UCLouvain

MECA2M

2024 - 2025

Master [120] in Mechanical Engineering

MECA2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

This diploma in civil engineering in mechanics aims to meet the challenges of designing and innovating, according to a polytechnical approach, complex solutions and systems linked to mechanics and its applications. This Master's degree aims to train experts in the area of mechanics and its applications and to do so in the context of the rapidly changing circumstances of Europe and the world.

The future civil engineer in mechanics will acquire the skills and knowledge to becomeA professional polytechnic engineer capable of integrating several disciplines in the areas of continuum mechanics, thermodynamics and machine design.

An individual capable of putting into practice his/her skills as well as the tools used in research and technology.

A specialist in extremely varied and specialized applied fields such as energetics, aerodynamics, automobiles, rail transport, robotics, numerical simulation, and scientific information.

A manager who can manage projects alone or in a team.

Polytechnic and multidisciplinary, the education offered by the Louvain School of Engineering privileges the acquisition of skills and knowledge that combine theory and practice and that deal with analysis, design, manufacturing, production, research and development and innovation while at the same time taking ethics and sustainable development into consideration.

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

1.Demonstrate a mastery of a solid body of knowledge in basic and engineering sciences, permitting him/her to understand and solve problems that are raised by mechanics.

1.1 Identify and apply concepts, laws, and practical reasoning to a given problem related to:

- Continuum mechanics
- Energy, thermodynamics and thermics
- Mathematical modelling and numerical simulation
- Project management
- Robotics, automated systems

1.2 Identify and use adequate modelling and calculation tools to solve these problems

1.3 Verify the plausibility and confirm the validity of results (orders of magnitude, units).

2.Organize and carry out an applied engineering procedure for the development of a product (and/or a service) that meets a need or solves a problem specific to the field of mechanics.

2.1 Analyse the problem or the operational needs that must be met, formulate the product specifications while taking technical and economic constraints into account.

2.2 Model the problem and design one or more technical solutions while integrating the mechanical aspects corresponding to the product specifications.

2.3 Evaluate and classify solutions in light of all the criteria included in the product specifications: efficiency, feasibility, quality, ergonomics, and security.

2.4 Implement and test a solution in the form of a mock up, a prototype and/or a numerical model.

2.5 Formulate recommendations to improve the operational characteristics of a proposed solution.

3.Organize and carry out a research project to understand a physical phenomenon or a new problem related to mechanics.

3.1 Document and summarize the existing knowledge in the field of mechanics.

3.2 Suggest a model and/or experimental device to simulate the performance of a system, thereby testing relevant hypotheses related to the phenomenon being studied.

3.3 Put together a summary report, which aims to explain the potentialities for theoretical and/or technical innovation resulting from the research project.

4.Contribute, as a member of a team, to the achievement of a multidisciplinary project while taking into account its objectives, allocated resources and constraints.

4.1 Create a project framework and explain the project objectives while taking into account the challenges and constraints that characterize the project's environment.

4.2 Collectively commit to a work schedule

4.3 Operate in a multidisciplinary environment with individuals who hold different points of view

4.4 Make team decisions when necessary to complete a project whether they pertain to technical solutions or to the division of labour.

5.Demonstrate effective communication skills (speaking and writing skills in French or in a foreign language) with the goal of successfully carrying out assigned projects.

5.1 Identify the client's needs: ask appropriate questions and listen to the entire request (not simply the technical aspects).

5.2 Present convincing arguments by using the language of your interlocutors (colleagues, technicians, clients, superiors).

5.3 Communicate through graphics and schemes (interpret a scheme, present a project, structure information).

5.4 Read, analyse, and use technical documents (standards, outlines, specifications).

5.5 Draft written documents that take contextual requirements and social conventions into account.

				Year 1	2
LMECA2840	Project in Mechanical Design II	Bruno Dehez Christophe Everarts (compensates Benoît Raucent) Renaud Ronsse	EN [q1+q2] [30h+30h] [6 Credits] *> French-friendly*	x	
LEPL2020	Professional integration work *The modules of LEPL2020 course are organized over the two annual blocks of the master's degree. It is strongly recommended that students take them from year 1, but they will only be able to register for the course at the earliest the year in which they present their final graduation project.* *Students who have other professional integration activities in their personal programme, or who can demonstrate an equivalent activity could be exempted*				

Grégoire Winckelmans

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS [30.0]

Hervé Jeanmart

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

Content:

			Year 1	Year 2
LMECA2220	Internal combustion engines	Hervé Jeanmart Maxime Pochet (compensates Francesco Contino)		
LMECA2322	Fluid mechanics II	Philippe Chatelain Eric Deleersnijder Grégoire Winckelmans		

MAJORS FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MAJOR IN AERONAUTICS

Open to all students of civil and mechanical engineering and electromechanical engineering, classes in this major review mechanical applications of aeronautics: aeronautic structures, vibrations, aerodynamics, dynamics of flight, etc. The learning process consists of

MAJOR IN DYNAMICS, ROBOTIC AND BIOMECHANICS

Open to all students of civil and mechanical engineering and electromechanical engineering, classes in this major review dynamics, robotics as well as biomechanics. Whether it be an analysis of vibrations, adjustment of a robot or the design and production of components or micro-components in bioengineering (for example, artificial Implants, valves and prosthetics), this major allows students to address one or more applications from a mechanics perspective. This major is complemented by the majors in Aeronautics, Energy as well as Design, Manufacturing and Materials Mechanics especially for students interested in problems related to dynamics and robotics in aeronautics and energy. The design and the choice of materials is crucial whether it be for the adjustment of a robot or the selection of bio-materials in rehabilitation projects.

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From 20 to 30credit(s)

Year
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MAJOR IN ENERGY

Classes in this major review the subject of energy in the real world. This subject is addressed in its entirety first by the study of production techniques and energy conversion (thermal machines, nuclear energy, renewable energy) followed by an analysis of the risks associated with energy production and the means of minimising these risks (major risks, pollution) and finally a study of energy consumption and its consequences. This major is complemented by the major in Aeronautics for those students interested in problems of energy and motorisation in aeronautics. This is also the case for the major in Dynamics, Robotics and Biomechanics as well as the

MAJOR IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

As with the Master’s in civil electromechanical engineering with a specialization in energy as well as the Master’s in civil and mechanical engineering, the goal of this major is to offer an in-depth education in the principal aspects of nuclear engineering. Entry into this programme, which is primarily overseen by the Mol Centre of Nuclear Energy, is conditional on an evaluation of candidates’ skills based on the rules used for ERASMUS-SOCRATES exchange students. Further information about this major may be found on Mol’s website SCK-CEN.

MAJOR IN DESIGN, MANUFACTURING AND MECHANICS OF MATERIALS

Open to civil, mechanical and electromechanical engineering students, this major reviews design, manufacturing and the importance of materials in the development of a mechanical system. It also addresses physical and chemical properties and the behaviour of metals, polymers and composites. Next, the main techniques for shaping these materials (moulding by injection or compression, stretching, laminating, forging, extrusion, embossing) are studied from the thermo-mechanical and technological point of view. Finally, numerical modelling of these procedures is tackled with particular attention paid to welding techniques. All phases of the mechanical manufacturing process are studied from the design stage to the setting up of suitable manufacturing techniques to the production schedule and organisation of working groups. This major is rounded out by those in aeronautics and energy as well as dynamics, robotics and biomechanics for students interested in issues pertaining to design, manufacturing and the importance of materials be they in aeronautics, energy, transportation or bio-engineering.

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				Year 1	Year 2
LMAPR2483	Durability of materials	Laurent Delannay Thomas Pardoen	EN [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits] *> French-friendly*	x	x

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Comprehensive courses

				Year 1	Year 2
LELEC1530	Basic analog and digital electronic circuits	Martin Andraud Denis Flandre	FR [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LELEC1370	Measurements and electrical circuits	Christophe Craeye Bruno Dehez Claude Oestges (coord.)	FR [q2] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LINMA1510	Linear Control	Gianluca Bianchin	EN [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] *> French-friendly*	x	x
LMECA1451	Mechanical manufacturing.	Laurent Delannay Aude Simar	FR [q2] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LMECA2645	Major technological hazards in industrial activity.	Aude Simar	FR [q2] [30h] [3 Credits]	x	x

OPTIONS ET COURS AU CHOIX EN CONNAISSANCES SOCIO-ÉCONOMIQUES [3.0]

BUSINESS RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Cours en marketing					
MGEST1108	Marketing	Nadia Sinigaglia	FR [q2] [45h+20h] [6 Credits]	x	x
MLSMM2136	Trends in Digital Marketing	Ingrid Poncin	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
MLSMM2134	e-Consumer Behavior	Karine Charry	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
Cours en Sourcing and Procurement					
LLSMS2036	Supply Chain Procurement	Per Joakim Agrell Antony Paulraj	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LLSMS2038	Procurement Organisation and Scope	Constantin Blome Canan Kocabasoglu Hillmer (compensates Constantin Blome)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LLSMS2037	Sourcing Strategy	Constantin Blome Michael Henkelnstantin Blome			

MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP - INEO

Commune à la plupart des masters de l'EPL, cette option a pour objectif de familiariser l'étudiant·e avec les spécificités de l'entreprenariat et de la création d'entreprise afin de développer chez lui les aptitudes, connaissances et outils nécessaires à la création d'entreprise.

Cette option rassemble des étudiants de différentes facultés en équipes interdisciplinaires afin de créer un projet entrepreneurial. La formation interdisciplinaire en entrepreneuriat (INEO) est une option qui s'étend sur 2 ans et s'intègre dans plus de 30 Masters de 9 facultés/écoles de l'UCLouvain. Le choix de l'option INEO implique la réalisation d'un mémoire interfacultaire (en équipe) portant sur un projet de création d'entreprise. L'accès à cette option, ainsi qu'à chacun des cours, est limité aux étudiant·es sélectionnés sur dossier. Toutes les informations sur https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/ineo.

L'étudiant.e qui choisit de valider cette option doit sélectionner au minimum 20 crédits et au maximum 25 crédits. Cette option n'est pas accessible en anglais et ne peut être prise simultanément avec l'option « Enjeux de l'entreprise ».

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Required courses					
LINEO2001	Théorie de l'entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	FR [q1] [30h+20h] [5 Credits]	x	
LINEO2002	Aspects juridiques, économiques et managériaux de la création d'entreprise	Yves De Cordt Marine Falize	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	x	
LINEO2003	Plan d'affaires et étapes-clefs de la création d'entreprise *Les séances du cours LINEO2003 sont réparties sur les deux blocs annuels du master. L'étudiant doit les suivre dès le bloc annuel 1, mais ne pourra inscrire le cours que dans son programme de bloc annuel 2.*	Frank Janssen	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		x
LINEO2004	Séminaire d'approfondissement en entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	x	
Prerequisite courses					
Student who have not taken management courses during their previous studies must enroll in LINEO2021.					
LINEO2021	Financer son projet	Philippe Grégoire Olivier Vercruysse	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	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.

MECA2M - 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

Specific access requirements

This programme is taught in English with no prerequisite in French. A certificate is required for the holders of a non-Belgian degree, see selection criteria of the Access on the file.

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
Bachelor in Engineering		Direct access	Students who have neither major nor minor in the field of their civil engineering Master's degree may have an adapted master programme.
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in Engineering		Direct access	Students with a Bachelor’s degree in engineering sciences who have not taken the equivalent of a minor in the field of their civil enginering master degree may have an adapted master programme.
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in engineering		Access with additional training	Students who have no specialisation in the field of their civil enginering master degree may have an adapted master programme with up to 60 additional credits.
Foreign Bachelors			
Bachelor in engineering	Bachelors degree of Cluster Institution	Direct access	Students with a Bachelor’s degree in engineering sciences who have not taken the equivalent of a minor in the field of their civil enginering master

			degree may have an adapted master programme.
Bachelor in Engineering	For others institutions	Access based on application	See personalized access

Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about links to the university

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			

Masters	
Master in Engineering	Direct access

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having the required qualifications. However, validation of prior experience does not automatically apply to all courses. Find out more about Validation of priori experience.

Access based on application

Access based on application : access may be granted either directly or on the condition of completing additional courses of a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, or refused.

The first step of the admission procedure requires to submit an application online: https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/futurs-etudiants.html

Selection criteria are summarized here (contact : epl-admission@uclouvain.be).

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

Teaching method

Methods that promote multidisciplinary studies

The Master's degree programme in civil and mechanical engineering is directly linked to the role played by mechanical civil engineers. They are at the centre of today's industries (such as robotics, transportation, energy production, micro medical devices, and space shuttles). Mechanical engineers must design diverse products like instruments, vehicles, and machines or even bigger systems. They must also design manufacturing procedures for these products. Finally, they play a leading role in the organisation, control, upkeep and maintenance of production systems. Versatility is necessary for working in sectors such as aeronautics, energy, metallurgy, petrochemistry, automobiles and biomechanics.

The educational programme for civil and mechanical engineering is thus by nature versatile. On the one hand, the field of mechanics is vast and is linked to the majority of other engineering fields most notably electricity, materials, chemistry, civil engineering, automation and modelling. On the other hand, students gain specialised skills in an engineering field while retaining solid scientific and technical

For more information on evaluation methods, students may consult the relevant evaluation descriptions.

To obtain a passing grade, the marks received for the teaching units are offset by their respective credits.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Over the years, EPL has developed over a hundred partnerships with partners in more than 36 countries (EU and non-EU) to offer exchange programmes to its students. We also offer the possibility of obtaining Double degrees, Joint Degrees or Dual Masters in several fields. The EPL is currently participating in two Erasmus Mundus programmes: FAME and STRAINS.

In addition to exchange programmes under the Erasmus+ programme, numerous agreements have been established with a wide range of universities through various partner networks such as:

- TIME network (Top Industrial Managers in Europe).
- CLUSTER network
- Magalhães network
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Contacts

Curriculum Management

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