Ecology (120 credits)

With the minor in Chemistry and/or a programme of complementary training in Chemistry, the bachelor's degree in Biological Science also entitles access to the master's of Chemical Science.

The master's programme will be orientated toward the domains of application, research or teaching.

Other studies accessible upon completion of the programme

Master's of Biological Science (60 credits)

## Contacts

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### Curriculum Management

Entity

Structure entity

Denomination

Faculty

Sector

Acronym

SST/SC/BIOL

(BIOL)

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