

HORI1BA - Introduction

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The [Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) trains students to become specialists in one or more of the following fields : Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek World, Biblical Studies, Byzantium, Medieval Near East, Islam and the Arab World, India, Far East.

Working on original textual sources, written in various different oriental languages, you will be required to develop progressively the ability to study these texts with rigour and precision to explain the context and discover the meaning.

This specialist training will enable you to develop general skills in precise, objective and critical analysis of information.

Your profile

To join this course, it is not necessary to have made a clear choice of career. A strong interest in languages, literature and history, as well as a passion for ancient and oriental civilisation is an excellent reason to do this training.

- Do you wish to open your mind to cultures which are different from our own, while discovering what today's society owes to ancient oriental civilisation?
- Do you enjoy discovering alphabets which are different from ours and studying the many different facets of human thinking by using textual sources in their original language?
- Do you like thorough analysis and wish to plp 5rBoT Tm 3e6sal language?•

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- 🚫 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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o Major (150 credits)

o General training (27 credits)

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| ○ LFIAL1130 | European Literatures: Historical and Comparative Approach | Amaury Dehoux (compensates Hubert Roland) Charles Doyen Hubert Roland Marta Sábado Novau (coord.) | [FR] [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 | X | | |
| ○ LFIAL1140 | History of Art and Music | Joël Roucloux Brigitte Van Wymeersch | [FR] [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 | X | | |
| ○ LFIAL1190 | Historical introduction to philosophy & Philosophy and environmental ethics | Nathalie Frogneux Jean Leclercq | [FR] [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 | X | | |
| ○ LFIAL1145 | Historical Criticism | Laurence Van Ypersele | [FR] [q2] [30h+10h] [5 Credits] 🌐 | | | |



✂ Byzantium and Medieval Near East (10 credits)



Year

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⌘ Byzantium and Medieval Near East (30 credits)

This section can be chosen independently of the two languages studied in the first annual block.

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| ○ LGLOR1644 | Syriac I A | Manhal Makhoul | FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 | | x | x |
| ○ LGLOR1643 | Syriac I B | | FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊗ 🌐 | | x | x |
| ○ LGLOR1654 | Languages of the Caucasus (Armenian, Georgian) A | Emmanuel Van Elverdinghe | FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 | | x | x |
| ○ LGLOR1653 | Languages of the Caucasus (Armenian, Georgian) B | | FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊗ 🌐 | | x | x |
| ○ LGLOR1523 | The Christian Orient : Introduction | | FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊗ 🌐 | | x | x |
| ○ LGLOR1524 | Introduction to the Byzantine World | Bernard Coulie | FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 > English-friendly | | | |

List of available minors

When accessing the **bachelor's cycle** (annual block 2), students are invited to broaden their educational horizons by choosing a minor (see list at the bottom of the page).

What is a minor?

It is a kind of 30-credit option that allows students to:

- discover another discipline
- reflect on their personal learning project
- define the emphasis and meaning they wish to give to their training path
- access a Master's degree more easily (see the admission requirements for the Master's degree in question).

Please note that it is not possible to register for a minor outside the bachelor's degree!

List of minors available to this Bachelor's programme

- > [Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome](#) [en-prog-2024-minanti]
- > [Minor in History of Art and Archeology](#) [en-prog-2024-minarke]
- > [Minor in Chinese studies](#) [en-prog-2024-minchin]
- > [Minor in Information and Communication](#) [en-prog-2024-mincomu]
- > [Minor in Culture and Creation](#) [en-prog-2024-mincucrea]
- > [Minor in Scientific Culture](#) [en-prog-2024-mincults]
- > [Minor : Issues of Transition and Sustainable Development \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2024-mindd]
- > [Minor in European Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-mineuro]
- > [Minor in Gender Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-mingenre]
- > [Minor in Mangement \(basic knowledge\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minogest]
- > [Minor in History](#) [en-prog-2024-minhist]
- > [Minor in Philosophy](#) [en-prog-2024-minfilo]
- > [Minor in Italian language and culture](#) [en-prog-2024-minita]
- > [Minor in Medieval Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-minmedi]
- > [Minor in Musicology](#) [en-prog-2024-minmusi]
- > [Minor in Law \(openness\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minodroi]
- > [Minor in Sciences of Religions \(openness\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minreli]
- > [Minor in Sociology and Anthropology](#) [en-prog-2024-minsoca]
- > [Minor in Political Sciences](#) [en-prog-2024-minspol]
- > [Minor in numerical technologies and society](#) [en-prog-2024-minstic]
- > [Minor in Christian Theology](#) [en-prog-2024-mintheo]
- > [Minor "Decentering History: Subalternities and postcolonial Studies"](#) [en-prog-2024-mindhis]
- > [Minor in Oriental Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-minori]
- > [Minor in Criminology](#) [en-prog-2024-mincrim]
- > [Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization](#) [en-prog-2024-minislam]
- > [Minor in German language and culture \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minallem]
- > [Minor in Dutch language and culture \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2024-minneerl]
- > [Minor in Literary Studies](#) [en-prog-2024-minlitter]

(*) This programme is the subject of access criteria

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

LALLE1212 "Allemand: niveau moyen" has prerequisite(s) LDEU1116

- LDEU1116

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o Major

o General training

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|-------------|---|---|--|
| ● LFIAL1130 | European Literatures: Historical and Comparative Approach | Amaury Dehoux (compensates Hubert Roland) Charles Doyen Hubert Roland Marta Sábado Novau (coord.) | |
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o Major

● LGLOR1321

Greek III A

FC
[q1+q2]
[45h+45h]
[5 Credits]
 

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| ○ LGLOR1523 | The Christian Orient : Introduction | | [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]  |
| ○ LGLOR1524 | Introduction to the Byzantine World | Bernard Coulie | [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]  > English- friendly |

⌘ Islam and the Arab World

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| ○ LGLOR1664 | Classical Arabic II A  | |
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| ⌘ LCHIN1100 | Modern Chinese - Elementary level I | Xiaoxia Hao (coord.) | FC [q1+q2] [120h] [10 Credits] > English- friendly |
| ⌘ LJAPO1100 | Japanese - Beginner level | Rie Oguma (coord.) | FC [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] |
| ⌘ LANTR1300 | History of the Chinese World | Frédéric Laugrand | FC [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] |
| ⌘ LANTR1301 | Analysis of Contemporary Chinese Society | Lionel Simon | FC [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] |
| ⌘ LANTR1302 | Chair Chiang Ching-Kuo I | | FC [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] |
| ⌘ LANTR1304 | Seminar : Taiwanese Studies I | | FC [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] |

o Modern Languages

The same language must be taken during the whole Bachelor's degree course.

⌘ German

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| o LALLE1212 | German - Intermediate level | Ann Rinder (coord.) | FC [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] |
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⌘ English

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| o LANGL1212 | English for Arts Students. An intermediate course | Catherine Avery Jean-Luc Delghust (coord.) | EN [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] |
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o Minor

Students choose a minor from the list of available minors and take into account any access requirements laid down by the management bodies. They will distribute the 30 credits of the minor between the annual block 2 and the annual block 3 of their bachelor's degree, so that their course programme (major + minor) comprises 60 credits each academic year.

Maximum 1 element(s)

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o Major**o General training**

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| ○ LTECO1210 | Societies, cultures, religions : lectures bibliques Biblical Readings | Jean-Pierre Sterck-Degueldre (compensates Geert Van Oyen) | (FR) [q1] [15h] [2 Credits] 🌐 |
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o Classical and Medieval Studies

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| ○ LRELI1320 | Introduction to the History of Religions | Philippe Cornu | (FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
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o Oriental Languages, Literature and Civilisations

In the second and third annual blocks, students choose two sections (2 x 30 credits). They are required to pursue at least one language studied in the first annual block.

⊗ Ancient Egypt and Near East

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| ⊗ LGLOR1624 | Hieroglyphic Egyptian III A ■ | Claude Obsomer | (FR) [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1623 | Hieroglyphic Egyptian III B ■ | Claude Obsomer | (FR) [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1614 | Cuneiform Languages (Akkadian, Hittite) A | Jan Tavernier | (FR) [q1+q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1613 | Cuneiform Languages (Akkadian, Hittite) B | Jan Tavernier | (FR) [q1+q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LARKE1553 | Arts and civilisations: Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Near East | Gaëlle Chantrain Jan Tavernier | (FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1511 | History and Society of the Near East and Ancient Egypt | Gaëlle Chantrain Jan Tavernier | (FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1513 | Culture and Civilization of the Near East and Ancient Egypt | Jan Tavernier | (FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 |
| ⊗ LGLOR1920 | Internships (Egypt, Ancient Near East) | Jan Tavernier (coord.) | (FR) [q1+q2] [] [5 Credits] 🌐 |

⊗ Greek

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| ○ LGLOR1321 | Greek III A | | FR [q1+q2] [45h+45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LGLOR1322 | Greek III B | Audrey Mathys | FR [q1+q2] [45h+45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LGLOR1721 | Advanced Greek Authors A | Lysiane Delanaye | FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LGLOR1722 | Advanced Greek Authors B | Lysiane Delanaye Louise Willocx | FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LGLOR1422 | Ancient Greek Literature | Charles Doyen | FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LFILO1230 | Seminar : History and Texts of Philosophy of Antiquity | Pierre Destrée | FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |

✂ **Biblical Studies**

This section can be chosen independently of the two languages studied in the first annual block.

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| ○ LRELI1631 | Biblical Hebrew I A | Mathieu Richelle | FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LRELI1632 | Biblical Hebrew I B | Mathieu Richelle | FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LRELI1272 | Patrology | Marie Pauliat | FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| ○ LRELI1310 | Judaism | Joachim Yeshaya | FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |

● LGLOR1524



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| FR | ⌘ LJAPO1300 | Japanese - Pre-intermediate level 🇯🇵 | Rie Oguma (coord.) | FC [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐 |
| | ⌘ LANTR1300 | History of the Chinese World | Frédéric Laugrand | |

HORI1BA - 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;

2- A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an adult education centre or certificate awarded by a university or institution dispensing full-time higher education in accordance with earlier legislation;

- 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 \(fr\)](#).

- Access to **Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering**

The Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering is a joint program organised by KU Leuven and UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles.

Teaching method

Throughout the programme of the [Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#), students are confronted with a variety of teaching methods adapted to the different learning objectives:

- lectures;
- exercises in small groups;
- individual and group written work;
- personal preparation of the translation of oriental texts;
- grammar (morphology, syntax) and version exercises.

Some courses also use e-learning techniques (provision of resources and exercises, pedagogical management, sharing and collective evaluation of work); others are given using an interactive method on DVD.

The common training includes courses given by teams of teachers and accompanied by practical work and monitoring which ensure the integration of the various cross-curricular learning activities.

The specific training in the fields of Oriental languages and literature offers:

- a progressive study of the language (morphology, syntax), both theoretical and applied, accompanied by version and even theme exercises
- a panorama of Eastern civilisations (history, literature and religion), sometimes accompanied by a short summary;
- an in-depth examination of oriental texts in their original language (translation prepared individually and checked in groups, grammatical explanations, commentary aimed at defining the context and identifying human values);
- an introduction to the technical and methodological aspects of the discipline (bibliography, auxiliary sciences) leading to the writing of a short paper in the first year of the bachelor's degree (subject of choice) and an end-of-cycle paper in the third year (presentation, translation and commentary of one or more texts studied in the original language(s) on a theme of choice).

Depending on the minor chosen, the [Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) may also provide access, directly or through supplementary classes, to other master's programmes organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters or other faculties at UCLouvain. For more information, please read the masters' admission requirements.

List of masters organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/masters-en-fial.html>

Contacts

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