

ROGB1BA - Introduction

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Undertaking studies in modern languages and literature means making an important choice for the society of tomorrow. Those who master the French language, literature and culture because they are able to decode all types of rhetoric and construct convincing arguments, have the keys to understanding the issues at stake in our contemporary civilisation and to intervening in the public sphere or in the media.

When this is combined with knowledge of another Germanic language, even more perspectives are opened up and interculturality becomes a major value. Fluency in French and English or Dutch is an asset in the professional world. In addition, a third language (Romance or Germanic) can also be part of this programme. Thanks to these studies, students will be able to build bridges between different cultural worlds and highlight the richness specific to each of them.

Your profile

- You value linguistic and cultural diversity.
- You wish to be highly proficient in French and a Germanic language, with the possibility to learn a third language (Romance or Germanic).
- You love to read and you love literary works of all kinds, including those written before our century. Discovering other cultures appeals to you. You would like to have a better idea of the processes, understand their mechanisms, analyse them and interpret them.
- You are curious about languages, their mechanisms and their development throughout history, and you would like to acquire a high level of proficiency in them.
- In a spirit of openness, you are interested in the possibility of studying for a term abroad or at a Belgian university in the north of the country.

The modern languages and literature programme is for you!

Your future job

Studies in modern languages and literature can lead to careers in teaching and research. But many other fields are open to you thanks to your linguistic and cultural knowledge, analytical skills and rigour:

- Teaching French and the other language studied (upper secondary and higher education, abroad)
- Academic research
- Information and communications sector: journalism, literary criticism, communications training, advertising
- Cultural institutions: museums, theatres, cultural centres
- Books and publishing: collection management, choice of publications, proofreading, relations with authors
- Language services (translation, documentation, interpreting) for national and international institutions
- Books and publishing: bookshops, libraries, documentation centres
- Public administration (level 1)
- Private sector: human resources management, communications consultancy, banks, insurance, etc.
- Humanitarian sector

Your programme

The bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature offers you:

- an education in both literature and linguistics, in French and in a Germanic language. In both cases, the programme offers a historical approach (history of literature, historical linguistics, etc.) and a synchronic approach (text analysis, literary theory, grammar, sociolinguistics, etc.)
- a solid general education in the humanities: philosophy, history, historical criticism, art history, European literature and language sciences, also providing you with an understanding of academic methods
- the possibility to take optional courses (minor subject), to study a third language (Romance or Germanic), or to further your general education in philosophy or history

As a central part of the programme, the study of your chosen languages will focus not only on their practical use (oral and written), but also on an in-depth understanding of their functioning and their cultural and literary dimensions.

Your parcours

After your bachelor's degree, you can continue your studies with a [Master \[120\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General](#), or with a [Master \[60\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General](#)

The following additional bachelor's degrees are available:

- history
- French and Romance languages and literature: general

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: philo@usaintlouis.be

ROGB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

At the end of the bachelor's programme, students will have acquired solid skills, both receptive and productive, in French and a Germanic language (Dutch or English). In addition to linguistic proficiency (level B2+ of the European Framework of Reference for Languages), they will have a solid cultural and literary background in these languages. These are complemented by more general academic skills, such as critical thinking, the ability to analyse and summarise, and writing.

These achievements will enable graduates to continue their studies with a master's degree [120] in modern languages and literature: general, in order to specialise in one of the subjects offered at master's level, and to acquire professional academic skills aimed at the job market.

By the end of their bachelor's degree, students will have acquired:

1. Informed knowledge of the main disciplines in their programme (linguistics and literature) and of the various contents, using the frameworks and guidelines acquired along the way;
2. The ability to use the vocabulary, notions and concepts specific to these disciplines in an appropriate and rigorous manner;
3. The ability to use the knowledge acquired in the various disciplines to recognise, situate and describe concrete cases, and to apply the required analytical frameworks and approaches;
4. Proficiency in two foreign languages – a Germanic language (English or Dutch) and a Romance language (French) – both orally and in writing, in order to produce work at university level and analyse literary texts as well as different types of linguistic expression. A B2+ level is expected (according to the European Framework of Reference) in both of these languages, for oral as well as for written skills.
5. The ability to problematise a research question, based on the observation of concrete linguistic, literary or cultural data, with a view to analysing them;
6. The ability to write a first academic paper in linguistics or literature in accordance with the norms of academic writing (bibliography, problematic, methodology, analytical practices);
7. The ability to create links between the various disciplines studied in order to develop a global view of the study of modern languages and literatures, and to stimulate intellectual curiosity about the humanities and an appreciation for their diversity and complementarity;
8. The ability to read academic articles in the fields of linguistics, literature and cultural studies and extract the essential ideas in order to write a first academic paper in linguistics and/or literature in accordance with the norms.

And as in all bachelor's degree programmes of the Faculty of Philosophy, Languages & Letters, and Human Sciences:

1. In-depth fundamental knowledge in the fields of philosophy, history, art history, archaeology and literature;
2. The ability to use academic rhetoric with verisimilitude and efficiency in the field of academic research. 3.

⌘ English

BGERM1101	English : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Marleen Cré	EN [q2] [60h+30h] [5 Credits]	X	
	English : Linguistics and Practical Exercises I	Jennifer Thewissen	EN [q1+q2] [60h+45h] [5 Credits]	X	
	English : productive and receptive skills	Maxime Collignon	[q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	



Alternatives

> [Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law\]](https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-rogb1ba-programme)
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BACHELOR IN MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES : GENERAL [DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN LAW]

- Mandatory
- ✂ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
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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...)

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⌘ Dutch

○ BGERM1102	Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Matthieu Sergier	NI [q2] [60h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		
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- BGERM1272** "Dutch literature : from early modern literature to the modern novel" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1102
- BGERM1102 - Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1273** "Dutch literature : from modernity to the twentieth century" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1102
- BGERM1102 - Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1354** "English: Corpus-assisted discourse studies" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1140
- BGERM1140 - English : Linguistics and Practical Exercises I
- BGERM1355** "Dutch : special questions in linguistics" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1141
- BGERM1141 - Dutch : Linguistics and practical exercises I
- BGERM1360** "English literature: the 20th century and beyond" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1101
- BGERM1101 - English : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1361** "Cross-cultural approaches to English literature, (post)colonial and/or (post)modern perspectives and rewritings of the great classics" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1101
- BGERM1101 - English : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1362** "Dutch literature: twentieth century and beyond" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1102
- BGERM1102 - Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1363** "Intercultural approaches to Dutch literature, (post)colonial and/or (post)modern perspectives and rewrites of the great classics" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1102
- BGERM1102 - Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BROMA1210** "Spanish II" has prerequisite(s) BROMA1110
- BROMA1110 - Spanish I
- BROMA1216** "Italian II" has prerequisite(s) BROMA1117
- BROMA1117 - Italian I
- BROMA1223** "Synchronic linguistics of French II" has prerequisite(s) BROGB1100
- BROGB1100 - Methodology of language and letters studies

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.

Detailed programme per annual block

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- ⊗ 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...)

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FI	BFILO1114 Philosophy	Laurent Van Eynde	FR
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ROGB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- 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...)

o Content:

o Content

● BHIST1218	History of Art from the Middle Ages to the Modern Day	Roxanne Loos	(FR) [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● BROMA1218	Literary theories	Isabelle Ost	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Language combination

The student chooses the study of a language combination: French-English or French-Dutch.

o French

● BROMA1223	Synchronic linguistics of French II ■
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○ BGERM1272	Dutch literature : from early modern literature to the modern novel 🟡 <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Matthieu Sergier	SE [q1] [30h+7h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
○ BGERM1273	Dutch literature : from modernity to the twentieth century 🟡 <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Matthieu Sergier	SE [q2] [30h+8h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
○ BGERM1362	Dutch literature: twentieth century and beyond 🟡 <i>Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.</i>	Matthieu Sergier	SE [q1] [30h+7h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐
○ BGERM1363	Intercultural approaches to Dutch literature, (post)colonial and/or (post)modern perspectives and rewrites of the great classics 🟡 <i>Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.</i>	Matthieu Sergier	SE [q2] [30h+8h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐
○ BGERM1235	Dutch : Linguistics and practical exercises II A 🟡	Pauline Degrave	SE [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BGERM1232	Dutch : linguistics and practical exercises II B 🟡	Julien Perrez	SE [q2] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐

○ Optional module

The student chooses a single module (20 credits, including 10 credits in block 2 and 10 credits in block 3) from the following modules: philosophy, history, English, Dutch, Spanish, Italian.

⌘ Philosophy Module

● BGERM1272

ROGB1BA - 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

- [General access requirements](#)

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- 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 awarded for 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.

Teaching method

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles places great importance on **educational support for all students**. In the Faculty of Philosophy, Languages & Letters, and Human Sciences, teachers and students are in close contact thanks to the small size of the groups. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

Students are exposed to a **variety of teaching methods adapted** to different learning objectives, including lectures, practical seminars, seminars, tutorials, group work and independent study. In addition, when the course allows, alternative teaching methods are used, such as flip teaching, blended learning, inquiry-based learning, etc.

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".

Three examination sessions are organised during the academic year, in January, June and August/September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and August/September.

Over the course of the bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature, there will be oral assessments (oral exams and oral presentations of seminar work) and written assessments (written exams and written personal work). Further information on the specific assessment methods may be found in the course descriptions. Assessment procedures will be specified at the beginning of each course.

Various educational support methods are offered to help students improve their assessment-related skills.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Exchange programmes

It is enriching to pursue part of one's programme at a foreign university. Immersed in a new environment, students develop their ability to be adaptable and self-reliant. Furthermore, they often deepen their knowledge of another language and discover a different culture. For these reasons, [interuniversity exchanges](#) – whether through Erasmus or outside Europe – are encouraged.

Students in modern languages and literature can take part in an exchange programme during the third year. They can choose from a range of destinations in countries where Romance or Germanic languages are spoken.

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 the summer holidays. The proposed destinations are mainly in Spain and Italy. The grant covers up to half the cost of the language course and accommodation.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The bachelor's degree programme gives direct access to the master's degree in modern languages and literature: general (120 and 60), organised under the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. It also gives direct access to the master's degree in linguistics (120), the master's degree in French and Romance Languages and Literature: French as a foreign language (120), and the master's degree in multilingual communication (120).

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- [Master \[120\] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General](#) et [Master \[60\] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#) et [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Journalism](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[60\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (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)
- [Master \[120\] in Performing Arts](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

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