

HIST1BA - Introduction

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The historian is a specialist in the how the past relates to the present. But it is not enough to be curious and interested in the past to choose to study history. It requires learning methods of information and research: assembling documents and assessing them critically, organising data and putting them in their historical context, making a summary. History is of interest to people today: it helps them to understand and act in today's world.

By the end of the first cycle, you will have learnt how to

- set out a relevant research topic and establish the framework for a piece of history research;
- implement a documentary research method in relation to a given question;
- apply critical principles to the assembled documents;
- interpret the data and give them meaning;
- summarise the results of your work and communicate them in writing and speaking.

Your profile

You display curiosity about all human problems, a strong critical sense and a liking for precision and rigour; you like working in libraries and documentary research; you can express yourself easily in both writing and speech in French; you are interested in philosophy, culture, art, literature and politics.

You are in principle well suited to studying history. Knowledge of languages is an advantage and good working methods will certainly help you to succeed.

Your future job

History develops reasoning, analysis, critical capacity, a sense of proportion and the ability to assemble documentation : these are all skills which are valued in various sectors of employment. Teaching, research, communication and the world of books all provide obvious openings. Other areas include the private sector (business, banking or insurance), tourism, government service, the sociocultural world and the voluntary sector.

Your programme

The Bachelor's degree offers you

- general training in philosophy, arts and letters : history, arts and civilisations, European literatures, ancient and modern languages;
- training in humanities : historical criticism, philosophy, etc.;
- knowledge of history : historical foundations of civilisation by period, transversal issues;
- the ability to use a historian's tools: methods and techniques (criticism of sources, documentary research etc.);
- the ability to undertake a piece of historical research: practical work, seminars, etc.

Your parcours

At the end of the first cycle, you can take the [Master \[120\] in History](#). It is organised in two annual blocks and offers a wide range of specialisations.

For further information, consult the page "[Possible trainings at the end of the programme](#)".

HIST1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The Bachelor in History effectively prepares students for entry into a Master's degree in History so that, once they have successfully completed their Master's programme, they can "explain the full complexity of the history of man and societies that have preceded us, and their links with the present day".

Bachelor in History graduates will have acquired:

- a broad knowledge of the main frameworks of Western history, from antiquity to the present day, and how they fit into world history,
- preliminary insight into other fundamental disciplines to gain a better understanding of man and societies,
- a basic theoretical and practical knowledge of the research methods specific to history studies (information gathering; critical analysis and organization of the data collected; writing of a balanced synthesis).

Over the three years of the Bachelor's degree course, students will have demonstrated an increasing ability to work autonomously. They

12. Demonstrate a critical understanding and in-depth knowledge of the discipline(s) of their chosen minor subject.

Programme structure

The bachelor programme in History totals **180 credits over 3 blocks** (3 x 60 credits). It consists of a basic major syllabus of 150 credits and a minor syllabus of 30 credits (2 x 15 credits).

Three pivotal courses make up the 150 credits of the **major orientation** of the bachelor syllabus:

(1) introduction to the human sciences (historical criticism, arts and civilisations, European literature, analysis and practice of academic discourse, ancient and modern languages, philosophy, anthropology and psychology, logic and argumentation, economic and social history, religious sciences);

(2) introduction to the historical periods (Antiquity, Middle Ages, Modern Times, contemporary era) and the historical fields (political and institutional, social and economic, religious, cultural and intellectual elements);

(3) methodological and disciplinary training (heuristics, [documentary research], historiography, quantitative methods, practicals and seminars).

The first block of undergraduate studies starts with a term of general foundation courses common to all of the faculty's Bachelor's programmes. Students will be introduced to history, art history, literature and the art of academic discourse, providing them with a solid grounding.

They will also receive discipline-specific courses from the first term of Block 1. These will become their core courses in the second term of Block 1.

From Block 2, students continue their studies in their major subject and are also invited to choose a 30-credit minor with a view to broadening their intellectual and professional horizons. This minor can be selected from another faculty discipline or from another UCL faculty, subject to certain admission requirements set by the programme managers.

HIST1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2023-2024
- ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 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...)

Year

1 2 3

○ Major (150 credits)

○ General training (37 credits)

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Year

1 2 3

⌘ Ancient and Medieval Languages

Students may take an Ancient or Medieval Language course from the following:

⌘ LFIAL1770	Greek I	Lysiane Delanaye	FR [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
	Latin II	Lysiane Delanaye	FR [q2] [45h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⌘ LGLOR1731	Advanced Latin Authors A	Lysiane Delanaye Aaron Kachuck	FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⌘ LGLOR1732	Advanced Latin Authors B	Lysiane Delanaye Aaron Kachuck	FR			

o Ancient languages

Students must take one of the following courses. LFIAL1181 is open to students who have either studied Latin or Greek for four hours per week during the last four years of secondary education or pass an assessment test at the beginning of the academic year. LFIAL1770 and LFIAL1180 are open to all.

⌘ LFIAL1180	Latin I	Lysiane Delanaye	FR [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]	X		
⌘ LFIAL1181	Latin Authors	Aaron Kachuck	FR [q1] [30h+0h] [5 Credits] > English-friendly	X		
⌘ LFIAL1770	Greek I	Lysiane Delanaye	FR [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]	X		

o Modern languages (5 credits)

Student must continue studying the chosen modern language in the first annual block.

⌘ LALLE1212	German - Intermediate level	Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]		X	
⌘ LANGL1212	English for Arts Students. An intermediate course	Catherine Avery Stéphanie Brabant Jean-Luc Delghust (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]		X	
⌘ LNEER1212	Dutch for Arts Students - Intermediate level	Hilde Bufkens (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]		X	

o Modern languages (3 credits)

Student must continue the chosen modern language studied in the first and second annual blocks.

⌘ LALLE1313	German communication skills for students in Archaeology and History of Art and History	Ann Rinder (coord.)	DE [q1] [30h] [3 Credits]			X
⌘ LANGL1313	Interactive English Communication	Philippe Denis (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [3 Credits]			X
⌘ LNEER1313	Dutch communication skills for students in Archaeology and History of Art and History	Caroline Klein (coord.)	NL [q1] [30h] [3 Credits]			X

List of available minors

When accessing the **bachelor's cycle** (annual block 2), students are invited to broaden their educational horizons by choosing a minor (see list at the bottom of the page).

What is a minor?

It is a kind of 30-credit option that allows students to:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1242 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the Middle Ages
LHIST1392A	"Séminaire : Moyen Age - PARTIM" has prerequisite(s) LFIAL1156 ET LHIST1242
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1242 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the Middle Ages
LHIST1393	"Séminaire : temps modernes" has prerequisite(s) LFIAL1156 ET LHIST1243
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1243 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : modern times
LHIST1393A	"Séminaire : temps modernes - PARTIM" has prerequisite(s) LFIAL1156 ET LHIST1243
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1243 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : modern times
LHIST1394	"Séminaire : période contemporaine" has prerequisite(s) LFIAL1156 ET LHIST1244
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1244 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the contemporary period
LHIST1394A	"Séminaire : période contemporaine - PARTIM" has prerequisite(s) LFIAL1156 ET LHIST1244
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFIAL1156 - Computer Applications in the Humanities • LHIST1244 - Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the contemporary period
LNEER1212	"Nederlands voor studenten Letteren en Wijsbegeerte - Intermediair niveau" has prerequisite(s) LNEER1730 OU LNEER1111
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNEER1730 - Dutch language • LNEER1111 - Dutch language and culture

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

HIST1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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○ Major

○ LFIAL1155	Introduction to History (Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary)	Paul Bertrand (coord.) Silvia Mostaccio Françoise Van Haepere Laurence Van Ypersele	FB [q1] [45h] [4 Credits]
○ LFIAL1190	Introduction to Philosophy	Jean-Michel Counet	FB [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]
○ LFIAL1430	Critical Examination of Information and Critical Thinking	Jean Leclercq Laurence Van Ypersele	FB [q2] [45h +10h] [5 Credits]

o Introduction to the discipline

○ LHIST1140	General heuristics	Paul Bertrand	FB [q1] [22.5h +15h] [6 Credits]
○ LHIST1130	Exercises on questions in history	Vincent Dujardin Olivier Latteur	FB [q2] [30h] [6 Credits]
○ LFIAL1156	Computer Applications in the Humanities	Paul Bertrand	FB [q1] [15h +15h] [3 Credits]

o Getting to know History I

○ LHIST1160	History of Belgium (18th-20th century)	Emmanuel Debruyne Caroline Sappia	FB [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
○ LFIAL1421	Antiquity History	Florence Liard (compensates Françoise Van Haepere)	FB [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
○ LFIAL1422	Middle Ages History	Gilles Lecuppre	FB [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits]

o Modern and ancient languages

o Modern languages

The student will follow one of the four following courses :

⌘ LALLE1710	German language
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LFIAL1770	Greek I	Lysiane Delanaye	[q1] [30h +30h] [5 Credits]
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HIST1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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o Major**o General training**

Most of the general training courses in the first semester of the first year of the Bachelor's programme are common to all students in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters. This makes it easier to change to another programme in the Faculty at the end of this semester.

● LECGE1121	Economic and Social History	Emmanuel Debruyne	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Getting to know History I

● LFIAL1423	Modern Times History	Silvia Mostaccio	(FR) [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● LFIAL1424	Contemporary Period History	Laurence Van Ypersele	(FR) [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Making History

● LHIST1211	Historiography	Costantino Paonessa Geneviève Warland	(FR) [q2] [22.5h] [4 Credits] 🌐
● LHIST1215	Introduction to Paleography	Baudouin Van den Abeele	(FR) [q1] [15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● LHIST1241	Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : antiquity ■	Françoise Van Haepere	(FR) [q1] [15h] +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐
● LHIST1242	Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the Middle Ages ■	Paul Bertrand	(FR) [q1] [15h] +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐
● LHIST1243	Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : modern times ■	Silvia Mostaccio	(FR) [q2] [15h] +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐
● LHIST1244	Specialized heuristics and exercises on questions of history : the contemporary period ■	Vincent Dujardin	(FR) [q2] [15h] +15h] [4 Credits] 🌐

o Modern languages

Student must continue studying the chosen modern language in the first annual block.

⊗ LALLE1212	German - Intermediate level ■	Ann Rinder (coord.)	(DE) [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LANGL1212	English for Arts Students. An intermediate course ■	Catherine Avery Stéphanie Brabant Jean-Luc Delghust (coord.)	(EN) [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐

⌘ LNEER1212	Dutch for Arts Students - Intermediate level 🇳🇱	Hilde Bufkens (coord.)	NI [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Minor

Students choose a minor from the list of available minors and take into account any access requirements laid down by the management bodies. They will distribute the 30 credits of the minor between the annual block 2 and the annual block 3 of their bachelor's degree, so that their course programme (major + minor) comprises 60 credits each academic year.

Maximum 1 element(s)

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- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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o Major

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⌘ LHIST1728	Subalternities and postcolonial critiques: an introduction through history	Silvia Mostaccio Costantino Paonessa (compensates Françoise Van Haepere)	[q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
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⌘ LANGL1313	Interactive English Communication	Philippe Denis (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [3 Credits]
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Maximum 1 element(s)

HIST1BA - 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](https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) 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, the German Community of Belgium or the Royal Military Academy;
7. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent to the first four mentioned above by virtue of a law, decree, European directive or international convention;

Note:

Requests for equivalence must be submitted to the Equivalence department ([Service des équivalences](#)) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Community of Belgium in compliance with the official deadline.

The following two qualifications are automatically deemed equivalent to the Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur – CESS):

- European Baccalaureate issued by the Board of Governors of a European School,
- International Baccalaureate issued by the International Baccalaureate Office in Geneva.

8. Official documentation attesting to a student's ability to pursue higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur - DAES), issued by the Examination Board of the French Community.

Specific access requirements

- Access to bachelor programmes for candidates of nationality outside the European Union who are not assimilated to Belgian nationals is subject to the following criteria:
 - not have obtained a secondary education diploma for more than 3 years maximum. Example: for an admission application for the academic year 2023-2024, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 ou 2022-2023. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
 - not already hold an undergraduate degree
- Candidates, whatever their nationality, with a secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, must have obtained an average of 13/20 minimum or, failing that, have obtained this average, have passed one year of study in Belgium (for example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

- 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 deemed equivalent to 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.

Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

Pass certificate for the [special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html>).

Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

Faculty

Structure entity	SSH/FIAL
Denomination	Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters (FIAL)
Sector	Human Sciences (SSH)
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Mandate(s)

- Dean : Cédric Fairon
- Administrative director : Valérie Loutsch

Commission(s) of programme

- Ecole d'histoire, arts et cultures ([EHAC](#))

Academic supervisor: [Mathieu Bouhon](https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/mathieu.bouhon) (<https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/mathieu.bouhon>)

Jury

- President: [Philippe Hambye](https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/philippe.hambye) (<https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/philippe.hambye>)
- Secretary: [Emmanuel Debruyne](https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/emmanuel.debruyne) (<https://uclouvain.be/repertoires/emmanuel.debruyne>)
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