

GERM1BA - Introduction

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When you enrol for Modern Languages and Letters: German, Dutch and English, you have the choice of combining two Germanic languages, chosen from English, Dutch and German.

By the end of the first cycle you will have

- gained a solid knowledge, both practical and theoretical, of the two languages;
- gained solid general, literary and linguistic knowledge;
- had the chance of a stay abroad.

Your profile

You

- like foreign languages and discovering other cultures;
- are interested in arts and letters and are fascinated by how languages work and communication;
- appreciate precision and rigorous assessment;
- wish to have a solid cultural grounding;
- are creative and wish to participate in the development of new ideas.

...if so, studies in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English are for you!

Your future job

Graduates in Modern Languages and Letters: German, Dutch and English work in business (management, administration, etc.) ; some become teachers, editors, translators or interpreters, others journalists or proof-readers; yet others become managers, company secretaries, booksellers, legal advisers, tourist guides or work as attachés in government departments or NGOs.

Some seek a career in the performing arts such as the theatre.

This training also opens the door to a wide range of other types of employment which do not (yet) have an official title.

Your programme

The Bachelor's degree offers you the opportunity to

- learn the many facets of two modern languages;
- make an in-depth study of the culture, linguistics and the literature of the two languages;
- get practically oriented training in your chosen languages: courses given in the languages, specific courses on communication skills, practical exercises, language labs, conversation courses, wide variety of multimedia tools, etc.;
- have close supervision in small-scale auditoria;
- make a study visit abroad as part of the Erasmus exchange programme.

Your parcours

At the end of the 1st cycle (bachelor's degree), you can take the [Master \[120\] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English](#).

Your bachelor's degree will also enable you to study other related fields (such as, for example, the [Master \[120\] in Multilingual Communication](#), the [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#), the [Master \[120\] in Translation](#) or the [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#)).

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

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Learning outcomes

By the end of their Bachelor's degree course in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English, graduates will have acquired a number of different academic skills, including the ability to research precise, targeted information,

9. Have a fundamental understanding of the fields of philosophy, history, art history, archaeology and literature.
10. Be able to understand and write competently on academic topics.
11. Be responsible for their own learning: organize their own workload (prioritizing, anticipating and planning all their activities over time), take a step back to critically assess the knowledge they have gained, how they have gained it and the work they have produced, and take the initiative to gain new knowledge and learn other methods and skills.
12. Be able to use the subject-specific knowledge and skills they have acquired to open their minds to other cultures and develop a sense of social responsibility and a critical approach to themselves, society and knowledge.
13. Have written and spoken fluency in at least one modern language (English, Dutch or German) with the ability to communicate clearly, coherently and in a well-argued fashion on general topics and subjects relating to their field of study.
14. Demonstrate a critical understanding and in-depth knowledge of the discipline(s) of their chosen minor subject.

Programme structure

The bachelor programme in Modern Languages and Letters: German, Dutch and English 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, over years 2 and 3).

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

(1) introduction to the **human sciences**;

				Year		
				1	2	3
⌘ LGERM1513	Introduction to German linguistics: syntax, semantics and pragmatics	Joachim Sabel	DE [q1] [22.5h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐			x
⌘ LGERM1514	History of thoughts and literature in Germany II	Grazia Berger (compensates Antje Büssgen) Antje Büssgen	DE [q2] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits] 🌐			x

⌘ English Studies

○ LANGL1720	English language	Estelle Dagneaux (coord.) Philippe Denis Maité Dupont Claudine Grommersch (coord.) Marielle HenMar001 0 I S Q q 1 0 0 1T q 6 0 0 -5.647 102.9405002 1 cm 0 1 -1 0
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⌘ One course from :

Students who, in the third block, choose 15 credits in the two languages should complete their programme with one of the following courses :

⌘ LFIAL1330	General and Comparative Literature : Methods and Practices	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Marta Sábado Novau) Marta Sábado Novau	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]				X
⌘ LFIAL1560	General linguistics : semantics and pragmatics	Elisabeth Degand	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] > English-friendly				X

o Minor (30 credits)

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 36 Q Q q 1 0 0 jthe+een th3s l 0 1 l h W n 1 G [] 0 d 2 w 0 0 m 8.503 0 l S Q q 1 0 0 1 8.503 61.634998 cm -1 0 0 -1 0 0 1 cnuat block

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:

- discover another discipline
- reflect on their personal learning project
- define the emphasis and meaning they wish to give to their training path
- access a Master's degree more easily (see the admission requirements for the Master's degree in question).

Please note that it is not possible to register for a minor outside the bachelor's degree!

List of minors available to this Bachelor's programme

- > [Minor in Law \(access\)](#) [en-prog-2023-minadroi]
- > [Minor in German Studies \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2023-minalle]
- > [Minor in English Studies \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2023-minangl]
- > [Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome](#) [en-prog-2023-minanti]
- > [Minor in History of Art and Archeology](#) [en-prog-2023-minarke]
- > [Minor in Chinese studies](#) [en-prog-2023-minchin]
- > [Minor in Information and Communication](#) [en-prog-2023-mincomu]
- > [Minor in Culture and Creation](#) [en-prog-2023-mincrea]
- > [Minor in Scientific Culture](#) [en-prog-2023-mincults]
- > [Minor : Issues of Transition and Sustainable Development \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2023-mindd]
- > [Minor in European Studies](#) [en-prog-2023-mineuro]
- > [Minor in French Studies \(*\)](#) [en-prog-2023-minfran]
- > [Minor in Gender Studies](#) [en-prog-2023-mingenre]
- > [Minor in Management \(basic knowledge\)](#)

Course prerequisites

There are no prerequisites between course units (CUs) for this programme, i.e. the programme activity (course unit, CU) whose learning outcomes are to be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registration in another CU.

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.

Detailed programme per annual block

GERM1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- 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
 - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 or the following year
 - Activity with requisites
 - 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
 - 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
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o **Specific training**

Students must choose two Germanic languages from German, English and Dutch. In the first annual block, they must choose 20 credits per language. In the second annual block, they must choose 20 credits per language. In the third annual block, they must choose a minimum of 15 credits in each language; this choice is submitted for approval to the jury (small panel).

⌘ **German Studies**

o LALLE1710	German language	Caroline Klein (coord.)	
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GERM1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- 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
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 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 Major

o General training

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.

● LFIAL1550	Theory of Literature	Jean-Louis Dufays	FR [q1] [30h +7.5h] [5 Credits]
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✂ LGERM1525

GERM1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- 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
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 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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	Critical Examination of Information and Critical Thinking	Jean Leclercq Laurence Van Ypersele	
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GERM1BA - 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.

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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

