

HISB1BA - Introduction

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This implies that students will face many challenges.

HISB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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Programme structure

Theoretical knowledge combined with learning about the work of a historian

The bachelor's degree in history at Saint-Louis - Bruxelles combines historical knowledge courses with a hands-on approach to the work of a historian. The Faculty provides students with a background in the various aspects of a historian's profession:

- use of the range of information sources, from the first engraved inscriptions to handwritten texts and digital documents
- research and classification of sources
- critical analysis of records
- production of summaries which meet the requirements of academic writing

The periods of history, from the dawn of humanity to the present time, are approached in such a way as to raise awareness of the various main lines and levels of historical inquiry, such as global history, thematic history and memory-related history.

Reinforced by general courses common to the Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Letters and Human Sciences, the programme teaches students how to build bridges between generations and cultures, which is a necessary step in the face of global human and environmental challenges.

Teaching is organised according to a progressive model: from fairly general courses in year 1 to increasingly specialised courses. This specialisation is further developed in the master's programme.

Minor subjects

Minor subjects are made up of a group of optional courses. The following minor subjects (25 credits: 10 credits in year 2, 15 credits in year 3) are available to students:

- Literature and civilisations
- European studies
- Political science and communications

These minor subjects are aimed at giving students an understanding of other disciplines, and may help them to choose a master's programme.

HISB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
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- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

Year

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Year

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✂ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🏠	Geoffroy Patriarche	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✂ BDROI1221	History of the institutions and of law II (contemporary period)	Frédéric Audren Hajar Oulad Ben Taib	PR [q2] [45h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✂ BSPOL1315	Political Systems 🏠	Denis Duez	PR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✂ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X	


✂ **Dual Degree Module**

Please contact your Faculty Administration

Alternatives

- > Bachelor in History [Supplementary Bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Philosophy] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual-degree bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Law] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]

BACHELOR IN HISTORY [SUPPLEMENTARY BACHELOR IN HISTORY FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN PHILOSOPHY]

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<input type="radio"/> BHIST1286	Sources for the different periods of History	Eric Bousmar (coord.) Dominique Longrée Antoine Renglet (compensates Béregère Piret) Quentin Verreycken	PR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]		x	x
<input type="radio"/> BHIST1227	Palaeography and Diplomatics	Philippe Desmette	PR [q1] [45h] [4 Credits]		x	x
<input type="radio"/> BHIST1226	Historiography	Philippe Desmette Florence Liard (compensates Philippe Desmette)	PR [q2] [45h] [4 Credits]		x	x

Choose 4 courses (20 credits) among the following :

⌘ You may choose one of the following courses :

Year



Prerequisites list

- BCOMU1212** "Socio-histoire des médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
- BPOLS1113 - [Media institutions analysis](#)
- BHIST1228** "Séminaire d'histoire contemporaine" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - [Source Criticism](#)
 - BHIST1112 - [Documentary resources in history](#)
 - BHIST1118 - [Initiation to historical research](#)
- BHIST1229** "Séminaire d'histoire de l'antiquité" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - [Source Criticism](#)
 - BHIST1112 - [Documentary resources in history](#)
 - BHIST1118 - [Initiation to historical research](#)
- BHIST1230** "Séminaire d'histoire des temps modernes" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - [Source Criticism](#)
 - BHIST1112 - [Documentary resources in history](#)
 - BHIST1118 - [Initiation to historical research](#)
- BHIST1231** "Séminaire d'histoire du moyen âge" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 ET BHIST1112 ET BHIST1118
- BHIST1111 - [Source Criticism](#)
 - BHIST1112 - [Documentary resources in history](#)
 - BHIST1118 - [Initiation to historical research](#)
- BHIST1286**

HISB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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HISB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
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⌘ BHIST1229	Seminar of history of Antiquity 🇺🇸 Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.		FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1231	Medieval History Seminar 🇺🇸	Eric Bousmar Philippe Desmette (coord.)	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1230	Seminar on the history of modern times 🇺🇸	Serge Dauchy Philippe Desmette	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1228	Seminar of contemporary history 🇺🇸 Students must take this course in even-numbered years.	Nathalie Tousignant Nathalie Tousignant (compensates Bérengère Piret)	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1293	Research Seminar : Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome 🇺🇸 Students must take this course in even-numbered years.	Florence Liard	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1291	Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history 🇺🇸 Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.		EN [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐

o Languages

Student must choose 15 credits of language courses all over the three years of the bachelor's programme.

o Choose one course among the following:

⌘ BLANG1130	Dutch	Matthieu Sergier	NL [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BGERM1102	Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Matthieu Sergier	NL [q2] [60h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BGERM1101	English : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Marleen Cré	EN [q2] [60h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1146	German	Vera Höltschi	DE [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1121	Spanish	Cristal Huerdo Moreno	ES [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1117	Italian I	Sebastiano Ferrari Chiara Nannicini	IT [q1+q2] [15h +60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1116	Initiation to Latin	Muriel Lenoble	FR [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1122	Translation and explanation of Latin texts	Didier Xhardez	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1294	Latin authors I 🇺🇸	Dominique Longrée	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Thematic modules to choose from

The student chooses a thematic module:

- in block 2: choice of 5 credits (even years) or 10 credits (odd years);
- in block 3: choice of 15 credits (even years) or 20 credits (odd years).

⌘ BHIST1228A	Seminar of contemporary history - (Advanced level) <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Nathalie Tousignant	[q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] ⊕
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HISB1BA - 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 [sTJ /F1 t](#)

Teaching method

Courses, seminars

Teaching methods vary according to the content and objectives of the course or seminar. They may include: presentations followed by discussions and question and answer sessions between the course lecturer and students; student presentations; or lectures followed by discussions. Specialised courses are taught in small groups, and the teaching staff are composed of lecturer-researchers who are available to students.

Being located in Brussels means that students have the opportunity to access major library collections and archives, which are essential in learning about the work of a historian. The programme also includes a practical introduction to the use of non-textual sources, such as images, monuments and historic sites.

Methodological assistance

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of learning support activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

Evaluation

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".

Examinations are held in January, June and September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have up to two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and/or September. In the second and third years, students have two opportunities during the academic year to take their exams.

Assessment can be written, oral or based on the presentation of a work. Specific courses and practical seminars require active participation, which may be assessed. Assessment procedures are specified in the course descriptions.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Exchange programmes

Students can take part in an exchange programme during the first term of the third year. Selection is based on credits already earned, marks and motivation.

Three types of exchange are available:

1. Erasmus exchanges with universities in European Union countries
2. Erasmus Belgica exchanges with Dutch-language Belgian universities
3. exchanges with universities outside Europe.

Find out more about the [destinations](#).

Language study grants

Students who have submitted a motivated request and have obtained sufficient marks in their June exams can obtain a grant for taking language courses in a European country during a holiday period. The proposed destinations include

Spain, Italy, Germany, the UK and the Netherlands. The grant covers up to half the cost of the language course and accommodation.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The bachelor's degree in history gives direct access to the master's degree in history (120 and 60) organised under the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.

Master's degrees available at UCLouvain

Direct access

- [Master \[120\] in History](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in History](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

Other master's degrees available on completion of the programme

The bachelor's degree in history also allows access to other master's degree programmes organised by UCLouvain, subject to compliance with the admission requirements for these programmes. In some cases, this requires the completion of certain course units (see the admission requirements for the master's degree programme in question).

- [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General new#](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: International Relations](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Sociology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Anthropology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[60\] in Sociology and Anthropology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Criminology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
 - [Master \[120\] in Sciences of Religions](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
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