



SOCA2M1 - Introduction

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Learning outcomes

Through the study of different issues such as socialization, identity, culture, power, organization, regulation, class, inequality, cultural and/or social conflict, change and social movements) the key role of sociology is to understand the social players (individuals or groups), their relationships and connections in contemporary society. Anthropology is the science which takes an interest in everything connected to human beings, from the development of man to the most astonishing achievements and phenomena involving human communities. Social and cultural anthropology is the branch of anthropology which is most closely concerned with the many different cultural and social creations of human beings.

The 60 credit Master in Sociology and Anthropology should be viewed in the context of sociology and anthropology being brought more closely together, a course first charted ten years ago at this university. It is designed to provide understanding of the key issues in sociology and anthropology and the ways in which they are interlinked or differ. There is greater emphasis on training in the theoretical issues of both disciplines rather than the methodological and practical aspects of empirical research.

The Master in Sociology and Anthropology is designed to equip students with the following knowledge and key skills:

6. Agir en tant qu' universitaire, en acteur critique et responsable, conscient des spécificités des regards de sociologue et d'anthropologue, et ayant intégré une logique de développement continu.
- 6.1. S'engager et agir selon une approche universitaire fondée et caractérisée par une prise de distance critique, en étant conscient des spécificités des regards de sociologue et d'anthropologue.
- 6.2. Faire preuve de prise de distance par rapport à ses préjugés et se décentrer par rapport à son propre point de vue et ses valeurs culturelles.
- 6.3. S'engager, décider et agir de manière autonome et responsable dans le respect du cadre, du contexte de travail et d'autrui, en étant soucieux de valeurs éthiques.
- 6.4. Témoigner d'une prise de conscience de leurs ressources et compétences personnelles, afin de les développer de manière autonome (logique de développement continu) pour évoluer positivement dans son environnement socio-professionnel.

Programme structure

There are four types of activities in the programme of the 60 credit Master in Sociology and Anthropology : courses on Theoretical Cross-Disciplinary Issues (20 credits); courses structured around different areas (e.g. town or family) looked at from a sociological or anthropological perspective (15 credits); the Leclercq Chair lectures (3 credits) where well-known lecturers present their research; a course on either qualitative or quantitative methodology (5 credits), together with a final dissertation on a theoretical topic (17 credits)

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Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES

- 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
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LDVLP2310	Gender and development	Jacinthe Mazzocchetti Emmanuelle Piccoli	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
LENV12101	Societies, populations, environment, development: issues and interdisciplinary approaches	Martin Colla (compensates) Caroline Nieberding Nathalie Frogneux (coord.) Julie Hermesse Jean-Pierre Raskin	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]

o Une Chaire Jacques Leclercq (3 credits)

LANSO1390	Jacques Leclercq Chair I (anthropology)		FR [q1] [15h] [3 Credits]
LANSO1391	Jacques Leclercq Chair II (sociology)		FR [q1] [15h] [3 Credits]
LANSO1392	Jacques Leclercq Chair III (anthropology)	Julien Blanc	FR [q2] [15h] [3 Credits]
LANSO1393	Jacques Leclercq Chair IV (sociology)		FR [q2] [15h] [3 Credits]

Supplementary classes

To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.

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- 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...)

⊗ Méthodes

⊗ LUCLA1000	MOOC Penser critique		FR [] [] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LUCLA1001	MOOC: Pratiquer la méthode de recherche en sciences humaines et sociales	Pierre Baudewyns	FR [] [] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LUCLA1086	MOOC EDX - Découvrir l'anthropologie		FR [] [] [50h] [5 Credits] 🌐

⊗ Cours spécifiques

⊗ LPOLS1113	Anthropology: of the observation to the theory	Olivier Servais	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPOLS1225	Social and cultural anthropology	Julie Hermesse	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPOLS1215	Sociology of social policies	Nathalie Burnay	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPOLS1234	Theories and concepts in sociology	Marc Zune	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPOLS1316	The History of Debates in Sociology and Anthropology	Marie Deridder Pieter Vanden Broeck (compensates Eric Mangez)	FR [q1] [45h+20h] [8 Credits] 🌐
⊗ LPOLS1329	Sociology of Religion	Brigitte Maréchal	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

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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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

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Teaching method

The programme is centred on the essential elements of analytical procedures in sociology and anthropology and how they can be used more precisely in an area or a more specific social sector. Methodological procedures are introduced through qualitative and quantitative methods. The dissertation is designed to produce a piece of work which summarizes a sociological and/or anthropological question, mainly based on a critical examination of international literature on sociology and anthropology. A key dimension is critical understanding of the ways in which anthropological and sociological procedures can differ or be closely related. This examination may form the basis of an original research topic which can go on to be dealt with in the dissertation of the 120 credit Master, either in Anthropology or in Sociology.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Assessment of the teaching sessions is based on students' work and/or taking written or oral examinations.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

The programme contains many opportunities of an international nature, the most notable of which are the Jacques Leclercq Chair lectures. Each year UCL students can attend lectures given by researchers of international standing. These lecturers are given either in English or French.

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