

Higher Institute of Philosophy



FILO1BA Baccalauréat en philosophie (Bachelor of Philosophy)



Study objectives

The objective of the bachelor's programme is to provide the foundations in the studies of Philosophy and give a first complete initiation into the philosophical universe. Upon completion of the three years of the bachelor's programme, the student will, in fact, have acquired :

1. A solid knowledge of the foundations in Philosophy from a two-fold angle : from that of its historical roots (by studying the great philosophers, past and present) and from that of its principal disciplines (Logic, Epistemology, Ethics, Metaphysics, Anthropology, etc.).
2. A first initiation into the work and scientific research in philosophy by means of special exercises, supervised tasks, guided individual work and the end of cycle assignment.
3. Insight into related subject areas : Letters, History, the Arts and Sciences.
4. An academic training in other indispensable tools, such as languages (English, German, Dutch or Spanish) and computers.

Thus, the study programme offered aims to foster :

1. A **progressive orientation** : the bachelor's programme in Philosophy goes from the most general to the most specific. The actual philosophical part of the programme, whilst being quite significant from the outset, is reinforced in a gradual way. This, in fact, enables the student to allow his study choice to evolve, giving him, if he so wishes, the opportunity to re-orientate his course in the most favorable of conditions.
2. An **active pedagogical approach** : by encouraging the student to play an active role in his own learning, by encouraging him to personally put into practice the knowledge and tools he has acquired and the information he has received during the course. This is one of the main aims of the bachelor's programme of Philosophy. This becomes much more concrete in the practical sessions that the student will have to participate in and the pieces of work that he will have to produce. It is here that he will learn how to read and analyse philosophical texts and present them and comment on them with clarity and precision, as well as drafting reports and written pieces of work relating to the subject.
3. **In terdisciplinarity** : sound academic training in Philosophy involves an opening into other domains of knowledge and culture. Therefore, the bachelor's programme in Philosophy also covers an ensemble of courses related to non-philosophical subjects. In particular, the student will need to choose a "minor" from a domain other than Philosophy. That minor, which will be followed in the second and third years of the bachelor's programme, corresponds to 30 credits and may be chosen from any other faculty of the University, in accordance with the personal ambition of the student and subject to the approval of the faculty in question.

General presentation of the programme

The bachelor's programme of Philosophy consists of three years of studies, corresponding to 180 credits. The programme revolves around three main axes. The main one (around 110 credits) is dedicated to philosophical subjects in the real sense of the term, either because the course is related to the history of philosophy or because it develops various main philosophical subjects via the exercises, tasks and projects which it involves. The other part (around 70 credits) covers an ensemble of non-philosophical subjects but which are, nevertheless, indispensable to Philosophy in the context of its interdisciplinary approach. This second axe includes, in particular, the choice of a "minor" from a subject other than Philosophy, corresponding to 30 credits.

Principal Subjects

Major (150 credits)

Philosophical subjects (108.5 credits)

First year (29.5 credits) :

Philosophical Propaedeutics I and II

Logic I

General Moral Science and Natural Law

Epistemology I

Philosophy of Art

Second year (36 credits) :

Logic II
Social Philosophy
Epistemology II
Metaphysics
Philosophical Anthropology
Philosophy of Nature
History of Philosophy I - III
 Third year (43 credits) :
History of Philosophy IV-VI
Philosophical Texts I-IV
Philosophy and Interculturality
End of 1st cycle assignment

Other subjects (41.5 credits)

First year (30.5 credits, excluding optional courses listed on the detailed programme specifications) :

General studies : The Arts, Letters, History, Linguistics

Languages I

Optional courses

Second year (9 credits) :

Languages II

Third year (2 credits) :

Religious Sciences

Minor (30 credits)

The student will choose a minor from a subject other than Philosophy, corresponding to 15 credits in the 2nd year and 15 credits in the 3rd year.

Evaluation

Depending on the nature of the course and the teaching activities in question, the evaluation will take different forms. It may take the "classical" form of a **final exam**, held during one of the three exam sessions organised by the University (January - June - August/September), but, in the case of courses accompanied by practical exercises or supervised work tasks, it may also be based on the **active participation** of the student during the year and also on the final **personal assignments** that he may be requested to do. Details of the evaluation procedures will be specified at the beginning of each of the course activities.

Admission to the programme

The conditions and regular admission requirements are specified on the web-page "Access to Studies":

<http://www.ucl.ac.be/etudes/libres/en/acces.html>

Positioning of the programme

Positioning of the programme within the University cursus

The 'Bachelor of Philosophy' degree, will entitle the student to direct and unconditional access to the master's of Philosophy which will go much more deeply into the subject areas acquired during the bachelor's programme. It entitles too to direct and unconditional access to the master's of Ethics.

Other studies accessible upon completion of the programme

The student may, likewise, have access to a master's in a subject other than Philosophy, on condition he fulfils an ensemble of prerequisites which may vary depending on the minor and on the options that he has chosen during the bachelor's programme. In a reciprocal way, a bachelor's student from another subject may have access to the master's of Philosophy or to the master's of Ethics, if he fulfils certain prerequisites (c.f. minor programme).

Detailed content of standard programme

FILO 11BA First year of studies

General studies (21.5 credits)

<u>FLTR1440</u>	Arts and Civilisations[37.5h+15h] (5 credits) (in French)	Philippe Bragard, Brigitte Van Wymeersch, Laurent Verslype (coord.)
<u>FLTR1510</u>	Introduction to the Principal Works in European Literature I[30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Paul Deproost, Guido Latre, Jean-Claude Polet (coord.)
<u>FLTR1430</u>	Critical Analysis of Information[30h+10h] (3.5 credits) (in French)	Guy Zelis
<u>FLTR1410</u>	Historical Foundations of Western Civilisation[60h+10h] (5 credits) (in French)	Paul Servais, Françoise Van Haepere, Laurence Van Ypersele, Jean-Marie

<u>PSP1125</u>	Language sciences[30h] (3 credits) (in French)	Yante (coord.) Michel Hupet
Philosophical subjects (29.5 credits)		
<u>FILO1113</u>	Philosophical propaedeutics 1 : Historical introduction to Philosophy[45h+30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Jean Leclercq
<u>FILO1160</u>	Philosophical propaedeutics 2: Methodological introduction to philosophy and exercises[30h+15h] (4 credits) (in French)	Danielle Lories
<u>FILO1130</u>	Logic 1 : Elements of Analysis of the Language and exercises[30h+15h] (5 credits) (in French)	Marcel Crabbé
<u>FILO1140</u>	Practical philosophy 1 : Moral Philosophy[45h+15h] (4.5 credits) (in French)	Laurent de Briey, Olivier Depré
<i>and</i>		
<u>DROI1503</u>	Natural Law[30h] (3 credits) (in French)	Valérie Kokoszka (supplée Jacques Lenoble), Jacques Lenoble
<u>FILO1190</u>	Epistemology 1 : General epistemology[30h+15h] (4 credits) (in French)	Raphaël Gély
<u>ARKE1250</u>	Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Danielle Lories
Languages (9 credits)		
<i>The objective of the language course is to give the student the possibility to acquire a language that he does not know. The students are therefore immediately encouraged to choose a language which corresponds to a real learning experience. This choice will be validated by the Academic Secretary of the Faculty.</i>		
Languages I :		
<u>ALLE1100</u>	Basic level[90h] (9 credits)	Virginie Godin, Caroline Klein
<i>or</i>		
<u>ESPA1100</u>	Spanish - basic level[90h] (9 credits)	Isabel Baeza Varela, José Del Águila Gómez, Victor Manuel Mendez Villegas
<i>or</i>		
<u>ANGL1816</u>	Philosophical texts[60h] (6 credits)	Keith Carlon
<i>and</i>		
<u>ANGL2416</u>	English: interactive communication[30h] (3 credits)	Colleen Starrs, Françoise Stas
<i>or</i>		
<u>NEER1810</u>	Intermediate level[60h] (6 credits)	Hilde Bufkens
<i>and</i>		
<u>NEER2410</u>	Dutch communication skills for students in Classical studies, Philosophy, Oriental Studies, Biblical Studies.[30h] (3 credits)	Mariken Smit (coord.)
Optional courses		
<i>The student may , if he so wishes, add one or another "optional course" to his first year programme, corresponding to a maximum of 6 credits. This approach could be interesting from the perspective of choosing a minor for the 2nd and 3rd years of the bachelor programme. However, note must be taken of the following points :</i>		
1. <i>Any minor which has been followed in the 1st year must, if the students chooses to follow the same minor in the 2nd and 3rd years, then be replaced by another course for the same volume of credits, so that each year actually totals 60 credits.</i>		
2. <i>The optional course(s) which the student has enrolled for, will then become part of the student's first year programme, in the same way as any other courses which make up that programme.</i>		
<u>ARAB1100</u>	Modern Arabic Basic Level[30h] (6 credits)	Pierre Hanjoul
<u>ESPO1111A</u>	Political Economics (Part 1)[40h+10h] (4 credits) (in French)	N.
<u>FLTR1760</u>	Begining Latin[30h+30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Alain Meurant
<u>FLTR1770</u>	Beginning Greek[30h+30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Claude Obsomer
<u>COMU1121</u>	General Semiotics[30h+10h] (4 credits) (in French)	Philippe Verhaegen
<u>GLOR1661</u>	Classical Arabic I[30h] (6 credits) ☒ (in French)	Godefroid De Callatay
<u>GLOR1662</u>	Classical Arabic II[30h] (6 credits) ☒ (in French)	Godefroid De Callatay
<u>PHYS1000</u>	Introduction to physics[45h+20h] (5 credits) ▲ (in French)	Jacques Weyers
<u>PSP1131</u>	General and genetic Biology[37.5h] (3.5 credits) (in French)	Philippe van den Bosch Sanchez de Aguilar
<u>PSP1123</u>	Sociology[30h] (3 credits) (in French)	Georges Liénard
<u>PSP1266</u>	Introduction to clinical psychology[45h+5h] (3 credits) (in French)	Patrice De Neuter, Etienne Dessoy, Nady Van Broeck (coord.)
<u>ESPO1120</u>	Psychology[30h] (3 credits) (in French)	René Zayan
<u>ESPO1122</u>	Foundations of Law[40h] (3 credits) (in French)	Gilberte Marchal, Gilberte Marchal (supplée Henri Simonart), Henri

<u>THEO1120</u>	Introduction to the History of Religions[45h] (4 credits) (in French)	Simonart, Marc Verdussen Jacques Scheuer
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FILO 12BA Second year of studies

Philosophical subjects (27 credits)

<u>FILO1250</u>	Logic 2 : Logic[45h+15h] (5 credits) (in French)	Marcel Crabbé
<u>FILO1260</u>	Metaphysics[45h+30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Gilbert Gérard
<u>FILO1270</u>	Philosophical anthropology[30h+30h] (5 credits) (in French)	Michel Dupuis, Nathalie Frogneux
<u>FILO1210</u>	Philosophy of Nature[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Michel Ghins
<u>FILO1220</u>	Epistemology 2: Introduction to philosophy of science[45h] (5 credits) (in French)	Tom Dedeurwaerdere, Tom Dedeurwaerdere (supplée N.), Bernard Feltz
<u>COPS1311</u>	Social Philosophy[30h] (3 credits) (in French)	Jean De Munck

History of Philosophy courses (9 credits)

The History of Philosophy courses are biannual and are taken in groups of 3 at a time, in the second and third year of the bachelor programme. Course groupings are as follows :1. History of Philosophy I to III and 2. History of Philosophy IV to VI.

<u>FILO1280</u>	History of philosophy 1 : History of ancient philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Pierre Destrée
<u>FILO1281</u>	History of philosophy 2: History of medieval Philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet
<u>FILO1282</u>	History of philosophy 3: History of arabic Philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet
<u>FILO1283</u>	History of philosophy 4 : History of modern philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	Marc Maeschalck
<u>FILO1284</u>	History of Philosophy V: Contemporary philosophy (first part)[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	Michel Ghins
<u>FILO1285</u>	History of Philosophy VI: Contemporary philosophy (second part)[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	N.

Languages (9 credits)

The language course followed in the 2nd year must be different from the one followed in the 1st year and is subject to the same recommendations as the latter.

Languages II

<u>ALLE1100</u>	Basic level[90h] (9 credits)	Virginie Godin, Caroline Klein
<i>or</i>		
<u>ESPA1100</u>	Spanish - basic level[90h] (9 credits)	Isabel Baeza Varela, José Del Águila Gómez, Victor Manuel Mendez Villegas
<i>or</i>		
<u>ALLE1300</u>	German intermediate level[90h] (9 credits)	N.
<i>or</i>		
<u>ESPA1300</u>	Spanish - Intermediate level[90h] (9 credits)	Isabel Baeza Varela
<i>or</i>		
<u>ANGL1816</u>	Philosophical texts[60h] (6 credits)	Keith Carlon
<i>and</i>		
<u>ANGL2416</u>	English: interactive communication[30h] (3 credits)	Colleen Starrs, Françoise Stas
<i>or</i>		
<u>NEER1810</u>	Intermediate level[60h] (6 credits)	Hilde Bufkens
<i>and</i>		
<u>NEER2410</u>	Dutch communication skills for students in Classical studies, Philosophy, Oriental Studies, Biblical Studies.[30h] (3 credits)	Mariken Smit (coord.)

Minor (15 credits)

Minor I (15 credits)

The student must choose a minor from among those organised in the context of the other faculties and departments of UCL. He may call on the study advisor for help with his choice. The minor must total 30 credits divided into twice 15 credits over the second and third year of the bachelor programme.

FILO 13BA Third year of studies

History of Philosophy courses (9 credits)

The History of Philosophy courses are biannual and are taken in groups of 3 at a time, in the second and third year of the bachelor programme. Course groupings are as follows :1. History of Philosophy I to III and 2. History of Philosophy IV to VI.

<u>FILO1280</u>	History of philosophy 1 : History of ancient philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Pierre Destrée
<u>FILO1281</u>	History of philosophy 2: History of medieval Philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet
<u>FILO1282</u>	History of philosophy 3: History of arabic Philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊕ (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet
<u>FILO1283</u>	History of philosophy 4 : History of modern philosophy[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	Marc Maesschalck
<u>FILO1284</u>	History of Philosophy V: Contemporary philosophy (first part)[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	Michel Ghins
<u>FILO1285</u>	History of Philosophy VI: Contemporary philosophy (second part)[30h] (3 credits) ⊗ (in French)	N.

Courses on philosophical texts (20 credits)

<u>FILO1315</u>	Philosophical texts I: Ancient philosophical texts[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet, Pierre Destrée
<u>FILO1325</u>	Philosophical texts II: Medieval philosophical texts[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Jean-Michel Counet
<u>FILO1335</u>	Philosophical texts III: Commentary on Modern Philosophers.[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Gilbert Gérard, Marc Maesschalck
<u>FILO1345</u>	Philosophical texts IV: Critical reading of phenomenological writings[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Olivier Depré
<u>FILO1355</u>	Philosophical texts V: Critical reading in Analytic Philosophy[30h] (4 credits) ▲ (in French)	N.

Opening to non-European cultures (4 credits)

<u>FILO1360</u>	Philosophy and intercultural dialogue[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Bernard Stevens
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End of study cycle piece of work (10 credits)

<u>FILO1300</u>	Work of end of first cycle(10 credits) (in French)	N.
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In order to accomplish this piece of work, the student will need to prove his capacity to develop his first piece of research in Philosophy of a certain volume. In particular, he will demonstrate his ability to : master a philosophical subject and deal with it in an informed and coherent way; make valuable use of research tools and satisfy the existing scientific criteria in practice; justify and write his arguments in a clear, correct and structured way and present and defend the results of his research in the presence of a jury consisting of his promoter and a reader.

Religious Sciences (2 credits)

<u>TECO1210</u>	Questions of Religious Sciences: Biblical Readings[15h] (2 credits) ▲ (in French)	N.
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<u>TECO1220</u>	Questions of Religious Sciences: Reflections about Christian Faith[15h] (2 credits) ▲ (in French)	N.
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<u>TECO1230</u>	Questions of Religious Sciences: Questions about Ethics[15h] (2 credits) ▲ (in French)	N.
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Minor (15 credits)

Minor II (15 credits)

Important remark : *From the 3rd year of the bachelor programme, the students may take advantage of the Erasmus mobility scheme. It may, however, be better to reserve this opportunity for the 2nd cycle of studies as each student can benefit only once from the Erasmus mobility advantages during his studies. In this context, another possibility for mobility is offered to the students in the third year of the bachelor programme which in no way excludes the possibility of having recourse to the Erasmus mobility advantage in the 2nd cycle. This possibility refers to the student mobility agreement which exists between the ISP and the Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte of the KULeuven, which organise a Bachelor programme of Philosophy in the Dutch language and in the English language. All inquiries should be addressed to the administrative secretary's office of the Faculty.*