

ROM2M1 - Introduction

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This master offers specialised training in French and southern European (Italian or Spanish) literature and linguistics and includes the choice of an elective in French and romance languages and literature or French as a foreign language.

Your profile

Students hold a bachelor's degree and have developed various communication, linguistic, literary and cultural skills in the Romance languages they wish to enrol in as part of the programme.

Your future job

Students become teachers, book retailers, journalists and researchers, but also, for example, business representatives, writers and theatre directors. They can also be found working as advisors in the field of multimedia and communication, management or production assistants in publishing houses or human resource managers in companies, etc.

Your programme

The course is made up of:

- a core curriculum comprising a final assignment the common subjects (French linguistics, literature, southern European languages and literature - Spanish or Italian);
- different electives (expanding upon the disciplinary fields in the core curriculum and relating to the final assignment).

ROM2M1 - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

At the end of their course, the holder of the [Master \[60\] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General](#) will demonstrate an excellent ability to analyse and interpret speeches, in particular, literary and, more generally, cultural, speeches. Their in-depth knowledge of French, Italian and Spanish will enable them to take an educated look at their own culture and understand the ever-changing linguistic and literary context into which it fits, thanks to a range of different tools (philological, theoretical, hermeneutic, historical and comparative). Students will also be able, thanks in particular to an excellent knowledge of the language, to communicate their knowledge and implement it in all professional contexts on the basis of the type of speech in question (teaching, editing, culture and continuing education, journalism, scientific research...).

With these qualities, students on the masters in French and romance languages and literature will become intellectuals in the field of humanities able to contribute to the significant issues and challenges in modern society, by demonstrating how its heritage and linguistic and literary creativity constitute authorities on the basis of which such questions can be answered.

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

1. Situate, analyse and interpret the different areas of French, Spanish and/or Italian literature in a coherent and relevant way.
 - 1.1. Conduct in-depth analyses of French literary works.
 - 1.2. Conduct in-depth analyses of Spanish literary works.
 - 1.3. Conduct in-depth analyses of Italian literary works.
2. Recognise, from within the literature of at least two romance languages and within European and non-European literature, links relating to circulation, similarities and also differences and specific features between different authors, works and general historical and literary trends.
 - 2.1. Recognise the similarities and differences between works from two romance languages.
 - 2.2. Recognise the similarities and differences between works relating to the general history of literature.
3. Employ the knowledge acquired in the different fields of the humanities, with a view to conducting an in-depth analysis of facts, documents, speeches or issues.
 - 3.1. Analyse a fact, document, speech or problem on the basis of historical theories.
 - 3.2. Analyse a fact, document, speech or problem on the basis of philosophical theories.

OPTION IN FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE [15.0]

- 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
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LFIAL131	Understanding language: an introduction to linguistics	Elisabeth Degand Philippe Hambye	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
LFIAL1530	General linguistics : semantics and pragmatics	Elisabeth Degand	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] > English-friendly
LIRA112	History of the French language	Philippe Hambye	FR [q2] [37.5h+7.5h] [5 Credits]

o Littérature (20 credits)

LROM1: 23	Belgian Francophone Literature	Pierre Piret	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
LFIAL1330	General and Comparative Literature : Methods and Practices	Marta Sábado Novau	FR [q2] [30h+10h] [5 Credits]
LROM1: 60	Critical analysis of Texts: the French Language Theatre	Pierre Piret	FR [q1] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits]

o Un cours parmi:

LFRA1101	These so-called minor literary genres	Severine De Croix	FR [q1] [22.5h] [5 Credits]
LFRA1102	French literature: between artistic creation and novelistic analysis	Vincent Engel	FR [q2] [30h+10h] [5 Credits]
LFRA1103	La fabrique du texte: French-language literature of the 20th and 21st centuries	Pierre Piret Anne Reverseau	FR [q2] [22.5h+10h] [5 Credits]
LFRA1104	Arts and French literature	Christophe Meurée (compensates Agnès Guiderdoni)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

o Romance languages courses (15 credits)

L'étudiant-e choisit les études hispaniques ou italiennes

✂ Spanish Studies

o Maîtrise de la langue (5 credits)

L'étudiant-e choisit l'un des deux cours en fonction des résultats obtenus au test de niveau réalisé lors de l'admission.

LESIPA1181	Spanish A1- B1 (linguistic, sociolinguistic and pragmatic competences)	Begona Garcia Migura Paula Lorente Fernandez Marta Sábado Novau	ES [q1+q2] [60h+60h] [5 Credits]
LESIPA1600	Spanish (A2-B1.1)	Begona Garcia Migura Paula Lorente Fernandez (coord.)	ES [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] Δ

o Littérature et linguistique (10 credits)

LROM1281	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis of Spanish Texts		
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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.

4° Students wishing to pursue a master's degree with a teaching focus must have a degree of the French Community of Belgium; failing this, they will have to pass a French language proficiency examination to demonstrate that their command of written and spoken French is equivalent to Level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (for further information, visit <https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/french-language-master-teaching.html>).

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General (Louvain-la-Neuve)		Direct access	
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters (St-Louis Bruxelles)		Direct access	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General (Louvain-la-Neuve) (a German language + French) Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures (Louvain-la-Neuve)	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in Italian Studies Minor in Spanish Studies	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General (St-Louis Bruxelles)	If students has followed the Italian or Spanish module	Access with additional training	Students must choose for their master's programme the Romance language studied during the Bachelor's degree and French. Maximum 30 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General (St-Louis Bruxelles)		Access with additional training	Maximum 45 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Any other bachelor of the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in French Studies Minor in Italian Studies Minor in Spanish Studies	Access with additional training	Maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the master's programme If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General		Direct access	
Any other Bachelor in languages and literatures		Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)

Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium

Bachelor of Linguistics and Literature (French + Italian/Latin/Spanish)	Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
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Foreign Bachelors

Foreign bachelor in languages and literatures	Access based on application	In case of admission, additional training to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Access on the file). All applicants must check that they meet the specific access requirements .
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Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Only applicable to graduates of higher education institutions of the French Community of Belgium

Diploma	Access	Remarks
BA - AESI orientation Français et français langue étrangère - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60 BA - AESI orientation Français et morale - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60 BA - AESI orientation Français et religion - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60	Les enseignements supplémentaires éventuels peuvent être consultés dans le module complémentaire .	Type court

 Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			

Masters

Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General (a German language + French) Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General (a German language + French)	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in Italian Studies Minor in Spanish Studies	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the Master's programme Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Master [60] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Master [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	If students have chosen one of the following minors: Minor in Italian Studies Minor in Spanish Studies	Access with additional training	Maximum 15 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the Master's programme Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration) If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment

		application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : French as a Foreign Language	Access with additional training	Programme to be determined depending on the student's educational background (consult Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration)
Foreign Masters	Access based on application	All candidates must ensure that they meet the specific access requirements. In case of admission, maximum 60 credits of supplementary classes integrated into the Master's programme (consult Acces on the file).

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

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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](#).

Candidates who do not fulfil the abovementioned admission requirements, but who have duly attested significant experience relevant to the field of study in question, may apply for admission to the programme on the basis of an individualised admission procedure.

For more information on the procedure for admission by validation of learning from experience (VAE) in the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/valorisation-des-acquis-de-l-experience-vae.html>.

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.

Admissibility criteria

A candidate's application will be deemed admissible if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Candidate's diploma issued by an **institution recognized by WHED** (see <https://www.whed.net/home.php>)
- Previous course of study including **at least 3 years of higher education** (equivalent to 180 European credits), leading to an undergraduate degree;
- For holders of a **degree from outside Belgium**:

1. an overall average of at least 60% (12/20) for the entire course of study completed at the home institution and giving access to this program;
- 2.

- **Arguments** put forward by the applicant in his or her cover letter (training project in line with the program in question, coherence between the applicant's application and the program in question, etc.) Example: the language combination requested by the applicant is organized in the program in question.
- **Original covering letter.** An original covering letter is expected, explaining the personal training project. Any plagiarism or use of artificial intelligence in writing the letter to the jury will result in the application being disqualified.
- **Experience gained.** If the access diploma was obtained more than 5 years ago, it is imperative that the experience acquired since leaving school is directly related to the field of study of the programme applied for.

Changes to the conditions of access to the Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters for 2025-2026 will be available in this [document](#) .

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

Teaching method

The different pathways on offer provide the student with the chance to construct his course according to his skills and interests and thus gain relative autonomy in his training. The different areas of study in the programme offer a coherent, high-quality set of courses.

Structure which helps promote interdisciplinary : in the master 60, it is the student's choice (geared towards the programme's interdisciplinary courses) which holds sway.

Variety of teaching strategies (including e-learning) : use of different types of multimedia for meridional languages.

Diverse learning situations : individual and group work, seminar and lecture work. Tutorial for the end of study work ('travail de fin d'études' or TFE).

Evaluation

4. Postgraduate internship and socio-professional integration

Students have the opportunity, during their Master's programme or after graduation, to prepare their **socio-professional integration** with the qualified services of the Faculty and of UCLouvain. It is also possible for them to complete their training with a **postgraduate internship** in Belgium or abroad. In some cases, procedural steps must be undertaken during the master's programme.

- Further information on postgraduate internships: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/stage-apres-diplomation.html>
- Further information on the Faculty's Employment Service: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/fial/service-emploi.html>
- Further information on the interviews and workshops offered to (future) graduates by the *Centre d'information et d'orientation* (CIO): <https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/cio/futur-diplome-diplome.html>

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Denomination

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