

**At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French**

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**

Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **YES**

Activities on other sites : **NO**

Main study domain : **Langues, lettres et traductologie**

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Programme acronym: **GERB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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## GERB1BA - Introduction

### Introduction

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#### Introduction

Undertaking studies in Germanic languages and literature means first and foremost choosing to combine two languages (English and Dutch). This means setting out on a discovery of others by learning their language and exploring their world. It is therefore important to learn about their civilisation and the construction of their cultural and social realms.

For Germanists, the study of languages obviously involves being able to speak them, understand them and analyse them through theoretical knowledge, as well as exploring their literatures. It is in literary and scholarly texts that we find the most inventive forms which language can take, and grasp its critical force.

Germanists are not only excellent users of the languages they study, they are also mediators, bridging different cultural worlds and highlighting the richness specific to each of them.

#### Your profile

For you, a language is not just a means of communication. You want to know how it is structured and how it functions. It is also the means beyond compare for discovering other people and their culture: all of the little details which shape their daily lives and make them unique.

You are therefore curious by nature, eager to learn new things and are interested in the arts, literature and the countries where these languages are spoken. You love to travel and discover other people and the realities of their daily lives.

#### Your future job

Germanists are sought after for their linguistic and cultural knowledge, analytical skills, rigour and versatility. Here is a non-exhaustive list of the sectors in which our former students can be found:

- news media: journalism, radio, television
- language services (translation, documentation, interpreting) for national and international institutions
- commercial companies: banking, insurance, industry
- public administration
- secondary and non-university higher education
- cultural institutions: museums, archives, documentation centres, etc.

Studies in Germanic languages and literature also lead to careers in teaching (secondary and higher education) and research (universities).

#### Your programme

During the three years of the bachelor's degree, both languages will be studied in depth during courses taught in the target languages. You will work in small groups, in a context where all professors and students get to know each other quickly, allowing a more personal approach to teaching. Courses are complemented by a range of activities such as cultural and linguistic outings, encounters with writers, evenings at the theatre, exhibitions, cultural trips in Belgium and abroad, etc.

#### Your parcours

After your bachelor's degree, you can continue your studies with a [Master \[120\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English](#).

Your bachelor's degree will also allow you to move into other related fields of study (such as a [Master \[120\] in Multilingual Communication](#), le [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#), le [Master \[120\] in Translation](#), le [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#))..

For more information, please visit the '[Access to further studies](#)' page.

#### Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus.

Students can take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree. This means that they complete their main programme with a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 125 additional credits spread over several years. The additional bachelor's degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment. The additional bachelor's degree has the same valallow yccesa7dal ba



• **The skills to undertake personal research on a question of literature or linguistics, including the proper and effective use of the discipline's specific research resources and working methods**

- The knowledge and ability to use the main reference tools in the various disciplines of linguistics and literature
- The ability to construct a research question (personal thesis) and to support it using appropriate methodology in a piece of personal work of 7000 to 8000 words
- The ability to summarise the current scholarly state of investigation on a linguistic or literary issue
- The ability to follow the instructions for a significant piece of work (including respecting deadlines) and an ability to discuss and interact constructively with a supervisor
- The ability to give an oral presentation on a research question and defend its findings before a panel of experts  
*Critique des sources d'information; Méthodologie du travail scientifique; Travail de fin d'études*

**III. A grounding in the scientific method ('transferable skills')**

• **Critical thinking and scientific reasoning skills**

- The ability to undertake scientific inquiry according to the scientific method and critically examine any type of information or document
- The ability to construct a clear and sophisticated reasoned argumentation involving a problem, a hypothesis and its verification  
*All CUs for the bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature: German, Dutch and English*

• **Expertise in the analytical methods for understanding complex reasoning as well as academic reasoning and communication skills**

- The ability to summarise and identify the issues in any complex text or line of reasoning
- The ability to take a personal position in a debate about ideas and to construct reasoning to defend it, including vis-à-vis those who do not share its assumptions

## Programme structure

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The bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature: German, Dutch and English, includes a total of 180 credits divided into three years (3 x 60 credits).

### English and Dutch

You will begin an in-depth study of the many facets of these two languages during your bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature: German, Dutch and English. Becoming a Germanist means learning, from the perspective of the linguist, past and present forms of the chosen languages as well as their systemic functioning; Germanists also practise analysing literary texts, and study literary history and the cultures of the chosen languages. To achieve comprehensive knowledge of the subject, you will complement your theoretical reflection with intensive practice of the languages: writing various texts, exercises based on audiovisual media (films, documentaries, etc.), discussion of various topics, role-playing, introduction to translation, etc.

### Erasmus programme

In your third year, you will leave Saint-Louis for the first four months of the year within the framework of the Erasmus programme to study at an English- or Dutch-language university. You may choose Flanders as your destination if you wish. You will experience full immersion in a specific linguistic and cultural environment.

## GERB1BA Programme

## Detailed programme by subject

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- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊙ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ 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

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<input type="radio"/> BGERM1141	Dutch : Linguistics and practical exercises I	Pauline Degrave	NI [q1+q2] [60h+45h] [5 Credits] 	x		
<input type="radio"/> BGERM1235	Dutch : Linguistics and practical exercises II A 	Pauline Degrave	Pauline Degrave			

## Course prerequisites

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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.



○ BGERM1101	English : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Marleen Cré	EN [q2] [60h +30h] [5 Credits]
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**○ Linguistique**

○ BGERM1140	English : Linguistics and Practical Exercises I	Jennifer Thewissen	EN [q1+q2] [60h +45h] [5 Credits]
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**○ Pratique de la langue**

○ BGERM1104	English: productive and receptive skills	Maxime Collignon	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
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## GERB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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- △ ⊕ 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, ...)

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

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## GERB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

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

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● BMERA1000	Semester of courses followed abroad		[q1] [30 Credits]
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## GERB1BA - 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;
4. A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an adult education centre;
5. A pass certificate for one of the [entrance examinations](#) organized by higher education institutions or by an examination board of the French Community; this document gives admission to studies in the sectors, fields or programmes indicated therein;
6. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification similar to those mentioned above, issued by the Flemish Community of Belgium,





### Other programmes available

The bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature: German, Dutch and English also allows access to other master's degree programmes organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters or by other faculties at UCLouvain, subject to compliance with the admission requirements for these programmes. In some cases, access to the master's degree programme requires the completion of certain course units (see the admission requirements for the master's degree programme in question).

- [Master \[120\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

