



HISB1BA - Introduction

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The study of history means learning about the past as well as taking a retrospective look at the human adventure, thereby helping us to understand the contemporary world and build the one to come.

The study of history means exploring and understanding periods other than our own. It allows us to learn how to build bridges between generations and cultures, which is a necessary step in the face of global human and environmental challenges.

This implies that students will learn specific ways to formulate a coherent research question, locate and make use of the works and sources available for this purpose, and analyse them by developing a critical and reasoned approach. These different stages of historical work will enable them to master the subject in depth and present it orally or in written form.

Your profile

Are you passionate about understanding past and present realities and the connections between them? Do you like to discover new things on your own through research in libraries and archives? Do you consider that acquiring a broad general knowledge is a main objective of your studies? To achieve this, are you able to show rigour, critical thinking and precision? These are just a few of the skills you will use and develop as you study history.

Your future job

Historians stand out for their methodical and organised approach to research, their ability to collect, analyse and summarise information, and their refined critical thinking skills. These assets make them ideal candidates for work in:

- education;
- conservation: archives, museums, libraries;
- public administration: international, federal, regional and local;
- research: universities, public and private institutes;
- the socio-cultural sector: exhibitions, cultural centres;
- the media: journalism, cultural communication;
- associations: non-governmental organisations, non-profit associations and other organisations with a social vocation;
- the banking sector;
- the diplomatic service, etc.

Your programme

The strengths of the history programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles:

- **A solid knowledge of history:** numerous theoretical courses on periods in history or specific themes (history of justice, historical geography, etc.) enable students to gain an in-depth understanding of entire eras of the past, as well as the present.
- **Links to practice:** from year 1 onwards, the programme provides a background in the various facets of the work of a historian: introduction to the various sources of information, research and classification of sources, critical analysis of records, making summaries, etc.
- **Critical thinking:** during seminars, students are asked to produce and present research papers, with a view to teaching them about the research process and the objective consideration of history and its issues.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** in year 1, students take courses in other areas of the humanities, such as sociology, law, philosophy and literature.
- **Intellectual openness:** in years 2 and 3, students can choose a minor subject in another discipline, such as European studies, political science, communication sciences or literature and civilisations.
- **Educational support:** specialisation courses are taught in small groups, ensuring close contact and personalised support from the teaching staff.

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.

The following second degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in History\]](#)
- [Bachelor in Political Sciences \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in History\]](#)
- other additional bachelor's degrees on request.

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

HISB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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Programme structure

Theoretical knowledge combined with learning about the work of a historian

The bachelor's degree in history at Saint-Louis - Bruxelles combines historical knowledge courses with a hands-on approach to the work of a historian. The Faculty provides students with a background in the various aspects of a historian's profession:

- use of the range of information sources, from the first engraved inscriptions to handwritten texts and digital documents
- research and classification of sources
- critical analysis of records
- production of summaries which meet the requirements of academic writing

The periods of history, from the dawn of humanity to the present time, are approached in such a way as to raise awareness of the various main lines and levels of historical inquiry, such as global history, thematic history and memory-related history.

Reinforced by general courses common to the Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Letters and Human Sciences, the programme teaches students how to build bridges between generations and cultures, which is a necessary step in the face of global human and environmental challenges.

Teaching is organised according to a progressive model: from fairly general courses in year 1 to increasingly specialised courses. This specialisation is further developed in the master's programme.

Minor subjects

Minor subjects are made up of a group of optional courses. The following minor subjects (25 credits: 10 credits in year 2, 15 credits in year 3) are available to students:

- Literature and civilisations
- European studies
- Political science and communications

These minor subjects are aimed at giving students an understanding of other disciplines, and may help them to choose a master's programme.

HISB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

				Year		
				1	2	3
✘ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 📄	Geoffroy Patriarche	PR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BDROI1221	History of the institutions and of law II (contemporary period)	Frédéric Audren Hajar Oulad Ben Taib	PR [q2] [45h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BSPOL1315	Political Systems 📄	Denis Duez	PR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BDURA1000						

Alternatives

- > Bachelor in History [Supplementary Bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Philosophy] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual-degree bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Law] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]
- > Bachelor in History [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-hisb1ba-programme>]

BACHELOR IN HISTORY [SUPPLEMENTARY BACHELOR IN HISTORY FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN PHILOSOPHY]

- 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
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				Year		
				1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> BHIST1286	Sources for the different periods of History	Eric Bousmar (coord.) Dominique Longrée Antoine Renglet (compensates Béregère Piret) Quentin Verreycken	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]		x	x
<input type="radio"/> BHIST1227	Palaeography and Diplomatics	Philippe Desmette	FR [q1] [45h] [4 Credits]		x	x
<input type="radio"/> BHIST1226	Historiography	Philippe Desmette Florence Liard (compensates Philippe Desmette)	FR [q2] [45h] [4 Credits]		x	x

Choose 4 courses (20 credits) among the following :

✂ You may choose one of the following courses :

<input type="checkbox"/> BPOLS1121	Contemporary History	Béregère Piret	FR [q2] [30h+11h] [5 Credits]
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BACHELOR IN HISTORY [DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN FRENCH AND ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LETTERS]

- 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

1 2 3

o Content:

o Dual Bachelor's degree in History for the holder of a Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters



This dual-degree bachelor's programme in History counts a minimum of 60 or 64 credits, provided that the student has validated all the courses making up the thematic module in History of the bachelor's degree programme in French and Romance Languages and Literature. If this is not the case, the student will have to add the 4 UE of this minor to this programme.

○ BHIST1226	Historiography	Philippe Desmette Florence Liard (compensates Philippe Desmette)	(FR) [q2] [45h] [4 Credits] 🌐		X	X
○ BHIST1115	History of Belgium and the Low Countries	Eric Bousmar	(FR) [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	X
○ BPOLS1121	Contemporary History	Bérengère Piret	(FR)			

Year

1 2 3

Choice one course among the following:

⌘ BHIST1229	Seminar of history of Antiquity		FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 			x
⌘ BHIST1231	Medieval History Seminar	Eric Bousmar Philippe Desmette (coord.)	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 			x

Prerequisites list

BCOMU1212 "[Social-history of media](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113

- BPOLS1113 - [Media institutions analysis](#)

BHIST1228 "[Seminar of contemporary history](#)" has prerequisite(s) BHIST1111 AND BHIST1112 AND BHIST1118

- BHIST1111 - [Source Criticism](#)
- BHIST1112

HISB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

o Languages

Student must choose 15 credits of language courses all over the three years of the bachelor's programme.

o BLANG1120	English	Marleen Cré	ES [q1+q2] [0h +45h] [5 Credits]
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o Choose one course among the following:

o BLANG1130	Dutch	Matthieu Sergier	NL [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
o BLANG1116	Initiation to Latin	Muriel Lenoble	FR [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits]
o BROMA1122	Translation and explanation of Latin texts	Didier Xhardez	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]

HISB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
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⌘ BHIST1229	Seminar of history of Antiquity 🇺🇵 Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.		FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1231	Medieval History Seminar 🇺🇵	Eric Bousmar Philippe Desmette (coord.)	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1230	Seminar on the history of modern times 🇺🇵	Serge Dauchy Philippe Desmette	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1228	Seminar of contemporary history 🇺🇵 Students must take this course in even-numbered years.	Nathalie Tousignant Nathalie Tousignant (compensates Bérengère Piret)	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1293	Research Seminar : Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome 🇺🇵 Students must take this course in even-numbered years.	Florence Liard	EN [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BHIST1291	Seminar on 19th and 20th c. European history 🇺🇵 Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.		EN [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐

o Languages

Student must choose 15 credits of language courses all over the three years of the bachelor's programme.

o Choose one course among the following:

⌘ BLANG1130	Dutch	Matthieu Sergier	NL [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BGERM1102	Dutch : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Matthieu Sergier	NL [q2] [60h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BGERM1101	English : History of literature and analysis of texts I	Marleen Cré	EN [q2] [60h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1146	German	Vera Höltschi	DE [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1121	Spanish	Cristal Huerdo Moreno	ES [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1117	Italian I	Sebastiano Ferrari Chiara Nannicini	IT [q1+q2] [15h +60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BLANG1116	Initiation to Latin	Muriel Lenoble	FR [q1+q2] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1122	Translation and explanation of Latin texts	Didier Xhardez	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BROMA1294	Latin authors I 🇺🇵	Dominique Longrée	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Thematic modules to choose from

The student chooses a thematic module:

- in block 2: choice of 5 credits (even years) or 10 credits (odd years);
- in block 3: choice of 15 credits (even years) or 20 credits (odd years).

HISB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- 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...)

o Content:

o Specialised courses

○ BHIST1282	History of Antiquity <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Florence Liard	(FR) [q2] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
○ BHIST1284	History of Modern Times <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Serge Dauchy Philippe Desmette	(FR) [q1] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
○ BHIST1283	Medieval History <i>Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.</i>	Eric Bousmar	(FR) [q1] [60h] [5 Credits] ⊖ 🌐
○ BHIST1285	Contemporary History <i>Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.</i>	Eric Bousmar	(FR) [q2] [60h] [5 Credits] Cre
○ BHIST1312	Historical anthropology <i>Students must take this course in even-numbered years.</i>	Eric Bousmar	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕ 🌐
○ BHIST1311	Introduction to historical geography	Sébastien Dubois	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHIST1314	The History of Justice	Serge Dauchy	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHIST1315	Quantitative methods for historians	Antoine Renglet (compensates Nathalie Tousignant)	(FR) [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BHIST1313	Current issues and debates about historiography and the profession of the historian ■	Eric Bousmar Nathalie Tousignant	(FR) [q1+q2] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Choose one seminar among the following:

⊗ BHIST1229A	Seminar of history of Antiquity - (Advanced level) <i>Students must take this course in odd-numbered years.</i>		(FR) [q1+q2] [30h] [6 Credits] ⊖ 🌐
⊗ BHIST1231A			

HISB1BA - 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

- [Master \[120\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) [Master \[60\] in History of Art and Archaeology : General new#](#) (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 Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Philosophy](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[60\] in Information and Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: International Relations](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Sociology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Anthropology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[60\] in Sociology and Anthropology](#) (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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Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

SSH/PHLB

Denomination

Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Letters, and Human Sciences Saint- Louis ([PHLB](#))

Sector

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

Acronym

PHLB

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