



ROM2M1
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Master [60] in French and Romance Languages and
Literatures : General



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.
4. Understand questions relating to literary theory and produce a critical reading of a text using the analytical and interpretation tools offered by the available methods and practices.
 - 4.1. Achieve expert skills in oral French.
 - 4.2. Achieve expert skills in written French.
 - 4.3.
5. Demonstrate a profound expertise in French, and advanced communication and analysis skills in Spanish or in Italian.
 - 5.1. Demonstrate a profound expertise in French.
 - 5.2. Demonstrate advanced communication and analysis skills in Spanish.
 - 5.3. Demonstrate advanced communication and analysis skills in Italian.
6. Implement a suitable method of analysis based upon the disciplinary field chosen for the final assignment (French literature, French linguistics, French as a second language).
 - 6.1. Implement a suitable research methodology for French literature.
 - 6.2. Implement a suitable research methodology for French linguistics.
 - 6.3. Implement a suitable research methodology for French as a second language.
7. Develop, on the basis of language and literature studies, reflective and critical knowledge allowing them to become an actor in modern society, and an intellectual in the area of humanities, open to a dialogue between language, literature and other artistic and scientific knowledge.
 - 7.1. Apply a reflective and critical approach to society on the basis of literary studies.
 - 7.2. Apply a reflective and critical approach to society on the basis of language studies.

Programme structure

The programme consists of:

- a core curriculum (45 credits), comprising:
 - 15 credits for the individual final project;
 - 30 credits for core subjects;
- and 15 option credits (further study of a core curriculum discipline and relevant to the individual final project).

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.

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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

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Bachelor of Linguistics and Literature (French + Italian/Latin/
Spanish)

			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

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

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. official attestation of proficiency in language(s) at the required level (see specific entry requirements), to be attached to the application file. The official attestation must be issued by an organization recognized as a full member by ALTE (see <https://alte.org/Our-Full-Members>).

If a document is missing from the online application, it must be justified (see [UCLouvain Enrolment Department's frequently asked questions](#), in particular "[What do I do if my online application asks for a document I don't yet have?](#)")

Applications deemed admissible are forwarded to the Faculty by Enrolment Services. Applications that do not meet these criteria are automatically rejected.

Eligibility criteria

Applications submitted to the Faculty by UCLouvain's Enrolment Department are examined by the program's jury in accordance with the specific conditions of access detailed above.

The jury decides on the admissibility of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application file, the quality of the training they have undergone and the results they have obtained.

When examining the application, the jury will pay particular attention to the following points:

- **Consistency** between the candidate's previous academic career and the prerequisites for the targeted program. The match between the candidate's academic background and the UCLouvain bachelor's degree giving direct access to the master's program need not be perfect, but the skills acquired (see specific access conditions) must be close; Example: for an application for admission to a master's program in modern languages and literature, the candidate's previous training includes courses in languages and literature in both modern languages.
- **Grades**

- **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

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.

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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