

THEA2M - Introduction

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The study programme for the Master's degree is organised around four main elements:

- dialogue on the Western theatrical tradition;
- dialogue on the academic disciplines which analyse theatrical creation;
- dialogue on theatrical practice, in the form of workshops and work placements in a professional environment;
- for future secondary teachers, dialogue with educationalists, through the study of the different trends in general teaching and teaching for the theatre.

Your profile

You

- are passionate about the theatre and everything related to the performing arts;
- wish, without being an actor, to join a profession related to theatrical creation : playwright, theatre critic, public relations officer, organiser, teacher, manager, theatre director;
- are looking for a university training which will bring enrichment, whether you are an actor, producer, designers, teacher of French and theatre, psychologist, occupational therapist or researcher, etc.

Your programme

The Master's degree offers you

- a complete overview of the phenomenon that is theatre;
- knowledge and skills in the critical analysis of theatrical creation and the performing arts;
- the ability to use research tools and fundamental concepts to help you, in a personal way, in what you do now or will do in the future;
- theoretical training accompanied by practical work, workshops and work placements supervised in a professional environment;
- a pluridisciplinary approach.

THEA2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Students on the [Master \[120\] in Performing Arts](#) prepare themselves for the challenge of becoming an expert actor in the field of theatre studies, with an approach which takes the whole phenomenon of theatre into account. At the end of their training, the students will be able to master and employ knowledge and critical analysis skills in respect of theatrical creation and performing arts, in order to independently and relevantly approach their current or future practice and become an active cultural actor in the world of professional theatre.

In order to achieve that, students will master a broad range of knowledge relating to theory and practice, tools, concepts and methods in various disciplines required in order to understand problems in the field of theatre studies and performing arts.

Students will employ their knowledge and skills in order to understand, analyse and respond to situations/problems in all areas of and in respect of all the complexities of the field of performing arts:

- in accordance with an academic approach: a scientific approach grounded upon reflection and a rigorous methodology;
- in accordance with a multidisciplinary approach ensuring the adoption of a critical and nuanced posture regarding the contributions made by different disciplines;
- in accordance with questioning which takes the institutional, historical and cultural specifics of performing arts into account;
- by appropriately and compatibly communicating and interacting with the different actors involved in a given situation;
- by proposing action plans in response to a situation or problem.

Depending upon the focus chosen, students can give their training either a bias towards specialised skills in theatrical practices and professions, or towards specific teaching skills.

Students will question, enrich and consolidate their professional practice by subjecting the latter to criticism. Students will integrate a continuous developmental logic which allows them to perform as professionals demonstrating high-level expertise and flexibility, and be able to adapt and develop positively within the context of their work.

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

1. Master and employ interdisciplinary theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of theatre studies.
 - 1.1. Understand the aesthetic theatrical concepts and acquire an in-depth knowledge of the phenomenon of theatre;
 - 1.2. Be able to situate the phenomenon of theatre amongst other arts and, more widely, other discourse;
 - 1.3. Employ multidisciplinary knowledge which is essential to the theatre and to culture in general, such as the history of staging, literary analysis, the dramaturgical study of theatrical texts, the sociology of the theatre, theatrical legislation;
 - 1.4. Master specialist knowledge depending upon their choice of focus, such as drama teaching to adolescents and the principles of teaching;
 - 1.5. Apply the knowledge and practices linked to experiences in the theatrical sector and culture;
 - 1.6. Situate theatrical productions (text and/or staged) in history and interpret them from the point of view of history, dramaturgy, stagecraft, text, sociology, law and themes;
 - 1.7. Develop and implement appropriate methods for devising and handling a theatre studies problem, formulate questions and hypotheses linked to the analysis of performances, dramaturgy and other multidisciplinary fields.
2. Devise academic and practical methodologies and apply knowledge in the field of research and the socio-professional, cultural milieu.
 - 2.1. Realize a research assignment implementing a rigorously scientific methodological and critical approach , in accordance with an interdisciplinary method, in order to go deeper into a philosophical research question;
 - 2.2. Carry out a review of the literature on a complex problem in the field of theatre studies;
 - 2.3. Contribute to the creation of knowledge which is useful to scientific research in the field of theatre studies;
 - 2.4. Employ and use theoretical and practical knowledge for artistic and/or logistical purposes (e.g.: staging, staging assistance, scenography, dramaturgy, artistic collaboration, teaching dramatic arts);
 - 2.5. Distinguish the key aspects from the less important aspects relating to a problem connected with the world of theatre or culture in order to define and delimit that problem's field of action;
 - 2.6. Communicate and transfer knowledge in theatre studies in writing or orally and in a way which has been adapted for the target audience;
 - 2.7. Demonstrate an ability to deal with conceptual abstraction in, summarize and formalise an analysis.
3. Act and think as a cultural and critical actor.
 - 3.1. Devise scientific, artistic or logistical solutions which are appropriate and innovative and allow for the evolution or contributions to the evolution of reflection, aesthetic or strategic production choices and development;
 - 3.2. Test and analyse situations in respect to their academic, artistic and/or institutional context, being able to adapt them if necessary;
 - 3.3. Deepen, develop and share a humanist, multicultural and multidisciplinary idea of theatre which is open to the world.
4. Develop the human and professional qualities required in the world of culture.
 - 4.1. Work in the theatrical and culture sector in general and be able to identify their profession in accordance with their path, skills and desires: dramaturgy, academia, communication manager, theatrical director, critic, administrator, manager, stage director, assistant director, dramatic arts teacher, scenographer, artistic collaborator;
 - 4.2. Collaborate in a team, listen, adapt and integrate into the theatrical and cultural structures, appreciate the organisational challenges, identify actors, know where to implement and offer solutions;
 - 4.3. Have assimilated the importance of proactively establishing and cultivating networks with actors and cultural institutions;
 - 4.4. Devise a professional path incorporating continuous development on the basis of their individual plan and skills.
5. **If the Teaching Focus course is chosen:** employ the competencies necessary to begin teaching effectively in upper secondary education, in philosophy, and be able to progress there.

- 5.1. Take part in education, in partnership with different parties;
 5.2. Teach in authentic and varied situations;
 5.3. Reflect upon and progress through the usual stages of continuing development.

For further information, please go to [Teacher Training Certificate \(upper secondary education\) - Performing Arts](#).

6. **If the Professional Focus: Occupations and practices in the theatre is chosen:** deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge acquired in the core curriculum activities. In addition to a practical supplement, students will acquire knowledge in the fields of art, literature and cultural management.

Programme structure

The programme is made up of:

- core courses (75 credits), made up of one dissertation and courses;
- one focus (30 credits);
- and one option (15 credits).

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Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [75.0]

- 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...)

Year

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○ Dissertation (25 credits)

- LTHEA2992 [Dissertation \(Master's paper\)](#) ■

Year

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○ LTHEA2206	Theatre and visual arts	Jonathan Châtel	FR [q2] [22.5h] [3 Credits] ⓘ 🌐	x	x
○ LTHEA2207	Dance, performance and other theatre arts	Roberto Fratini Serafide	FR [q2] [22.5h] [3 Credits] ⓘ 🌐	x	x
○ LTHEA2120	Sociology of the theatre	Goran Petrovic	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] ⓘ 🌐	x	x

LIST OF FOCUSES

Students must choose one of the following focuses:

- > **Teaching Focus** [en-prog-2024-thea2m-lthea220d]
- > **Professional Focus : Occupations and practices in the theatre** [en-prog-2024-thea2m-lthea221s]

TEACHING FOCUS [30.0]

IMPORTANT NOTE: In accordance with article 138 para. 4 of the decree of 7 November 2013 concerning higher education and the academic organisation of studies, teaching practice placements will not be assessed in the September session. Students are required to make every effort to successfully complete the teaching practice in the June session, subject to having to retake the year.

The teaching focus is concerned with preparation for teaching at the higher levels of secondary education. The programme is designed to develop the following skills:

- design, planning and assessment of practice;
- ability to assess practices and their context;
- understanding of the educational institution, its setting and players.

Optional courses [15.0]

OPTIONAL COURSES [15.0]

Note: If some of the activities included in the elective courses are also included in the core curriculum or in the specialization, the overlap may not exceed 6 credits with each of these headings. For example: students in the specialized field may not choose LTHEA2255 or 2152 as electives. Didactic students can only choose one of these courses (max. overlap 6 credits). Please note that students must take at least one internship to obtain the required number of credits.

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⊗ LTHEA2255	Techniques of dramatic writing	Virginie Thirion	[FR] [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2152	Practical Study in Theatre Design	Daniel Lesage	[FR] [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2800	Workshop		[FR] [q1 or q2] [] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2810	Professional observation placement: stagecraft and/or set design and/or costume	Véronique Lemaire (coord.)	[FR] [q1 or q2] [80h] [4 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2820	Placement: professional assistant in stagecraft and/or set design and/or costume I	Véronique Lemaire (coord.)	[FR] [q1 or q2] [140h] [7 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2825	Placement: professional assistant in stagecraft and/or set design and/or costume II	Véronique Lemaire (coord.)	[FR] [q1 or q2] [140h] [7 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2830	Placement in a theatre organisation I : management and public relations	Véronique Lemaire (coord.)	[FR] [q1 or q2] [140h] [7 Credits] 🌐	X	X
⊗ LTHEA2835	Placement in a theatre organisation II : management and public relations	Véronique Lemaire (coord.)	[FR] [q1 or q2] [140h] [7 Credits] 🌐	X	X

Supplementary classes

To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.

What is a preparatory module?

It is a set of supplementary classes (courses, practical works, seminars, etc.) from the first cycle (see the non-exhaustive list below). The complementary module (maximum 60 credits) is tailor-made by the jury according to the student's educational background and added to the Master's programme in order to acquire fundamental knowledge to then pursue the 120 credits of the Master's programme.

The preparatory module linked to the [Master \[120\] in Performing Arts](#) has a double objective: on the one hand, it aims to provide students with knowledge relating to the history of culture (philosophy, sociology, literature, theatre, arts); on the other hand, it offers an initiation to the specificity of academic discourse and methodology. The acquisition of this knowledge and know-how will enable students to follow the master's courses with success. This is why the students concerned by this complementary module will follow the courses of this module from the first year of the Master's programme: the jury will offer them a tailor-made timetable without time conflicts combining these courses with some of the Master's courses. Students will have the possibility to call upon the faculty's pedagogical advisors to help them acquire these courses from different undergraduate programmes.

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Who is it for?

- Students from a non-university higher education institution

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⌘ LMUSI1551	Socio-anthropology of music and exercises	Edouard Degay Delpeuch	FR [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] ⓘ 🌐
⌘ LMUSI1552	Philosophy of music	Brigitte Van Wymeersch	FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⓘ 🌐
⌘ LPSP1332	Cultural and social anthropology	Jean-Luc Brackelaire	FR [q2] [22.5h] [3 Credits] ⓘ 🌐
⌘ LROM1360	Critical analysis of Texts: the French Language Theatre	Pierre Piret	FR [q1] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits] ⓘ 🌐
⌘ LROM1323	Belgian Francophone Literature	Pierre Piret	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⓘ 🌐

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

LTHEA2992 "Dissertation (Master's paper)" has prerequisite(s) LTHEA2990

- LTHEA2990 - [Research methodology in the performing arts](#)

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies 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.

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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° Students must hold a university degree or a higher education degree. Failing that, students must provide proof of significant personal and/or professional experience related to the performing arts (consult [Validation of learning from experience](#)).

2° Candidates who do not have 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 **C1** of the [Common European Framework of Reference](#).

The official language level certificate must be issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>).

Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: [DALF](#) or [TCF](#).

All skills must have been assessed and passed (written and oral comprehension, written and oral production).

In the absence of an official attestation issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>), a certificate from the University justifying teaching in French may be accepted. The jury reserves the right to request an official certificate issued by a recognized organization if it deems this necessary.

3° Have a minimum of 30 credits in philosophy, literature, arts, humanities and social sciences. The 30 credits of the #prog:title:min-lucr100i# are eligible to meet these requirements.

And/or report on practical experience in the performing arts acquired prior to entering the master's programme. Theatre courses, internships and workshops taken in academies, schools or universities are non-exhaustive examples of such experience.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or more of these subjects, supplementary classes will be integrated into the Master's programme (from 15 credits to a maximum of 60 credits). This [preparatory module](#) is established by the jury (small panel) on the basis of the student's educational background.

4° Students wishing to pursue a master's degree with a **teaching focus** must have a degree of the French Community of Belgium; failing this, they will have to pass a French language proficiency examination to demonstrate that their command of written and spoken French is equivalent to Level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (for further information, visit <https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/french-language-master-teaching.html>).

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
Bachelor in History (Louvain-La-Neuve)		Direct access	
Bachelor in History (St-Louis Bruxelles)		Direct access	
Bachelor in History (French - English) (St-Louis Bruxelles)		Direct access	

Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General (Louvain-La-Neuve)	Direct access
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Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : Musicology (Louvain-La-Neuve)	Direct access
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Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	
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BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: peinture - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: photographie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: publicité - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: sculpture - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: stylisme d'objets ou esthétique industrielle - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en arts plastiques, visuels et de l'espace: stylisme de mode - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en communication - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en droit - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en écologie sociale - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en écriture multimédia - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en éducation spécialisée en accompagnement psycho-éducatif - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en gestion des ressources humaines - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en logopédie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en management du tourisme et des loisirs - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en musique: formation de musicien intervenant - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en musique: formation musicale - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en musique: musiques improvisées de tradition orale - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en publicité - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en relations publiques - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en scénographie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en stylisme de mode - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en techniques de l'image, orientation Techniques de la cinématographie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en techniques de l'image, orientation Techniques de la photographie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

BA en techniques graphiques, orientation Techniques de l'édition - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
Licence en arts du spectacle		Direct access	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background
All 'licences'		Direct access	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background
Masters			
Master [120] in Performing Arts , second focus		Direct access	At the end of the master 120, each focus of the Master [120] in Performing Arts can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits.
All Belgian master		Direct access	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background
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



Specific professional rules

Successful completion of the master's course with **teaching focus** leads to the award of the master's degree with teaching focus and the title of secondary school education specialist.

The [Réforme des Titres et Fonctions](#) ("Titles and Functions Reform"), in force since 1 September 2016, is intended to harmonise the titles, functions and pay scales of basic and secondary education professionals in French Community of Belgium networks.

It also aims to guarantee the priority of preferred titles over minimum titles and to establish a regime for titles in short supply.

AESS holders can learn which functions they can carry out and the pay scales from which they can benefit by [clicking here](#).

The university cannot be held responsible for any problems that students may encounter at a later date with a view to a teaching appointment in the French Community of Belgium.

Teaching method

The aim of this training programme is not to cover all the possible theories and areas of the performing arts, but to provide students with a method of working and research tools to acquire new knowledge and critical concepts, especially in the field of theatre, in a personal way and in the light of their previous experience (students, arts professionals, psychotherapists, teachers, etc.). The theatre is considered from a multidisciplinary perspective, through dramatic art, sociology, history of the theatre, aesthetics, scenography, law, management, history of production, reviews of shows etc. Students are required to undertake research and personal work, pass on new knowledge to others and share their results.

The scope of this programme is essentially theoretical since it promotes dialogue with theatre practice, allowing students to gain practice in writing drama, production and stage management.

Contact with and immersion in theatrical life takes place throughout the course, through work placements.

