



GERB1BA

2024 - 2025

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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 value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: phlb-slb@uclouvain.be.

GERB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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

I. General knowledge and interdisciplinary skills

- **Vast general and interdisciplinary knowledge by opening up to other disciplines and understanding the connections between them**

• **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*

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○ BGERM1101	English : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Marleen Cré	EN
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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	
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- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
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- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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

o Content:**o Core Courses**

○ BROMA1215	Literary theories	Isabelle Ost	[FR] [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHIST1218	History of Art from the Middle Ages to the Modern Day	Roxanne Loos	[FR] [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Specialised courses**o Dutch****o Literature**

○ BGERM1272	Dutch literature : from early modern literature to the modern novel ■ <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Matthieu Sergier	NL
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GERB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

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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, ...)

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o Content:**o Core Courses****o Choose one course among the following :**

With the agreement of the president of the jury, the student may choose another course from the Faculty of Philosophy, Humanities and Social Sciences (instead of choosing one of the following two courses).

⊗ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	[FR] [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BRELI1000	Occidental Religions and Society : judaism, christianity, islam	Benoît Bourguine Farid El Asri Raphaël Gély (coord.) David Lemler	[FR] [q1]

● BMERA1000

Semester of courses followed abroad

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

- [General access requirements](#)

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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)
- [Master \[120\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) ou [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) ou [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) (Mons)
- [Master \[120\] in Journalism](#) (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)

Contacts

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Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

SSH/PHLB

Denomination

Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Letters, and Human Sciences Saint- Louis ([PHLB](#))

Sector

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

Acronym

PHLB

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