



HORI2M

2024 - 2025

Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental
Studies

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Learning outcomes

The [Master \[120\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) trains specialists in Oriental texts and civilisations, with a particular focus on one or various of the following fields: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek language, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Middle East, Islam and the Arab World, India. By working on original sources, this course develops an ability to produce precise and rigorous analyses, guided by a critical mind-set and intellectual independence, with a view to interpreting an author's ideas or a question relating to societal issue in its context.

These qualities will enable access to employment outside the strict domain of ancient languages and literatures.

Learning outcomes: The programme aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to analyse and interpret primary sources and from a long-term perspective.

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

1. Become expert in and apply knowledge in the specific field of Oriental languages and literature.

1.1. Attain expert knowledge of one or more Oriental languages including their vocabulary, grammar (morphology and syntax) and dialectology, their synchronous operation and their diachronic development.

1 or more languages.

Programme structure

LIST OF FOCUSES

> [Research Focus](#) [en-prog-2024-hori2m-lhori220a]

> [Professional Focus : Europe and the East](#) [en-prog-2024-hori2m-lhori222s]

RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]

This focus deals with advanced Oriental philology. Individual work, seminars and course, closely linked with the student's research project as developed in his/her dissertation, provide an introduction to the work of a researcher.

Students should take the Research and Science Communication Seminars (10 credits) and chooses 20 credits from the advanced courses.

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- ⊗ Optional
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- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 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 \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

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Supplementary classes

To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.

What is a preparatory module?

It is a set of supplementary classes (courses, practical works, seminars, etc.) from the first cycle (see the non-exhaustive list below). The complementary module (maximum 60 credits) is tailor-made by the jury according to the student's educational background and added to the Master's programme in order to acquire fundamental knowledge to then pursue the 120 credits of the Master's programme.

Who is it for?

- Students from a non-university higher education institution
- Candidates admitted with additional training
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All the explanations are in [this document](#) (in French).

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○ Introduction to Ancient Studies (5 credits)

○ LGLOR1210	Seminar: Introduction to Ancient Studies	Aline Smeesters	EN [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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○ Sections

HORI2M - 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.

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Specific access requirements

1° Student must hold a first level university degree.

2° Candidates who do not hold a higher education diploma from the French Community of Belgium (or from a country where French is the only official language) must provide proof of sufficient mastery of the French language at level **B2** of the [Common European Framework of Reference](#).

In the absence of an official certificate issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>), a certificate issued by the University showing that the student has been taught in French may be accepted.

Examples of tests recognized by the jury for French: [DELFL](#) or [TCF](#).

3° Candidates must be able to provide proof of prior knowledge of at least one ancient Oriental language studied in the [Bachelier en langues et lettres anciennes, orientation orientales](#).

Candidates must provide proof of competence in the following subjects:

- Ancient oriental culture and civilisation;
- Ancient oriental history and society;
- Ancient oriental language and literature;
- Human sciences (philosophy, history of Antiquity, arts and civilisations, source criticism, etc.);
- Language science, modern languages and literature.

Les 30 credits of the [Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome](#), the [Minor in Oriental Studies](#) or the [Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization](#) may satisfy these requirements.

In the absence of sufficient training in one or several of these subjects, prerequisites will be added to the student's master's programme (15 to 60 credits). This [preparatory module](#) will be made up by the jury (small panel) according to the student's previous studies.

Course equivalences are submitted for approval to the jury (small panel).

University Bachelors

Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium

Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies

Having studied two fields in the bachelor's programme (among Ancient Egypt, Ancient Near East, Greek, Biblical languages, Byzantium, Medieval Near East, Islam and the Arab world)

Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics

Access based on application

can be obtained in a new programme of 30 credits.

- **Original covering letter.** An original covering letter is expected, explaining the personal training project. Any plagiarism or use of

Teaching method

The different paths available to students allow them to shape their own training in line with their skills and interests and, in this way, to have relative autonomy in their training programme. The various different areas of study and the research focus together provide a series of coherent and high quality courses.

- Methods to promote interdisciplinarity: in the 120 credit Master's programme, the choice of the sections (directed towards the interdisciplinary courses in the programme which complement the purely philological part of the training) is a key factor
- Variety of teaching methods (including e-learning): use of multi-media for classical languages.
- Range of learning situations: individual and group work, seminars and lectures.

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".

Written and oral exams aim to measure skills acquired and the student's communicative know-how and aptitude.

Some subjects, geared towards developing research skills and skills in personal criticism, are the subject of presentations and discussions spread over the year (permanent assessment).

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 Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) 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 annual unit or the first term of the second annual unit.

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

Furthermore, under the agreement between UCLouvain and KU Leuven, courses in Greek language and literature can be selected from the KU Leuven programme. This is also valid for courses in various fields of Oriental Studies (Egyptology, Ancient Near East, etc.).

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

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- Secretary: Jan Tavernier
- 3rd member of the small panel: Aaron Kachuck

Useful Contact(s)

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