



FILB1BA - Introduction

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Like a child, a philosopher looks at the world with wonder, seeking to see it differently and to ponder events. Studying philosophy means learning to think critically and question what is going wrong in one's surroundings, or on the contrary, what is going well. A philosopher is called upon to deconstruct the obvious and the reference points which make up everyday life: language, the body, the relationship to others, space, time and death.

Being a philosopher also entails being open to rich and diverse research perspectives, and entering into dialogue with other fields of knowledge. A philosopher tackles the questions which constitute our philosophical tradition as well as those which characterise our times: s/he discovers the thoughts inherited from the past in order to construct 'figures of the thinkable' for today and tomorrow.

Your profile

You

- are naturally open-minded and curious, and do not settle for certainties;
- like to challenge common beliefs;
- are interested in the major issues of our time;
- wish to improve your general knowledge and develop your argumentation skills;
- enjoy reading and understanding philosophical texts;
- wish to develop your analytical and thinking skills for your future career.

Your future job

There are numerous career paths for graduates in both the public and the private sector, with philosophers increasingly sought for their critical thinking skills, their ability to summarise information, their inventiveness and their rigour.

As a result, there are many and varied career opportunities:

- Teaching philosophy in secondary and non-university higher education
- Public administration and private sector: consultancy, etc.
- Cultural institutions: museums, theatres, cultural centres
- Associations: non-governmental organisations, non-profit associations and other organisations with a social vocation
- Books and publishing: collection management, choice of publications, proofreading, relations with authors, bookshops, libraries, documentation centres, etc.
- Information and communications sector: journalism, literary criticism, communications training, advertising
- Academic research
- Human resources management and corporate cultural patronage

Your programme

The programme consists of

1. general education, providing you with the knowledge you need to pursue higher education (languages, literature, human and social sciences, psychology, etc.); and
2. specialised education in philosophy, providing you with a general knowledge of philosophy and the tools you need to develop your own philosophical thinking.

This specialised education consists of theoretical courses, which will provide you with the necessary basic knowledge of the history of philosophy, and numerous seminars during which you will use your skills and learn to read and analyse philosophical texts, formulate your own arguments, and develop your intellectual curiosity through personal research.

Once you have completed your bachelor's degree, you may begin a master's degree in philosophy or ethics.

Opter pour un bachelier supplémentaire

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.

The following additional bachelor's degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Philosophy\]](#)
- [Bachelor in History \[Supplementary Bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Philosophy\]](#)

For further information, please contact the faculty administration : phlb-slb@uclouvain.be.

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⌘ BGERM1270	
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○ BFILO1119	Methodology of philosophy and exercises	Camille Brasseur	PR [q1] [60h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1219	History of Antiquity philosophy and seminary	Sophie Klimis	PR [q1] [45h+30h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1220	History of philosophy of Modern Times and seminary	Quentin Landenne Laurent Van Eynde	PR [q2] [45h+30h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1311	Philosophy of culture and history	Laurent Van Eynde	PR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1210	Philosophical anthropology	Raphaël Gély	PR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1213	Epistemology of Human Sciences	Valérie Aucouturier	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1318	Political philosophy	Raphaël Gély	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1215	Logic	Valérie Aucouturier	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1200						

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○ BROMA1100	European Comparative Literature	Matilde Manara (compensates Isabelle Ost)	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BHIST1111	Source Criticism	Eric Bousmar	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BHIST1218	History of Art from the Middle Ages to the Modern Day	Roxanne Loos	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BESPO1163	Philosophy	Valérie Aucouturier	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1115	Introduction to the contemporary philosophy	Valérie Aucouturier	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1221	Metaphysics	Jeanne-Marie Roux (compensates Quentin Landenne)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1119	Methodology of philosophy and exercises	Camille Brasseur	FR [q1] [60h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1219	History of Antiquity philosophy and seminary	Sophie Klimis	FR [q1] [45h+30h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1220	History of philosophy of Modern Times and seminary	Quentin Landenne Laurent Van Eynde	FR [q2] [45h+30h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1311	Philosophy of culture and history	Laurent Van Eynde	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1210	Philosophical anthropology	Raphaël Gély	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]		x	x
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○ BFILO1318	Political philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1313	Ethic	Raphaël Gély	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1215	Logic	Valérie Aucouturier	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1200	Philosophy of art and literature	Isabelle Ost Laurent Van Eynde	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1312	The Philosophy of Language	Anaïs Jomat (compensates Valérie Aucouturier)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1310	Contemporary philosophy and seminar	Anaïs Jomat (compensates Valérie Aucouturier) Isabelle Ost Jeanne-Marie Roux (compensates Isabelle Ost)				

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○ BFILO1312	The Philosophy of Language	Anais Jomat (compensates) Valérie Aucouturier	PR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1310	Contemporary philosophy and seminar	Anais Jomat (compensates) Valérie Aucouturier Isabelle Ost Jeanne-Marie Roux (compensates) Isabelle Ost	PR [q1] [30h+30h] [6 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1300	End of cycle assignment I	Valérie Aucouturier (coord.) Quentin Landenne (coord.) Jeanne-Marie Roux (coord.)	PR [q2] [] [5 Credits]		x	x
○ BFILO1301	End of cycle assignment II	Valérie Aucouturier (coord.) Quentin Landenne (coord.) Jeanne-Marie Roux (coord.)				

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Prerequisites list

- BGERM1240** "English: syntax and morphology" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1140
- BGERM1140 - English : Linguistics and Practical Exercises I
- BGERM1270** "English literature : From the beginning of the English novel to the Victorian Age" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1101
- BGERM1101 - English : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BGERM1271** "English literature : Narrative voices, from the first novels to the twentieth century" has prerequisite(s) BGERM1101
- BGERM1101 - English : History of literature and analysis of texts I
- BSPOL1210** "Sociologie politique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160 OU BESPO1161
- BESPO1162 - Political science
 - BESPO1160 - Sociology
 - BESPO1161 - Sociology
- BSPOL1315** "Régimes politiques" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - Political science

[The programme's courses and learning out1 189.39399719 20.7880030 d9p779971162](https://www.uclouvain.be/en/filb1ba-courses-and-learning-outcomes)

✂ BLANG1116	Initiation to Latin	Muriel Lenoble	P10 [q1+q2] [60h] [5]
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FILB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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○ BGERM1240	English: syntax and morphology 🇺🇸	Jennifer Thewissen	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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FILB1BA - 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.

- 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 **from a country outside the European Union**, the admission application must contain the [equivalence of your diploma](#) issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the [DAES](#) or a certificate of successful completion of the [examination giving access to 1st cycle studies](#) when you submit your application

Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

Pass certificate for the [special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect](#).

Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

Note: students wishing to enrol for a **Bachelor's degree in Medicine** or a **Bachelor's degree in dental science** must first sit an [aptitude test \(fr\)](#).

- Access to **Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering**

The Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering is a joint program organised by KU Leuven and UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. In order to register, all candidate must first submit an application via the [KU Leuven admission platform](#). The [conditions of access](#) to this programme are specific.

Teaching method

Courses, seminars, practical seminars

Course units in the philosophy programme are divided into lectures and seminars or practical seminars.

1. Lectures focus on a particular period in the history of philosophy or on a specific branch of philosophy.
2. Seminars involve smaller groups. They are a forum for more detailed discussion about major philosophical works, and feature student presentations. There is a strong focus on debate and group discussion.
3. The practical seminars are designed to introduce students to philosophical writing.
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The bachelor's degree in philosophy also allows access to other master's degree programmes organised by the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters or by other faculties at UCLouvain, subject to compliance with the admission requirements for these programmes. In some cases, access to the master's degree programme requires the completion of certain course units (see the admission requirements for the master's degree programme in question).

- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Linguistics](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology: Musicology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in History](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in History](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Theology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Theology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Criminology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Sciences of Religions](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

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Faculty

Structure entity

SSH/PHLB

Denomination

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Sector

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

Acronym

PHLB

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