



ECTB1BA

2024 - 2025

Bachelor in Economics and Management (French-Dutch-

English)

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## ECTB1BA - Introduction

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Completing a bachelor's degree in economics and management in a trilingual French-English-Dutch programme is an asset for your future studies and career. The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus offers a trilingual French-Dutch-English economics and management programme. It allows students to take part of their bachelor's degree in English and in Dutch.

Economics and management sciences are two disciplines which focus on the economic dimension of society. Economics seeks to understand how the economy functions as a whole. It analyses the mechanisms which structure the exchanges between individuals, companies (private or public), the state and countries. In particular, it studies the functioning of the various markets in which these exchanges take place: financial markets, labour markets, international markets, etc.

Management sciences adopt the viewpoint of the organisations active within the economic system, be they companies or administrations.

The trilingual bachelor's degree in economics and management at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles site, in the centre of Brussels (near Botanique and Rogier metro stations), offers students the chance to discover both approaches within a single programme. After gaining in-depth knowledge of these two disciplines according to their interests and skills, students can choose economics or management at master's level.

#### Your profile

The bachelor's degree in economics and management is for you if:

- you are interested in the business world;
- you want to understand how the stock market works;
- you want to develop your critical thinking skills and your ability to analyse economic information;
- you are looking for an extensive programme which leads to several different opportunities.
- you have a good command of English and Dutch

There is no selection process for multilingual programmes.

- However, a written language test is held at the beginning of the year. It is used as a guide to assess language skills and to recommend or advise against a bilingual or trilingual programme.
- In the event of difficulties, there is the option to return to the unilingual programme in French, with language courses.

#### Your future job

The economics and management programme is divided into two cycles: the three-year bachelor's degree and the one- or two-year master's degree. After completing a master's degree in economics or management, there are many and varied career opportunities:

- Numerous management positions in the private sector (industry and services): organisation and production management, financial management, marketing, human resources management
- Consultancy firms
- Public and private, national and international banks and financial institutions
- Management functions in public administration and public companies
- Analyst or advisor in public administration, political parties, ministerial offices
- Education and academic research

#### Your programme

The bachelor's degree in economics and management is made up of courses which can be divided into six categories:

1. Economics
2. Management
3. Law
4. Computer science and quantitative methods
5. Humanities and social sciences
6. Languages

The proportion of the programme devoted to economics and management increases gradually each year. In this trilingual programme, the Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and Communication Saint-Louis - Bruxelles offers active English- and Dutch-language training. In concrete terms, 2 course units per year will be taught in English, and 2 (per year) in Dutch.

#### Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

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.



## ECTB1BA - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

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

#### **I. The disciplinary and methodological foundations of economics and management**

##### **• A practical command of the fundamental concepts and models of economics and management**

- The ability to model economic phenomena
- A command of the foundational fields of management  
*All economics and management CUs in years 1 and 2*
- The ability to analyse real economic and management issues  
*The Economics I and II CUs, the Public economics CU, with part of the lecture hours and/or practical work devoted to this; The Company management simulation CU*
- An in-depth understanding of the ethical and political dimensions of economic analysis  
*Year 3 CUs in the field of economics, in their reflective dimension*

##### **• The basic methodological tools needed for an academic approach to economics and management**

- The ability to apply mathematical modelling to economic and social issues
- The ability to use mathematical and statistical tools to solve economic and management problems  
*All CUs in mathematics and statistics*
- The ability to use computer software and model simple problems in algorithmic form  
*All CUs in computer sciences*
- The ability to produce abstract reasoning using a formalised language and adopt a critical distance with respect to this process  
*All courses in quantitative methods*

#### **II. A grounding in areas which are complementary to economics and management**

##### **• A practical command of core knowledge in the human, legal and social sciences which are essential for the analysis of economic and management issues**

- A knowledge of the major areas of thought underlying the social sciences and humanities  
*Choice of CUs from philosophy, history, sociology, political science and communication science; CU in law*
- The ability to see the connections between the different disciplinary skills and identify their complementarities  
*Introductory interdisciplinary CUs: Ethics and the economy, Economic history, Special issues in economic law*

#### **III. A grounding in the scientific method**

##### **• The ability to demonstrate intellectual rigour in their academic work and analytical skills** **• The ability to critically compare theoretical insights with real situations** **• The ability to use the knowledge resources available at university, notably by acquiring expertise in the use of the methods and tools of documentary research**

- The ability to make use of the models presented in lectures to solve real problems  
*LO of the practical work associated with CUs in economics, management and econometrics*
- The ability to manipulate and present quantitative data to illustrate economic and social phenomena  
*LO of the practical work in statistics, empirical LO of the Economics II and Public economics CUs*
- The ability to maintain a critical distance with respect to theory and develop the ability to critically review and analyse academic texts  
*History of economic thought, Ethics and the economy, Economic history, year 3 advanced economics courses, Economics: interdisciplinary perspective CU*

#### **IV. High-level written and oral communication skills**

##### **• The ability to demonstrate written and oral communication skills in two languages in addition to French, while defending a scholarly argument or presenting a piece of research in accordance with academic ethics**

- The ability to carry out university-level research work, notably through the use of statistical data
- The ability to write a report in accordance with the standards of academic ethical distance

- Knowledge of the cultural environment, particularities and ways of thinking associated with the Dutch and English languages
- The ability to conduct research in the field of economics and write a substantial academic paper in Dutch and in English

## Programme structure

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The bachelor's degree in economics and management is a first-cycle programme (a 'transition' bachelor's degree), consisting of 180 credits spread over three years (60 credits per year). It prepares students for a number of master's degree programmes in the second cycle. This programme has been designed to provide students with the tools and disciplinary knowledge as well as the expertise and skills specific to both fields (economics and management), so that they can access the various master's degree programmes available to them later on (master's degree in economics or master's degree in management).

The economics and management programme offers a comprehensive range of courses which gives students a solid grounding in the disciplines of economics and management (microeconomics, macroeconomics, finance, production management, human resources management, etc.), as well as a command of quantitative methods (mathematics and statistics). It also provides a general introduction to the humanities and social sciences (sociology, philosophy and political science), the essential acquisition of effective language skills in English and in Dutch in the trilingual programme, and the opportunity to include course units provided by our partner, KU Leuven, the essential acquisition

				Year		
				1	2	3
○ BECGE1117	Introduction to financial markets	Alain Praet	NI [q2] [30h+15h] [4 Credits] 	x		
○ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management					

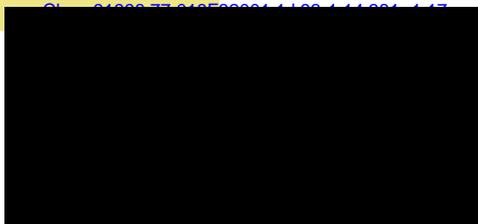


Year

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⌘ Possible choice of 5 credits from the following teaching units :

⌘ BECGE1233	Game theory	Ana Mauleon	EX [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]				X
⌘ BECGE1313	Environmental Economics	Bertrand Hamaide	EX [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]				X
⌘ BDROI1272	Special questions of economic law	Alain Strowel Xavier Wauthy	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]				X
⌘ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues						



## Course prerequisites

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The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified **in the detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

### Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

### # Prerequisites list

**BANGL1291** "Anglais II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1191

- BANGL1191 - [English I](#)

**BANGL1391** "Anglais III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1291

- BANGL1291 - [English II](#)

**BDROI1272** "Questions spéciales de droit économique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1173 ET BECGE1114

- BESPO1173 - [Economics I](#)

The Course prerequisites



o Law

o BESPO1176	Law	Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin (compensates Diane Bernard)	EN [q1] [45h +15h] [5 Credits]
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o Other Human and Social Sciences

o BINGE1160	Global Economic History	Robrecht Declercq	EN [q1] [30h] [4 Credits]
o BESPO1161	Sociology	Thierry Kochuyt (compensates Benedikte Zitouni) Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

o Choose one course among the following :

o BESPO1165	Political Science	Emmanuel Klimis	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
o BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs Elke Mahieu (compensates Thomas Jacobs)	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
o BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

o Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

o BECGE1130	Mathematics for economics and management I	Koen Declercq	EN [q1] [30h +22.5h] [4 Credits]
o BECGE1131	Mathematics for economics and management II	Cédric Heuchenne	EN [q2] [30h +30h] [5 Credits]
o BECGE1132	Descriptive Statistics and proh Tf 1 0 35700035 T944 Tf 1 01 m 36.84999F1 6.944 Tf [( BECGE1132)] T8edits		

## ECTB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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● 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

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## ECTB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

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- 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
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• **Optional Courses**

*Students must choose optional course totalling 5 credits. If the student chose to replace course unit "Operations management", he must register to one additional optional course unit.*

## ECTB1BA - 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](#) 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 2024-2025, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 ou 2023-2024. 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.



## Teaching method

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At Saint-Louis, lectures are given in moderate-sized auditoriums. This allows students to have close contact with their lecturers. Course units in economics and quantitative methods are accompanied by practical work sessions in small groups.

In the first term, the English and law course units are accompanied by remedial classes for students experiencing difficulties in these subjects. Remedial classes in economics and mathematics are offered in the second term to students who did not pass these exams during the January exam session.

### Methodological assistance

The faculty places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

## Evaluation

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**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".**

Assessment of acquired knowledge (formal assessment) takes place during exam sessions. Most exams are written.

Three examination sessions are organised during the academic year, in January, June and August/September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and September.

Formative assessments take place during the academic year in the form of practical work to be prepared. For some course units, a continuous assessment system is used in addition to the exam.

## Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

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### Exchange programmes

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles has exchange agreements with universities outside the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. These agreements allow students to take part of their bachelor's degree programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles. Students in economics and management can take part in an ERASMUS exchange in the second term of year 3. The exchange programme is equivalent to approximately 30 credits.

Three types of exchange are available:

- **Erasmus exchanges** with universities in European Union countries
- **Erasmus Belgica exchanges** with Dutch-language Belgian universities
- **exchanges with universities outside Europe**, on the basis of bilateral agreements

Find out more about the [destinations](#).

### Language study grants

The faculty awards grants to students for language courses in various destinations during the summer. The selection of candidates is based on their results and motivation.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

## Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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The bachelor's degree in economics and management gives direct access to the master's degrees in economics and management organised under the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (with the exception of the master's degree in business engineering).

Thanks to the solid Dutch- and English-language training provided by the bilingual French-English programme in economics and management, by the end of the programme, students are prepared for a master's degree taught in Dutch and in English.

### Master's degrees available at UCLouvain

#### Direct access

- [Master's degree \[120\] in economics](#) (Louvainrrio NeuveM899 146m [4The bachinrio NeuveT69942708 | 365e bachnrio Neuve

The bachelor's degree in economics and management allows access to other master's degree programmes, subject to compliance with the admission requirements for these programmes. If students have not acquired the prerequisite subjects for the master's degree in question, they will have to add them to their programme, up to a maximum of 60 additional credits.

Among the UCLouvain master's degrees which are widely accessible to graduates with a UCLouvain bachelor's degree, are the following:

- [Master's degree \[120\] in company management](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master's degree \[120\] in European studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master's degree \[120\] in ethics](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master's degree \[120\] in religious studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

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Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

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