

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

LING2M - Introduction

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This Master's degree provides advanced training in general and applied linguistics, with two possible specializations: Natural Language Processing (French) and "Linguistics and its applications to a multilingual society" (English, French and/or multilingual). The degree may lead to a position in research or in the broad sector of written and spoken communication (terminology, dictionaries, text readability, text data analysis, etc.), including the 'language industries' or digital humanities sectors.

As this Master's programme attracts a number of international students, you will be immersed in a natural multilingual environment.

Your profile

You

- have discovered, during your first training in language and literature or taking the linguistics minor, a marked interest in linguistic issues;
- are convinced that language plays a major role in any society;
- wish to understand how language functions in context and are curious about the mechanisms of language processing;
- wish to include a professional experience (internship) in your training;
- would like to deepen your linguistic knowledge in French, in English, and possibly in other foreign languages (Dutch, German or Spanish).

Your programme

This Master's degree offers you

- training which combines linguistic theory and applied linguistics;
- wide interdisciplinary range (IT, sociology, psycholinguistics, etc.);
- a solid and varied methodological background (corpus analysis, experimental linguistics, statistics, contrastive and variationist analysis, sociolinguistic surveys, etc.);
- a programme personalised through the choice of a focus, an option and optional courses;
- the possibility of a study visit abroad or work experience in the field (see [the possibilities](#));
- the opportunity to put your skills to the test in a professional environment, during a work placement in a research centre or in a company, depending on your specialisation.

LING2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Students on the [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#) prepare themselves for the challenge of becoming a true scientist of language, with a rigorous and functionalist approach, who contribute to the significant issues and challenges relating to the application of linguistic analysis to other fields (lexicography, translation, learning and teaching languages, etc.).

The aim of the Master in Linguistics is to provide in-depth training in general and applied linguistics, in French and/or English, opening

- 4.8. Demonstrate the critical rigour, precision and distance (both in their own work as well as the knowledge and methodologies used in it) which are essential to all work at university level.
- 4.9. Demonstrate the relevance and quality, specific to the demands of a profession in linguistics, both in terms of composition and presentation.

LING2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [50.0]

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[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

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⌘ LGERM2823	English Linguistics: Lexicology	Gaëtanelle Gilquin (compensates Sylvie De Cock)	EN [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]	x	x

⌘ Additional language course (3 to 5 credits maximum)

Students whose level of English does not enable them to read academic articles may add to their programme one or two of the following English courses. Students who have a particular interest in sign language may add one course (5 credits) to their programme, provided justification is given. The additional course will form part of the overall Master's programme which will total more than 120 credits.

⌘ LANGL1700	Advanced English	Timothy Byrne (coord.) Philippe Denis (coord.)	EN [q1 or q2] [30h] [3 Credits]	x	
⌘ LANGL2600	Entry to Professional life in English	Lutgarde Schrijvers (coord.)	EN [q1] [30h] [3 Credits]	x	
⌘ LSIGN1101	French Belgian Sign Language (LSFB) - Breakthrough level (A1) -Complete beginners <i>This course is only available to a restricted number of students. A selection procedure based on motivation is held at the beginning of the academic year at the Modern Languages Institute.</i>	Fatima Moubayed (coord.)			

LIST OF FOCUSES

Students choose one of the following focuses:

- > Professional Focus : Natural Language Processing [en-prog-2024-ling2m-lling202s]
- > Professional Focus : Linguistics and its Applications for a Multilingual Society [en-prog-2024-ling2m-lling203s]

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING [30.0]

This professional focus trains students in language industry tools (spell-checking, speech recognition, machine translation, document management, etc.). With its strong business focus, this specialization welcomes guest researchers (from academia and business).

For further information:

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : LINGUISTICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS FOR A MULTILINGUAL SOCIETY [30.0]

The professional focus "Linguistics and its Applications for a Multilingual Society" (LAMUSO) puts the emphasis on language-related challenges and issues in contemporary multilingual societies. The emphasis is put on **uses of language in context**, especially in multilingual contexts, and on related **methods, models and applications in linguistic research**. This focus provides a combination of fundamental courses in various areas of linguistics combined with practice-oriented modules in different fields of activity. This focus can be followed entirely in English, entirely in French or in a combination of English and French. The multilingual character of the training can be strengthened through Dutch, German or Spanish linguistics course in the options and optional courses.

Access to **high-level training in scientific research** is also provided thanks to the strong collaboration between the linguistics programme and several top research centres hosted by the research Institute for Language and Communication.

Students enrolled in the LAMUSO professional focus are encouraged to apply for an Erasmus grant to cover a period of study at a university offering an interesting range of linguistics courses.

- Germany: Erlangen (Nuremberg), Giessen, Regensburg
- Spain: Barcelona, Zaragoza
- France: Université de Paris, Grenoble-Alpes ; Toulouse
- Greece: Patras
- Italy: Venice
- Netherlands: Leiden, Nijmegen ; Utrecht
- Norway: Oslo
- United Kingdom: Birmingham
- Switzerland: Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva

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o Content:

o Academic Writing Skills (5 credits)

Depending on their profile, students choose a scientific writing course in English or French. For non-French speaking students who wish to take LFRAN1405, a level test is scheduled at the beginning of the course.

⊗ Students at level B2+ in English

○ LGERM2720	Interactive Competence in English : English for academic purposes	Fanny Meunier	EN [q2] [15h+22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
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⊗ Students learning French

○ LFRAN1405	French - French as a university language - Objective B2	Geneviève Briet (coord.)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
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⊗ Francophone students (native)

○ LCLIG2122	Scientific Writing	Anne-Catherine Simon	FR [q1] [7.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
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o Internship (10 credits)

○ LLING9995	Work placement in a research laboratory or a company <i>The language used during the internship and in the internship report will depend on where the internship takes place. The choice of language must be approved by the academic coordinator.</i>	Philippe Hambye (coord.)	EN [q1 or q2] [240h] [10 Credits] 🌐	X	X
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o Linguistic Courses (15 credits)

o Contrastive Linguistics

○ LGERM2719	Typology and contrastive linguistics	Elisabeth Degand	EN [q2] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > French-friendly	X	X
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OPTIONS [40.0]

Regardless of the chosen focus, **the programme contains**

- **40 credits of option and optional courses** distributed as follows: one option of minimum 15 credits completed with maximum 25 credits of optional courses (which can be chosen from the options below except INEO)
- OR
- **two options** of minimum 15 credits each.

A maximum of 30 credits can be chosen within one option.

A **B2 level**

OPTION IN COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer science prerequisites recommended in addition to the professional focus in Natural Language Processing, for those who do not have an equivalent background. Students wishing to follow these courses should contact the teachers concerned at the beginning of the academic year. Several courses are organised at the KU Leuven.

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o Content:**⌘ Prerequisite in computing**

These courses are recommended for students who have not undergone equivalent training.

⌘ LINFO2263	Computational Linguistics	Pierre Dupont	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐 > French-friendly	X
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OPTION IN NEDERLANDSE TAALKUNDE

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
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INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP - INEO [30.0]

INEO is an option offered in 30 Master programmes, in 9 faculties of UCLouvain. It involves the completion of an interfaculty dissertation (in teams) on a business creation project. Access to this option (as well as to each of the courses) is limited to students selected by application. All information on <https://uclouvain.be/en/study/ineo>.

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o Content:**⊗ Prerequisite**

This course is compulsory for students who do not have any management prerequisites. Students who have taken the minor in Management or the minor in Entrepreneurship do not have to take this course.

● LINEO2021	Financer son projet	Philippe Grégoire Olivier Vercruysse	10 [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊗	X	
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o Compulsory courses (20 credits)

● LINEO2001	Théorie de l'entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	10 [q1] [30h+20h] [5 Credits] ⊗	X	
● LINEO2002	Aspects juridiques, économiques et managériaux de la création d'entreprise	Yves De Cordt Marine Falize	10 [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊗	X	
● LINEO2003	Plan d'affaires et étapes-clefs de la création d'entreprise	Frank Janssen	10 [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊗		X
● LINEO2004	Séminaire d'approfondissement en entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	10 [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] ⊗	X	

OPTION IN DIGITAL CULTURE AND ETHICS [15.0]

The digital has transformed our lives and culture to the extent to which everything takes place nowadays in “digital space,” as our own

OPTIONAL COURSES

Students complete their program with courses from the above options.

BA - assistant(e) en psychologie - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60

BA en logopédie - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
Masters			
Master [120] in Linguistics, second focus		Direct access	At the end of Master 120, each focus of the Master [120] in Linguistics can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits. For the focus in Natural Language Processing, supplementary classes can be added to the student's program according to his educational background.
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General Master [60] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General Master [60] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Master [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures		Direct access	Programme established on the basis of the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) Taking into account the student's educational background will allow a maximum of 60 credits to be exempted.
Master [120] in Computer Science and Engineering Master [120] in Computer Science		Access with additional training	Maximum 30 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the Master's programme Programme established on the basis of the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Other Belgian Master		Access based on application	Programme established on the basis of 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.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Upon successful completion of the [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#), graduates may:

1. follow another focus of the same Master's programme;
2. enrol in another master's programme (60, 120 or advanced master);
3. access the doctoral training;
4. do a postgraduate internship and/or prepare their socio-professional integration.

1. Other focus of the same Master's programme

Each focus of the [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#) can be achieved through a programme of 30 credits.

2. Other master's programmes (60, 120 or advance master)

Other Master's programmes of the Faculty could be accessible, directly or through supplementary classes. 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/infomaster.html>

Other Master's programmes of UCLouvain are widely accessible, either directly or through supplementary classes, to UCLouvain graduates. For example :

- [Master \[120\] in Public Administration](#)
- [Master \[60\] in Management \(shift schedule\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#)

The [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#) gives direct access to the following Advanced Master's programmes:

- [Advanced Master in Gender Studies](#)
- [Advanced Master in Visual Cultures](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Advanced Master in Science and Management of the Environment and Sustainable Development](#)

3. Doctoral training

Further information: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/doctorats.html>

4. Postgraduate internship and socio-professional integration

Students have the opportunity, during their master's programme or after graduation, to prepare their socio-professional integration with the qualified services of the Faculty and of UCLouvain. It is also possible for them to complete their training with a postgraduate internship in Belgium or abroad. In some cases, procedural steps must be undertaken during the master's programme.

- Further information on postgraduate internships: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stage-apres-diplomation.html>
- Further information on the Faculty's Employment Service: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/service-emploi.html>
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