

BIR1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Bachelor in Bioengineering students must undertake to gain a good grounding in order to tackle the training provided in the various Masters organised by the Faculty of Biological, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering.

The objective is to develop into individuals working towards a better reconciliation of human activities and respect for the environment, developing sustainable responses to the major challenges facing our societies today and tomorrow, and improving our quality of life.

The Bachelor programme of study allows students to acquire a broad knowledge base and scientific and technological expertise in the life sciences field, allowing them to understand and conceptualise biological, agricultural and environmental systems.

Through multidisciplinary training, the future bioengineering graduate will develop their training and personal project which they will work on during their Masters programme, and do so with increasing independence.

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

1. To use a body of knowledge (knowledge, methods and techniques, models and processes) in life and human sciences in the fields of agricultural, biological chemical and environmental engineering.

1.1 To know and understand the fundamentals and basic concepts of the fundamental sciences (core courses), to master their formalism and more specifically to do so for the following subjects:

- Mathematics, analysis and data-processing: general mathematics, probability and statistics
- Material sciences: general, organic and analytical chemistry, general physics
- Life sciences: cell, plant and animal biology, plant physiology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology
- Earth sciences and ecosystems: earth sciences and biosphere engineering

1.2 To know and understand the basic concepts as part of an introduction to philosophy and economics.

1.3 To master a body of knowledge in one of the bioengineering fields (additional module):

- Additional module on agriculture or the environment:
- Life sciences: physiology of the development and systematics of plants of agronomic interest, Animal Physiology (additional module on agronomy only)
- Earth sciences and ecosystems: soil science, bioclimatology, applied ecology, forest science (additional module on environment only)
- Human sciences: environmental economics
- Additional modules on chemistry, material sciences: physical chemistry, organic and analytical chemistry, organic analysis: separation techniques, colloid and surface chemistry

1.4 To master the fundamental experimental techniques in chemistry, physics, biology, earth sciences.

1.5 To use knowledge critically when faced with a simple problem.

1.6 Using several strands of knowledge (to articulate concepts from different fields) to understand a multidisciplinary problem.

2. To make critical use of a body of "engineering and management knowledge" with expertise in the fields of agricultural, biological, chemical and environmental engineering.

2.1 To know and understand the fundamentals, concepts and basic tools in engineering sciences.

- Mathematics, analysis and data-processing: IT and applied mathematics, systems analysis, transfer phenomena
- Earth sciences and ecosystems: biosphere engineering
- Human sciences: business operation and management; environmental economics (only for additional modules on agronomy and environment)
- Material sciences (only for additional modules on chemistry): thermodynamics

2.2 To understand and use the basic tools in engineering sciences (e.g.: Information technology tools, programming, etc.)

2.3 To activate and use their knowledge of engineering with a critical mind and to tackle a simple problem using a quantitative approach.

2.4 To know and understand the basic concepts and major theories in management.

3. To apply an appropriate methodology for research, implementing an analytical scientific and, if applicable, systematic approach in order to consider an original research problem in more depth relevant to agricultural, biological, chemical and environmental engineering, incorporating several disciplines.

This skill set will develop throughout the 5 years. Amongst others, it requires the use of a set of skills as described above. These skills correspond in fact to the different stages of the scientific approach.

The majority of these skills are developed in the Bachelor and Master programmes, with differentiation predominately on 3 levels:

- *the level of detail and complexity applied to the scientific problem/research studied;*
- *the degree of innovation shown by the student;*
- *the degree of autonomy demonstrated by the student throughout the process.*

3.1 To search for information on a defined and simplified scientific problem, to assess its reliability based on the nature of the source of the information and to produce a summary.

3.2 To identify the causal relations between the key elements of a single scientific problem.

- 3.3 To implement a rigorous methodology (experimentation – observation – modelling) allowing the acquisition of data to answer a clearly defined scientific question.
- 3.4 To master the basics of statistical analysis of scientific data.
- 3.5 To analyse and interpret the results to produce a reasoned critique on a well-defined scientific question.
- 3.6 To demonstrate an ability to summarise and formulate conclusions on a well-defined scientific question.
- 3.7 In each of the skills mentioned above, to demonstrate rigour, precision and the critical thinking essential for any scientific method.

4. To formulate and analyse a simple problem in the agricultural, biological, chemical and environmental engineering fields linked with new situations presenting a degree of uncertainty. To be able to develop pertinent, sustainable and innovative solutions through a systematic and multidisciplinary approach.

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- the complexity and scope of the problem addressed;
- the degree of autonomy demonstrated by the student throughout the process;
- the degree of depth in each skill.

- 4.1 To extract relevant information to formalise a simple problem, with a view to defining one or more clear questions.
 - 4.2 To identify the key concepts required to resolve the simple problem based on the knowledge acquired.
 - 4.3 To analyse and resolve the simple problem using key concepts and to formulate hypotheses underlying the concepts.
 - 4.5 To identify solutions and the limits of their application based on hypotheses formulated during the resolution stage.
5. To design and implement a multidisciplinary project, alone and in teams with the stakeholders concerned. This project should take the objectives into account and incorporate scientific, technical, environmental, economic and human factors.

The graduate should be able to lead a project alone and in a group, focusing on projects of a scientific and technological nature with highly targeted objectives.

- 5.1 To know and understand the principles of collaborative learning.
 - 5.2 To plan and develop all the stages of a project alone and in a team based on predefined objectives and work together after having allocated the tasks.
 - 5.3 To contribute to the progress of the project and the success of the team in sharing information and expertise in order to achieve the intended objective.
 - 5.4 To recognise and take into account the diverse viewpoints of team members.
6. To communicate, interact and convince in a professional manner, in French and English (level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages published by the Council of Europe), both verbally and in writing, adapting to their conversational partners and the context.
- 6.1 To understand and use scientific texts and literature and basic technical documents in French and English.
 - 6.2 To communicate information, ideas, solutions and conclusions as well as the knowledge and underlying principles, in a clearly structured, substantiated, concise and comprehensive way (as appropriate) both verbally and in writing according to the standards of communication specific to the context.
 - 6.3 To develop logic diagrams to pose simple questions in summary form.
 - 6.4 To produce graphs, with and without IT equipment, meeting scientific standards.
 - 6.5 To communicate the results of observations and/or experiences in a relevant way using tables and scientific graphs.
 - 6.6 To communicate effectively and respectfully with peers and teachers, demonstrating listening skills, empathy and assertiveness.
 - 6.7 To conduct themselves professional environments with the correct attitude, to interact with players in the field, with colleagues.
 - 6.8 To explain and argue their opinions and views with peers and teachers.
 - 6.9 To learn to use basic software for effective communication in the training activities.
 - 6.10 To learn English to level B2 according to the European Framework.

7. To act with concern for sustainable development challenges, be open to the world and adopt a humanistic outlook.

- 7.1 To demonstrate intellectual independence of thought, to regard knowledge critically.
- 7.2 To make decisions and act, on their training path, with respect for ethical values and in compliance with laws and conventions.
- 7.3 To understand the key issues of sustainable development and to situate their own career in the light of these challenges.
- 7.4 To demonstrate humanism, cultural openness and solidarity.

Programme structure

This programme which leads to the title of "Bachelor of Engineering Sciences : Bioengineering", is composed of three years of studies. The training programme comprises different types of course activities : lectures, practical exercises, group work, individual work, tutorials, work experience and, of course, personal study.

Each course title is followed by a number indicating the number of hours the course represents per academic year. This number corresponds to lectures, unless a different teaching method (seminars, exercises) is mentioned in the course title. Where course activities (exercises, laboratory work or practical tasks) accompany one or several lectures, these are characterised by a second volume of hours per year. The course timetable is available at the secretary's office of the Faculty.

The number in brackets next to the number of course hours, relates to the total number of credits attributed to the course activity. This unit is a measure of the student's global workload for one year of studies and corresponds to the unit used by the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A full study year includes 60 credits. The sign (-) refers to the description of the training activity, available on the web site, when the credits differ for the study years or for the options of the same programme.

Information on credits not indicated on the study programme can be obtained from the secretary's office of the Faculty.

Principal Subjects

- Mathematics, analysis and data-processing
- Sciences and Engineering of Matter and Processes
- Life Sciences
- Earth Sciences and Ecosystems
- Human Sciences

BIR1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- 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...)

Year

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○ Major (148 credits)

○ Mathematics, data analysis (27 credits)

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| ○ LBIR1110 | Introduction to analysis | Emmanuel Hanert | [FR] [q1] [30h+30h] [6 Credits] 🌐 | X | | |
| ○ LBIR1111 | Complément d'analyse et d'algèbre | Marino Gran | [FR] [q2] [30h+30h] [6 Credits] 🌐 | X | | |
| ○ LBIR1211 | Analysis of multivariate functions ■ | Emmanuel Hanert | [FR] [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 | | X | |
| ○ LBIR1212 | Probabilities and statistics (I) ■ | Patrick Bogaert | [FR] [q1] [30h+15h] [4 Credits] 🌐 | | X | |
| ○ LBIR1315 | Probability and statistics II ■ | Patrick Bogaert | [FR] [q1] [22.5h+22.5h] [3 Credits] 🌐 | | | X |
| ○ LBIR1351 | Introduction to systems analysis ■ | Philippe Baret | [FR] [q1] [10h+20h] [3 Credits] 🌐 | | | X |

○ Sciences et ingénierie de la matière et des procédés (46 credits)



BIR1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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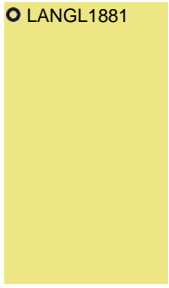
o Major

o Mathematics, data analysis

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| ● LBIR1110 | Introduction to analysis | |
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o Human Sciences

o LANGL1881



BIR1BA: 2ND ANNUAL UNIT Open to incoming exchange students

- 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
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| <p>○ LSC1120/260</p> | <p>Principles of economics 🇺🇸</p> | <p>Goedele Van den Broeck</p> | <p>EN [q1] [30h +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐 > French-friendly</p> |
| <p>○ LSC1120A</p> | <p>Philosophy</p> | <p>Charles Pence</p> | |

o Choice of an option

BIR1BA - 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 1st 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**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

Note: students wishing to enrol for a **Bachelor's degree in Medicine** or a **Bachelor's degree in dental science** must first sit an [aptitude test \(fr\)](#).

In addition, the student will also be able to access other master's programmes organised in other UCL faculties or in other universities in Belgium or abroad, subject to possible prerequisites specified for the programme in question.

Contacts

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SST/AGRO

Denomination

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- Commission de programme - Master Bioingénieur-Chimie et bioindustries ([BIRC](#))
- Commission de programme - Master Bioingénieur-Sciences & technologies de l'environnement ([BIRE](#))
- Commission de programme - Bachelier en sciences de l'ingénieur, orientation bioingénieur ([CBIR](#))
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