



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

Learning outcomes

Thinking and acting as a cultural critic, applying a reflective and critical approach to society through its past and present cultural and artistic output, is the main objective which students of the Master [120] in History of Art and Archaeology : General are called upon to achieve.

In this way, at the end of their programme, students will have an active and integrated expert understanding of a corpus of disciplinary and multidisciplinary knowledge (awareness, terminology, issues, methods, conceptual frameworks) which is indispensable in order to be expert in the different fields of archaeology and the history of art. Students will be able to study and analyse a work or an object, a corpus, a site or a complex problem using archaeological and history of art methodologies, while at the same time improving their critical eye. Students can conduct original and individual research dealing with a significant and varied volume of data in accordance with a systematic and rigorous approach, demonstrating independence in managing a research project and an individual project, and more generally by keeping their knowledge updated.

In this way, the Department ARKE thereby wishes to train actors who are receptive to society and capable of understanding the cultural and socio-professional world and integrating into it with ease and efficiency.

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

1. Think and act as a cultural critic: Apply a reflective and critical approach to society through its past and present cultural and artistic output.

- 1.1. Be an active citizen who is conscious of the global and socio-cultural issues at play in the examination of human output from the past and the present, by understanding their position in a complex socio-cultural and historical network ;
- 1.2. Encourage society to understand the importance of its material and audio output by making it aware of the conservation and development of its heritage, while being open to artistic manifestations of modern cultures ;
- 1.3. Demonstrate intellectual independence in reasoning, apply a critical eye to both material and intellectual output over a wide variety of collections (typological, chronological, geographical, etc.) ;
- 1.4. Think and act in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary way by being open to other conceptual and methodological frameworks with a view not only to gathering knowledge but also to being able to form hypotheses themselves.

2. Mastery of knowledge: attain an active and integrated expert understanding of a select corpus of disciplinary and multidisciplinary knowledge (awareness, terminology, issues, methods, conceptual frameworks) which is indispensable in order to become an expert in the different fields of archaeology and the history of art.

- 2.1. Attain an expert grounding in every field of archaeology and the history of art ;
- 2.2. Attain specialist knowledge in even more specific fields ;
- 2.3. Articulate and challenge the theories of connected disciplines (history, literature, anthropology, geology, etc.) ;
- 2.4. Starting from the basis of the knowledge acquired, contribute to the development of new hypotheses in the fields of archaeology and the history of art and musicology, in connection with research.

3. Apply disciplinary methodologies: study and analyse a work or an object, a corpus, a site or a complex issue by calling upon archaeological and history of art methodologies and improving their critical eye.

- 3.1. Study a work or an object, a site, or a particular corpus using formal, technical, iconographical and iconological analysis methods employing different disciplinary approaches ;
- 3.2. Be capable of relocating the above in their historical and socio-cultural context and understanding the interactions and challenges affecting them ;
- 3.3. Reflect upon the contribution of new methods and develop these methods with a view to adapting them to various different situations.

4. Carry out research using a scientific approach: successfully complete an original, individual research assignment dealing with a significant and varied quantity of data, using a rigorous and systematic approach.

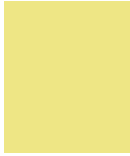
- 4.1. Develop and deal with specific issues surrounding a given subject. Demonstrate clear and structured reasoning by applying and, where necessary, adapting the conceptual frameworks provided ;
- 4.2. Carry out documentary research on a subject: collate a large quantity of data (secondary and primary sources) and select those that are most relevant ;
- 4.3. Analyse a significant quantity of data: describe, organise and summarise it in a systematic and rigorous manner. Criticise and challenge the documents ;
- 4.4. Examine the body of data in a relevant manner: apply disciplinary methodologies to it while also reviewing it using their own reflective and critical eye, developing a new, individual assignment relating to that issue ;
- 4.5. Communicate the results of their research in a scientific and pedagogic manner.

5. Independently manage their work and developmental path: demonstrate independence in managing a research project and an individual project, and more generally by keeping their knowledge updated.

- 5.1. Independently manage a research assignment using a scientific approach and transposing the knowledge and methodologies to

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LIST OF FOCUSES

Students should choose one of the following 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 2013 concerning higher education and the academic organisation of studies, teaching practice placements will not be assessed in the September session. Students are required to make every effort to successfully 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:

- design, planning and assessment of practice;
- ability to assess practices and 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);
- seminars;
- lectures.

They are divided into 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

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.

- 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, ...)

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

Year

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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

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.

ARKE2M - Information

Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

- > [General access requirements](#)
- > [Specific access requirements](#)
- > [University Bachelors](#)
- > [Non university Bachelors](#)
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Other bachelor of the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters	If students have chosen the Minor in History of Art and Archeology

If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.

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

Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

SSH/FIAL

Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters

