

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In French

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **optional**

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

Activities on other sites : **optional**

Main study domain : **Philosophie**

Organized by: **Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters (FIAL)**

Programme acronym: **FILO2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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Learning outcomes

The UCLouvain School of Philosophy is mindful of providing its students with a solid and coherent programme which will

6. Act as academics and critical and responsible actors demonstrating “analytical distance” based upon a philosophical approach, and their continuing development.

6.1. Progress in a professional project in accordance with a grounded academic approach (from a theoretical and methodological point of view) and characterised by “analytical distance” based upon a philosophical approach.

6.2. Independently and responsibly, within a framework, engage in and decide upon the context of the work and others.

6.3. Cast a critical eye over their own knowledge and competencies and independently put in place methods and opportunities to improve them as part of system of continuing development which is indispensable in order to progress in a positive way in their social and professional environment.

7. **If the Research Focus is chosen:** begin a piece of research thanks to a deeper knowledge of philosophy and its questioning, in relation with other disciplines; this knowledge aims to enable the students to interact with other researchers within the framework of doctorate-level research.

8. **If the Teaching Focus is chosen:** call upon the competencies necessary to begin teaching effectively in upper secondary education, in philosophy and citizenship, and be able to progress there.

8.1. To take part in education, in partnership with different parties.

8.2. Teach in authentic and varied situations.

8.3. Reflect upon and progress through the usual stages of continuing development.

For further information, please go to [Teacher Training Certificate \(upper secondary education\) - Philosophy](#).

Programme structure

The programme is made up of:

- core courses (75 credits), comprising:
 - a master's thesis (30 credits);
 - the Chaire Mercier (5 credits);
 - the students' conference (5 credits);
 - shared subjects (35 credits);
- one focus (30 credits), to be chosen between the research focus and the teaching focus;
- and an option or optional courses (15 credits).

FILO2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [75.0]

- Mandatory
- ⌘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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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...)

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● LFILO2005

o Shared subjects (35 credits)

Sept cours à choisir (au moins 1 cours dans au moins 4 rubriques) pour un total de 35 crédits

Les cours avec un intitulé bilingue sont donnés un an sur deux en alternance en français et en anglais.

⌘ History and philosophical texts

⌘ LFILO2142	Ancient Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	David Machek (compensates Pierre Destrée)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2143	Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2252	Modern Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	Marc Maesschalck Jacob Schmutz	FR [q2] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2372	Contemporary Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	Marc Maesschalck (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X

⌘ Philosophical Anthropology

⌘ LFILO2182	Philosophical Anthropology (Advanced Studies)	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2281	Philosophy of Art and Culture (Advanced Questions)	Pierre Destrée (compensates Nathalie Frogneux) Nathalie Frogneux (coord.)	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2132	Philosophy of Religion (Special Questions)	Jean Leclercq Marc Maesschalck	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X

⌘ Practical Philosophy

⌘ LFILO2192	Moral Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	David Machek	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2362	Political Philosophy (Advanced Studies)	Axel Gosseries	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2202	Biomedical Ethics	Charles Pence	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X

⌘ Theoretical Philosophy

⌘ LFILO2231	Metaphysics (Advanced Studies)	Florian Marion (compensates Olivier Depré) Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2171	Logic and Epistemology (Advanced Studies)	Peter Verdée	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits] > English-friendly	X	X
⌘ LFILO2602	Philosophy of Science (Advanced Studies)	Charles Pence	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X

⌘ Philosophy in Society

⌘ LFILO2232	Philosophical issues of society	Mark Hunyadi	FR [q2] [30h+0h] [5 Credits]	X	X
⌘ LFILO2233	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Transition	Valentin Couvreur Nathalie Frogneux (coord.) Charlotte Luyckx	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		

LIST OF FOCUSES

One focus to be chosen from:

- > [Research Focus](#) [en-prog-2024-filo2m-lfilo200a]
- > [Teaching Focus](#) [en-prog-2024-filo2m-lfilo200d]

RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]

- Mandatory
 - ⌘ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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TEACHING FOCUS [30.0]

IMPORTANT NOTE: In accordance with article 138 para. 4 of the decree of 7 November 2013 concerning higher education and the academic organisation of studies, teaching practice placements will not be assessed in the September session. Students are required to make every effort to successfully complete the teaching practice in the June session, subject to having to retake the year.

The teaching focus is concerned with preparation for teaching oh philosophy and citizenship at the higher levels of secondary education.

OPTION IN GENDER STUDIES [15.0]

OPTIONAL COURSES [15.0]

Fifteen credits to be chosen from:

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o Content:

⊗ LFILO2300	Seminar on interpretation of Arabic Philosophical Texts	Cécile Bonmariage	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕	x	x
⊗ LFILO2003					

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⊗ EULG2078	Issues in the philosophy of the sciences		FR [] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
⊗ EFILO2116	Modal logic (ULiège)		FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
⊗ EFILO2117	Philosophy of language (ULiège)		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
⊗ EFILO2101	Science, ethics and development (UNamur)		FR [q1] [18h+6h] [3 Credits]	x	x
⊗ EFILO2102	Philosophy of Mathematics (UNamur)		FR [q1] [15h] [2 Credits]	x	x
⊗ EFILO2103	Philosophy of material sciences (UNamur)		FR [q1] [12h] [2 Credits]		

Supplementary classes

To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.

What is a preparatory module?

It is a set of supplementary classes (courses, practical works, seminars, etc.) from the first cycle (see the non-exhaustive list below). The complementary module (maximum 60 credits) is tailor-made by the jury according to the student's educational background and added to the Master's programme in order to acquire fundamental knowledge to then pursue the 120 credits of the Master's programme.

Who is it for?

- Students from a non-university higher education institution
- Candidates admitted with additional training
- Candidates admitted on the file with additional training

All the explanations are in [this document](#) (in French).

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o Philosophical subjects

⊗ LFILO1120

Metaphysics

Olivier Depré

⌘ LFILO1340	History & Texts of Contemporary Philosophy II (XXth century)	Sébastien Richard (compensates Sylvain Camilleri)	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ LFILO1370	History of arabic Philosophy	Cécile Bonmarriage	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Introduction to academic writing (10 credits)

○ LFILO1499	Writing a scientific text		FR [q1+q2] [] [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.

FILO2M - 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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Specific access requirements

1° Student must hold a first level university degree.

2° Candidates who do not hold a higher education diploma from the French Community of Belgium (or from a country where French is the only official language) must provide proof of sufficient mastery of the French language at level **B2** of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).

In the absence of an official certificate issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>), a certificate issued by the University showing that the candidate has been taught in French may be accepted.

Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: [DELFL](#) or [TCF](#).

3° To have developed the following skills in the context of their previous academic training:

- mastery of the written and oral scientific practices of the French language;
- competence in the following philosophical disciplines: logic, morals, epistemology, anthropology, metaphysics, political and social philosophy, aesthetics and philosophy of art;
- mastery of the history of philosophy;
- competence in the commented reading of a major text from the philosophical tradition.

The 30 credits of the [Minor in Philosophy](#) or of the [Certificat universitaire en philosophie \(fondements\)](#) may satisfy these requirements.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or more of these subjects, supplementary classes will be integrated into the master's programme (from 15 credits to a maximum of 60 credits). This [preparatory module](#) is established by the jury on the basis of the student's previous course of study.

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

4° Students wishing to pursue a master's degree with a teaching focus must have a degree of the French Community of Belgium; failing this, they will have to pass a French language proficiency examination to demonstrate that their command of written and spoken French is equivalent to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (for further information, visit <https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/french-language-master-teaching.html>).

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements
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Other bachelor	If students have chosen one of the following minor or certificate: Minor in Philosophy Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into 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.
Any other bachelor		Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in Philosophy		Direct access	
Other bachelor	If students have chosen one of the Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consultm q 1 0 0 1 -3.5 63.599998 c

Master [120] in Philosophy, second focus		Direct access	Taking into account the student's educational background will allow 45 to 60 credits to be exempted. At the end of master 120, each focus of the Master [120] in Philosophy can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits.
Master [120] in Ethics		Access based on application	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Other Belgian master	If students have chosen one of the following programmes: Minor in Philosophy Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements) Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Any other Belgian master		Access with additional training	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
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.

Admissibility criteria

A candidate's application will be deemed admissible if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Previous course of study including **at least 3 years of higher education** (equivalent to 180 European credits), leading to an undergraduate degree;
- For holders of a **degree from outside Belgium**:

1. an overall average of at least 60% (12/20) for the entire course of study completed at the home institution and giving access to this program;

2. official attestation of proficiency in language(s) at the required level (see specific entry requirements), to be attached to the application file. The official attestation must be issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>).

If a document is missing from the online application, it must be justified (see [UCLouvain Enrolment Department's frequently asked questions](#), in particular "What do I do if my online application asks for a document I don't yet have?")

Applications deemed admissible are forwarded to the Faculty by Enrolment Services. Applications that do not meet these criteria are automatically rejected.

Eligibility criteria

Applications submitted to the Faculty by UCLouvain's Enrolment Department are examined by the program's jury in accordance with the specific conditions of access detailed above.

The jury decides on the admissibility of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application file, the quality of the training they have undergone and the results they have obtained.

When examining the application, the jury will pay particular attention to the following points:

- **Consistency** between the candidate's previous academic career and the prerequisites for the targeted program. The match between the candidate's academic background and the UCLouvain bachelor's degree giving direct access to the master's program need not be perfect, but the skills acquired (see specific access conditions) must be close; Example: for an application for admission to a master's program in modern languages and literature, the candidate's previous training includes courses in languages and literature in both modern languages.
- **Grades** obtained in the program's major disciplines (see specific entry requirements);
- **Arguments** put forward by the applicant in his or her cover letter (training project in line with the program in question, relevance of arguments, coherence between the applicant's application and the program in question, etc.) Example: the language combination requested by the applicant is organized in the program in question.
- **Original covering letter.** An original covering letter is expected, explaining the personal training project. Any plagiarism or use of artificial intelligence in writing the letter to the jury will result in the application being disqualified.
- **Experience gained.** If the access diploma was obtained more than 5 years ago, it is imperative that the experience acquired since leaving school is directly related to the field of study of the programme applied for.

for 2025-2026 will be available in this [document](#) .

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

In general terms, the training the student will have received at the end of his master will equip him with a highly developed **critical mind**, skills in objective **analysis** and an **ability to summarise** and pick out the parameters to take into account when addressing an issue. These qualities provided by calling things into question, reading philosophical texts and the diversity of the subjects taught

- [Contacts](#)
- [Practical information](#) (in French)
- [Information on international internships](#) (in French)

Mobility in the frame of the ESST network

Students interested in the **research focus, "science, technology, society"** can benefit from specific research training in this field as part of the European inter-university program "Society, Science and Technology" organized by the ESST network.

They can follow a term of the master's programme in a university of the ESST network with which the UCLouvain has established a mobility agreement specific to this programme, such as for example: the [Université de Strasbourg](#), the [University of Maastricht](#), the [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](#) or the [University of Oslo](#).

For further information, please contact the coordinator of the ESST program at UCLouvain, Professor [Alexandre Guay](#).

Mobility @home

All students can take advantage of many elements of internationalization of the master's degree in philosophy, such as teacher exchanges, the annual allocation of part of a course to a foreign professor within the framework of the [Mercier Chair](#), the development of courses jointly provided by UCLouvain and KU Leuven, exchange of professors and students as part of exchange programmes, etc.

Contacts

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