



ARKE2M

2024 - 2025

ARKE2M - Introduction

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The Master's degree puts emphasis on a practical approach to the history of art and archaeology :

- museum visits, concerts, study visits in Belgium and abroad, in collaboration with museums (the museums of Louvain-la-Neuve, Mariemont, musical instruments, etc.), issues relating to museums ;
- practical exercises in different laboratories ;
- work experience in the field : archaeological excavations, museums, research laboratories etc.

Your profile

You

- have gained your Bachelor's degree in the history of art and archaeology and your curiosity about objects and works from the past and the present has grown;
- wish to continue developing your sensitivity and your scientific investigation skills;
- wish to become a specialist, with the most up to date knowledge in your chosen field;
- seek to enhance your profile with professional skills and to benefit from the opportunity to put them to the test in the field.

Your future job

Our graduates work in

- professions related to heritage and archaeology: excavation departments, building archaeology, management of listed buildings, artistic and archaeological collections or museums, heritage, conservation, specialist travel, organisation of exhibitions, etc.;
- the fields of culture and communication: art galleries, buying and selling works of art, valuation, restoration, guiding, education, cultural mediation, journalism, publishing, etc.;
- teaching and research.

Your programme

The Master's degree offers you:

- a demanding methodological training which is applied to your subject of research;
- a programme combining different optional courses and focuses according to your interests and the professional profile you wish to develop;
- the possibility of a study visit abroad or work experience in the field;
- top class supervision and the most up to date technological tools.

ARKE2M - Teaching profile

- 6.1. Analyse, but also devise, organise and adapt different cultural devices and targeted communications for different audiences ;
- 6.2. Integrate smoothly into a socio-professional environment ;
- 6.3. Forge links and interact with actors in the worlds of culture and heritage ;
- 6.4. Collaborate efficiently within a team, adapting and negotiating ways of working.

7. If the Teaching Focus is chosen: call upon the competencies necessary to begin teaching effectively in upper secondary education, in the history of art and archaeology, and be able to progress there.

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

For further information, please go to [Teacher Training Certificate \(upper secondary education\) - History of Art and Archaeology, general](#).

8. If the Professional Focus: Archaeological theories, management and sciences is chosen: At the end of this professional focus course, which aims to place the history of art in the wider field of the history of images and their media, students will have acquired the historical knowledge relevant to how these images from the period between the Middle Ages and the twenty-first century were created and received. Students will also be capable of mastering the anthropological, sociological and philosophical methodologies relating to the relationships between the images and the art and the societies which created and used them. Finally, students will be aware of the relationships between the different media in order to better understand the challenges of non-aesthetic means of communication (political, religious...).

9. If the Professional Focus: The study of visual cultures and their iconography is chosen: At the end of this specialised course, which specifically develops the epistemological frameworks, management methods and the study of movable and immovable archaeological heritage by experts in the earth and life sciences, the student will have acquired theoretical, practical and technical knowledge relating to the analysis and interpretation of: - landscapes, the environment, including their anthropic exploitation (Geomorphology and Geoarchaeology, the exploitation, diffusion and transformation of raw materials (Archaeometry and Ceramology), - ancient societies through the understanding of individual and community characteristics and behaviour (Theory of Archaeology and Ethnoarchaeology, Physical Anthropology and Archaeoanthropology), - and relating to the global management of archaeological heritage.

ARKE2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [90.0]

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
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- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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



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○ General training (35 credits)

○ LARKE2892	Dissertation	[FR] [q1+q2] [] [30 Credits] 🌐	x
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☒ LARKO2270	Numismatics : Antiquity	Damien Delvigne (compensates Charles Doyen) Louise Willocx (compensates Charles Doyen)	[q2] [30h] [5 Credits]   > <i>English-friendly</i>	x	x
☒ LARKO2325					

LIST OF FOCUSES

- > Teaching Focus [en-prog-2024-arke2m-larke200d]
- > Professional Focus: The study of visual cultures and their iconography [en-prog-2024-arke2m-larke211s]
- Professional Focus : Archaeological theories, management and sciences [en-prog-2024-arke2m-larke210s]

TEACHING FOCUS [30.0]

IMPORTANT NOTE: In accordance with article 138 para. 4 of the decree of 7 November 2015 concerning higher education and the teaching practice placements will not be assessed in the September session. Students are required to 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:

- understanding of practice;
- understanding of their context;
- understanding of the educational institution, its setting and players.

Three kinds of activities are involved:

- teaching practice at the higher levels of secondary education (60 hours);

Two categories:

- teaching practice, multidisciplinary courses and seminars, common to all subjects. They have the code LAGRE (13 credits);
- subject-based teaching practice, courses and seminars (17 credits).

The teaching focus of the 120 credit Master's degree includes the training which leads to the qualification for teaching in secondary education (enseignement secondaire supérieur – AESS) (300 hours - 30 credits), in accordance with the Decrees of 8 and 17 December 2003 (concerning the basis of neutrality) relating to the initial training of teachers at the higher levels of secondary education in the French Community in Belgium.

These 30 credits also make up the AESS programme in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics which can be taken after a 60 credit or a 120 credit Master's degree.

In practical terms, successful completion of the Master's degree with the teaching focus leads also to the award of professional status as a secondary education teacher. Assessment of the skills in the AESS programme is spread over the 2 years of the Master's degree.

Students can combine this focus with an Erasmus or Mercator exchange which must take place either during the 2nd semester of the first year or the 1st semester of the second year. All courses for the teaching focus must, however, be taken at UCLouvain.

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PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORIES, MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCES [30.0]

This focus is designed and offered in addition to section B. Archaeology.

This focus explores the epistemological and theoretical backgrounds as well as the ways in which archaeology is practised and managed today. In particular, it takes into consideration the social and technical frameworks of the exploitation, circulation and transformation of raw materials, shaped by Man into objects. The course also addresses, through practical cases, the analysis and interpretation of landscapes and the environment, including the exploitation of their resources by ancient societies. This focus also raises consciousness of the issues of investigating the physical traces of recent and present times.

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o Content:

○ LARKO2233	Seminar on material culture: techniques and societies	Charlotte Langohr	(FR) [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
○ LARKO2230	Management of the archaeological patrimony.	Laurent Verslype	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐	X	X
○ LARKO2232	Archaeology of the Contemporary Past	Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
○ LARKO2231	Historiography and Theories of Archaeology	Marco Cavalieri Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
○ LARKO2241	Archaeological Science and Practice Seminar A: Life Sciences	Nicolas Cauwe Charlotte Langohr	(FR) [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X
○ LARKO2242	Archaeological Science and Practice Seminar B: Earth and Materials Sciences	Charlotte Langohr Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant Laurent Verslype	(FR) [q2] [22.5h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐 > English-friendly	X	X

✂ LARKE1553	Arts and civilisations: Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Near East	Gaëlle Chantrain Jan Tavernier	10 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1554	Arts and civilisations: architecture from the Renaissance to today	Caroline Heering	10 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1555	Arts and civilisations: Prehistory and Protohistory	Nicolas Cauwe Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant	10 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]   > English-friendly
✂ LARKE1556	Arts and civilisations : architecture of Antiquity and the Middle Ages	Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant	10 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1557	Arts and civilisations: from the Baroque to Romanticism	Alexander Streitberger	10 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1559	Arts and civilisations: from Impressionism to Contemporary Art	Alexander Streitberger	10 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  

o Archaeology and History of Art - tools and methods (25 credits)

o LARKE1110	Musées et patrimoine	Joël Roucloux	10 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
o LARKE1120	Iconography and iconology	Marco Cavalieri Ralph Dekoninck	10 [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  

o Scientific methods and practice I (5 credits)

Students must choose one of the two following courses :

✂ LARKE1140	Archaeology: scientific methods and practice I	Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant Erika Weinkauff (compensates Laurent Verslype)	10 [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1145	Art history: scientific methods and practice I	Joël Roucloux	10 [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  





o Scientific methods and practice II (5 credits)

Students must choose one of the two following courses :

✂ LARKE1220	Archaeology: scientific methods and practice II	Marco Cavalieri	10 [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  
✂ LARKE1225	Art history: scientific methods and practice II	Ralph Dekoninck	10 [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  

o Technology (5 credits)

Students must choose one of the two following courses :

✂ LARKE1230	Materials and Techniques of Antiquity, Archeometrics and Archaeology of Buildings	Inès Leroy Florence Liard (compensates Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant) Laurent Verslype	10 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]   > English-friendly
✂ LARKE1235	Materials and Techniques of the Visual Arts, Archeometrics and Archaeology of Buildings	Caroline Heering	10 [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]  

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 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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			If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Other bachelor of the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters	If students have chosen the Minor in History of Art and Archeology	Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Any other bachelor		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology: General		Direct access	
Any other Bachelor		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in Archaeology Bachelor in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	Proficiency in French at level B1 (CEFR)	Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the programme followed
Any other bachelor		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Foreign Bachelors			
Bachelor in Art History and Archaeology		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Access on the file). All applicants must check that they meet the specific access requirements.
Any other Bachelor		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Access on the file). All applicants must check that they meet the specific access requirements.

Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

Diploma

		<p>educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)</p> <p>If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.</p>
<p>Master [60] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology Master [120] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology Master [60] in History Master [120] in History</p>	<p>Access with additional training</p>	<p>Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme</p> <p>Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)</p>
<p>Other master of the Human Sciences Sector</p>	<p>Access based on application</p>	<p>In case of admission, programme to be determined depending on the student's</p>

Applications deemed admissible are forwarded to the Faculty by Enrolment Services. Applications that do not meet these criteria are automatically rejected.

Eligibility criteria

Applications submitted to the Faculty by UCLouvain's Enrolment Department are examined by the program's jury in accordance with the specific conditions of access detailed above.

The jury decides on the admissibility of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application file, the quality of the training they have undergone and the results they have obtained.

When examining the application, the jury will pay particular attention to the following points:

- **Consistency** between the candidate's previous academic career and the prerequisites for the targeted program. The match between the candidate's academic background and the UCLouvain bachelor's degree giving direct access to the master's program need not be perfect, but the skills acquired (see specific access conditions) must be close; Example: for an application for admission to a master's program in modern languages and literature, the candidate's previous training includes courses in languages and literature in both modern languages.
- **Grades** obtained in the program's major disciplines (see specific entry requirements);
- **Arguments** put forward by the applicant in his or her cover letter (training project in line with the program in question, relevance of arguments, coherence between the applicant's application and the program in question, etc.) Example: the language combination requested by the applicant is organized in the program in question.
- **Original covering letter.** An original covering letter is expected, explaining the personal training project. Any plagiarism or use of artificial intelligence in writing the letter to the jury will result in the application being disqualified.
- **Experience gained.** If the access diploma was obtained more than 5 years ago, it is imperative that the experience acquired since leaving school is directly related to the field of study of the programme applied for.

Changes to the conditions of access to the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters for 2025-2026 will be available in this [document](#) .

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

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 pathways offered by focuses provide many opportunities for the student to be more and more 'in charge of his training' and at the same time his progressive professional choices (via internships).

The different fields of study on the programme (archeology and history of art) provide a coherent set of courses, based on different teaching strategies, like e-learning. Lectures are accompanied by mandatory lectures.

In the modalities which promote interdisciplinary, there is the possibility to include in the programmes courses from other disciplines, or other universities (optional strand).

In the end, the student's choice (geared towards the interdisciplinary courses on the programme) will hold sway.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

There are many types of evaluation: evaluation of work and/or oral and written exams; tutorials and internships.

Courses are evaluated according to current university regulations (see General Examination Regulations). Students may find further information on specific evaluation methods in the course descriptions.

To obtain a student's average, the grades awarded for each course unit are weighted by their respective credits

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Students pursuing a [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General](#) may, as part of their studies, undertake:

- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the [many universities](#) with which the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters has concluded partnership agreements, in Europe under the Erasmus+ programme, in Switzerland under the SEMP programme, or elsewhere in the world under the FAME/Mercator programme, or
- a **study visit** for one term (30 credits) in one of the partner universities in Flanders, under the Erasmus Belgica programme.

It is advisable to organise the study visit during the second term of the first year or the first term of the second year.

Note: all teaching focus classes must be taken at UCLouvain.

The [list of recommended destinations](#) is available on the Faculty's website.

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses may be taken from the KU Leuven programmes in History of Arts and Archaeology.

Students can undertake an **internship** in Belgium or abroad as part of their study programme. Internships must be related to the specialization (focus) or, in some cases, to the preparation for the MA dissertation.

To find out more:

- [Contacts](#)
- [Practical information](#) (in French)
- [Information on international internships](#) (in French)

Contacts

Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

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Denomination

Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters ([FIAL](#))

Sector

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Acronym

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