HORI2M

*2024 - 2025*

Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies

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

HORI2M - **Introduction**

# Introduction

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The Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies focuses on the ability to analyse and analyse Oriental texts in a critical way in the original language. It provides the tools necessary for a contextual reading of texts and gives an introduction to the most up to date research techniques in the fields being studied. The courses on advanced issues, personal assignments and seminars offer direct contact with the most recent research in these areas.

### Your profile

You

- have demonstrated your liking for Oriental literary and linguistic subjects;
- have a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Letters or Philosophy or Theology and you have discovered a strong interest in the ancient Orient;
- are looking for a training course which will allow you to make up your programme according to your areas of interest;
- wish to gain knowledge of the ancient Orient through reading original sources.

### Your future job

Our graduates work in the private and public sectors as well as research. They have various jobs and roles; their training has given them the necessary flexibility, the rigour and the ability to learn.

The intellectual rigour and open-mindedness which they acquire during the training enables them to make their mark rapidly in their work environment, even if they do not necessarily already have all the specific technical skills.

### Your programme

The Master's degree offers you

- methodological training which is both demanding and applied;
- an à la carte programme of specialisation linked to the latest progress in research;
- learning based on the acquisition of recent tools in oriental philology;
- wide interdisciplinary range : history, archaeology, philosophy, etc.;
- the possibility of a study visit abroad and taking part in the work of research teams.

# Programme structure

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| O LGLOR2773 | Asianic Languages (Elamite, Hurrian) | Jan Tavernier | EN | [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| ⚭ LGLOR2511 | History and Culture of the Ancient Near East | Jan Tavernier | FR | [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |

### ⚭ Greek

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| O LGLOR2422 | Greek Authors Seminar | Lysiane Delanaye / Louise Willocx | FR | [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LGLOR2221 | Greek dialectology | | FR | [q1] [45h+22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LGLOR2222 | Historical Linguistics of Greek | Sarah Béthume / Audrey Mathys | FR | [q2] [45h+22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LGLOR2541 | Greek Literature Seminar | | | 45h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| ⚭ LFIAL2180 | Seminar of Greek epigraphy | Je | | [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |

## ⚭ Biblical Languages
*At least two of three languages must be chosen.*

### ⚭ Biblical Hebrew

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| O LTHEO2631 | Biblical Hebrew II A | | FR | [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LTHEO2632 | Biblical Hebrew II B | elle | FR | [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |

### ⚭ Aramaic

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| O LGLOR2643 | Aramaic A | Tavernier | FR | [q1] [22.5h+22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| O LGLOR2644 | Aramaic B | Jan Tavernier | FR | [q1] [22.5h+22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |

### ⚭ Biblical Greek

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| O LGLOR2781 | Biblical Greek (New Testament) | | FR | [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LGLOR2782 | Biblical Greek (Old Testament) | Jean-Marie Auwers | FR | [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |

## ⚭ Byzantium

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| O LGLOR2791 | Byzantine Greek A | | FR | [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| O LGLOR2792 | Byzantine Greek B | Véronique Somers | FR | [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| O LGLOR2761 | Old Church Slavonic | Leonid Kulikov | FR | [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| O LGLOR2523 | Topics of Byzan | Bernard Coulie | FR | [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |
| ⚭ LGLOR2521 | History and ... um, Armenia, Georgia | | FR | [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ > English-friendly | x | x |

## ⚭ Medieval Middle Eas...
*At least two of the three ... s must be chosen. Armenian and Georgian courses are taught in English.*

### ⚭ Armenian

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| O LGLOR2653 | | | EN | [q1] [22.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| O LGLOR265... | ...an B | Emmanuel Van Elverdinghe | EN | [q1] [22.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |

### ⚭ Georg...

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| O LGL... | Georgian A | | EN | [q2] [22.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| O L...2656 | Georgian B | Emmanuel Van Elverdinghe | EN | [q2] [22.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ ⊕ | x | x |

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| ⚙ LGLOR2521 | History and Culture: Byzantium, Armenia, Georgia | | | FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊘ 🌐 *> English-friendly* | x | x |
| ⚙ LGLOR2522 | History and culture of the medieval Near East | | | FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] △ ⊕ 🌐 *> English-friendly* | x | x |
| ⚙ LGLOR2921 | Seminar of Oriental Christianity | | | FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] △ ⊘ 🌐 *> English-friendly* | x | x |

⚙ **AGBU Armenian Virtual College**

*It is possible to choose, for a maximum of 15 credits, from one to five courses of the training offered by the "AGBU Armenian Virtual College" foundation, according to the terms of the agreement between this foundation and UCLouvain.*

⚙ **Islam and the Arab World**

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| ⭘ LGLOR2661 | Classical Arabic III A | Godefroid de Callatay | |

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| ✕ LASI2301 | Chair Chiang Ching-Kuo II |  | FR [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| ✕ LASI2307 | Seminar : Taiwanese Studies II |  | FR [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] ⊘ ⊕ | x | x |
| ✕ LJAPO1100 | Japanese - Beginner level | Rie Oguma (coord.) | JA [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊕ | x | x |
| ✕ LJAPO1300 | Japanese - Pre-intermediate level | Rie Oguma (coord.) | FR [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊕ | x | x |
| ✕ LJAPO1500 | Japanese - Intermediate level | Rie Oguma (coord.) | JA [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊕ | x | x |
| ✕ LCHIN1100 | Modern Chinese - Elementary level I | Xiaoxia Hao (coord.) | FR [q1+q2] [120h] [5 Credits] ⊕<br>> *English-friendly* | x | x |
| ✕ LCHIN1300 | Modern Chinese - Elementary level II |  |  |  |  |

## 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 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.

## HORI2M -  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.

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 student has been taught in French may be accepted.

Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: DELF or TCF.

**3°**Candidates must be able to provide proof of prior knowledge of at least one ancient Oriental language studied in the Bachelier en langues et lettres anciennes, orientation orientales.

Candidates must provide proof of competence in the following subjects:

- Ancient oriental culture and civilisation;
- Ancient oriental history and society;
- Ancient oriental language and literature;
- Human sciences (philosophy, history of Antiquity, arts and civilisations, source criticism, etc.);
- Language science, modern languages and literature.

Les 30 credits of the Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome, the Minor in Oriental Studies or the Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization may satisfy these requirements.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or several of these subjects, prerequisites will be added to the student's master's programme (15 to 60 credits). This preparatory module will be made up by the jury (small panel) according to the student's previous studies.

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

### University Bachelors

| Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium | | | |
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| Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies | Having studied two fields in the bachelor's programme (among Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Near East, Islam and the Arab world and/or India) allowing the choice of two sections in the master's programme | Access with additional training | Maximum 60 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. |
| Other bachelor | | Access based on application | In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) |
| **Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium** | | | |
| Bachelor in de Oosterse talen en culturen (including the study of ancient oriental languages) Bachelor in de Taal- en regiostudies (including the study of ancient oriental languages) | | Access based on application | In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) |
| **Foreign Bachelors** | | | |
| Bachelor in Languages and Literatures Bachelor in History, in Art History and in Archeology | | Access based on application | In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the students educational background (consult Acces on the file) |

## Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about links to the university

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

## Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

| Diploma | Special Requirements | Access | Remarks |
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| **"Licenciés"** | | | |
| Licence en langues et littératures orientales | | Access based on application | In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) |
| **Masters** | | | |
| Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies | | Direct access | Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration). Taking into account the student's educational background will allow 45 to 60 credits to be exempted. |
| Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies, second focus | | Direct access | At the end of Master 120, each focus of the Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies |

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|  |  | can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits. |
| Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics | Access based on application | 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 al of  the following criteria:

- Candidate's diploma issued by an **institution recognized by WHED** (see https://www.whed.net/home.php)
- 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, 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

## Teaching method

The different paths available to students allow them to shape their own training in line with their skills and interests and, in this way, to have relative autonomy in their training programme. The various different areas of study and the research focus together provide a series of coherent and high quality courses.

- Methods to promote interdisciplinarity: in the 120 credit Master's programme, the choice of the sections (directed towards the interdisciplinary courses in the programme which complement the purely philological part of the training) is a key factor
- Variety of teaching methods (including e-learning): use of multi-media for classical languages.
- Range of learning situations: individual and group work, seminars and lectures.

## 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".*

Written and oral exams aim to measure skills acquired and the student's communicative know-how and aptitude.

Some subjects, geared towards developing research skills and skills in personal criticism, are the subject of presentations and discussions spread over the year (permanent assessment).

Courses are evaluated according to current university regulations (see General Examination Regulations). Students may find further information on specific evaluation methods in the course descriptions.

To obtain a student's average, the grades awarded for each course unit are weighted by their respective credits.

## Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Students pursuing a Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies may, as part of their studies, undertake:

- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the many universities with which the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters has concluded partnership agreements, in Europe under the Erasmus+ programme, in Switzerland under the SEMP programme, or elsewhere in the world under the FAME/Mercator programme, or
- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the partner universities in Flanders, under the Erasmus Belgica programme.

It is advisable to organise the study visit during the second term of the first annual unit or the first term of the second annual unit.

The list of recommended destinations is available on the Faculty's website.

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses in Greek language and literature can be selected from the KU Leuven programme. This is also valid for courses in various fields of Oriental Studies (Egyptology, Ancient Near East, etc.).

Students can undertake an **internship** in Belgium or abroad as part of their study programme. Internships must be related to the specialization (focus) or, in some cases, to the preparation for the MA dissertation.

To find out more:

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

## Contacts

### Curriculum Management

Faculty

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