



## FILO2M1 - Introduction

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The objective of the master is to provide advanced training in the different fields of philosophy. Its aim is that students will acquire a cultivated critical mind-set, and the ability to carry out objective analyses and synopses which put the factors which must be considered when approaching a question into perspective.

At the end of the master, the students:

- will have acquired advanced philosophical knowledge;
- will be able to carry out a critical review of the literature relating to a particular question;
- will be able to compare and defend philosophical theories.

#### Your profile

Students:

- hold a bachelor's degree;
- have cultivated certain skills in their earlier education (relating to logic, moral philosophy, epistemology, anthropology, metaphysics, social philosophy and aesthetics);
- have expert knowledge of the history of philosophy.

#### Your future job

Our students are employed in a variety of sectors: in politics and diplomacy, in the culture and voluntary sectors, in management, business, industry, journalism and communication.

#### Your programme

The master 60 in philosophy essentially aims to deepen students' understanding of the areas studied in the bachelors in philosophy (metaphysics and the history of philosophy, philosophical anthropology, practical philosophy, the philosophy of science and epistemology) while allowing them to direct their attention towards their chosen specialisation by means of a range of electives (practical philosophy, arts and aesthetics, anthropology (cultures and societies), anthropology (identity and intersubjectivity), metaphysics, the philosophy of science).

## FILO2M1 - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

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

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6.2. Independently and responsibly, within a framework, engage in and make decisions 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.

## Programme structure

The programme is made up of core courses (60 credits), comprising:

- an individual final project (15 credits);
- the Chaire Mercier (5 credits);
- the students' conference (5 credits);
- shared subjects (25 credits);
- and free credits (10 credits).

## FILO2M1 Programme

## Detailed programme by subject

### CORE COURSES [60.0]

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
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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...)

● LFILO2006	<a href="#">Individual final project</a>		FR [q1+q2] [] [15 Credits] 🌐
● LFILO2801	<a href="#">Mercier Chair Course</a>	Nathalie Frogneux	FR [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● LFILO2802	<a href="#">Students' conference</a>	Jacob Schmutz	FR [q1+q2] [7.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐

⌘ **Philosophical Anthropology**

⌘ LFILO2182

## 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 60 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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### Philosophical subjects

⊗ LFILO1120	<a href="#">Metaphysics</a>	<a href="#">Olivier Depré</a>	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1140	<a href="#">Moral Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Olivier Depré</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1160	<a href="#">Main concepts and Trends in Philosophy</a>	<a href="#">Jacob Schmutz</a>	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1170	<a href="#">Philosophical anthropology</a>	<a href="#">Nathalie Frogneux</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1320	<a href="#">Epistemology</a>	<a href="#">Alexandre Guay</a>	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1220	<a href="#">Philosophy of science</a>	<a href="#">Charles Pence</a>	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1223	<a href="#">Travaux pratiques III</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q1] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LFILO1224	<a href="#">Travaux pratiques IV</a>	<a href="#">Sylvain Camilleri</a>	FR [q2] [2.5h+35h] [5 Credits] 🌐



## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the 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.





Any other Belgian master	Access with additional training	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult <a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration</a> )
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.

Changes to the conditions of access to the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters for 2025-2026 will be available in this [document](#) .

## **Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration**



Upon completion of [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#), students directly access the [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#) and [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#). Their

