



Master in Modern Languages and Letters : Oriental Languages

Programme mnemonic

MA-LORIE

- > Focus *Arabic Studies (further studies)* : M-LORIEP
- > Focus *Arabic Studies* : M-LORIE M
- > Focus *Chinese (further studies)* : M-LORIE O

Studies level

Master 120 credits

Learning language

french

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Human and social sciences / Languages and literature

Campus

Solbosch

Teaching methods

Lecture classes, seminars, conference classes, computer-aided learning, language workshops, and personal assignments.

Succeed in your studies

Choose

The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed

Take part in preparatory courses [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] or get help to succeed [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>], before or during your studies.

Get help

Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support [<https://www.ulb.be/fr/aides-services-et-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1>] for your specific needs.

Programme objectives

The programme provides insight into two major areas of the Oriental world: the Arab-Muslim and Chinese civilisations. It is based on the practice of one or several languages on the one hand (either Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Syriac, or ancient Hebrew; or Chinese), and on the study of the history and culture of the relevant area, on the other hand.

Programme's added value

ULB is the only university in French-speaking Belgium that offers a Master in Modern Languages and Letters: Oriental Languages. Several courses in the Master programme are given directly in the language studied, which means that students are expected to participate in class in the same language. In addition, the programme lets students learn about other major languages in the East and the Far East (Chinese, Persian, Turkish).

Beyond just language courses, students are also given classes on literature, religion, and history both remote and recent.

International/Openness

For the focus on Chinese studies, students are encouraged to spend one term in a partner foreign university in China or Taiwan once they have completed the first 60 credits of the Master programme.

Students in the other focuses may apply to an exchange programme as soon as they have completed the first 60 credits of the Master programme.

Learn more about exchange programmes here: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/facs/ltc/mobiliteOut-LLANG.html>

Job opportunities

Graduates of the Master in Modern Languages and Letters: Oriental Languages will possess a double set of skills: linguistic and cultural. While they can pursue a career in research or teaching in higher education, knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, or other oriental languages and cultures such as Turkish and Persian, are also valuable assets for various careers both in Belgium and abroad: professional and literary translation, journalism, culture,



diplomacy, EU institutions, non-profits, NGOs, private companies, etc.

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Cours obligatoires

HIST-O402	L'Europe et le Monde : approche historique Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
MEMO-B431	Travail d'initiation à la recherche 🕒 5 credits [personal assignments: 60h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French
ORIE-B401	Langue arabe IV - Partie 1 Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic
ORIE-B402	Langue arabe IV - Partie 2 Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic
ORIE-B406	Poésie arabe I Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator), Yusra Hamiham and Manhal MAKHOUL 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic
ORIE-B410	Critique historique de textes arabes I Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B415	Persan I Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Persian
ORIE-B439	Textes arabes classiques I Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator) and Manhal MAKHOUL 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, personal assignments: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
POLI-D423	Approche socio-politique de l'Asie musulmane non-arabe Firouzeh NAHAVANDY (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
RELA-B460	Introduction critique aux religions contemporaines Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
SOCA-D506	Monde arabe contemporain: approches socio-politiques Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) and Suzan GIBRIL 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

One course chosen from the following

LITT-B400 (optional)	Théorie de la littérature Christophe DEN TANDT (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B420 (optional)	Turc IV Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) and Lebriz SÖNMEZ 🕒 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ Turkish

RELA-B465
(optional)

Littératures bibliques | Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French



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Cours obligatoires

MEMO-B531 **Mémoire**
🕒 20 credits [personal assignments: 240h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

ORIE-B515 **Persan II** | Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator)
🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Persian

One course chosen from the following

ORIE-B435 (optional) **Histoire du monde ottoman** | Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) and Gaëtan du Roy de Blicquy
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B507 (optional) **Poésie arabe II** | Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator), Yousra Hamiham and Manhal MAKHOUL
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B521 (optional) **Turc V** | Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) and Lebriz SÖNMEZ
🕒 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ Turkish

Cours spécifiques

ORIE-B445 **Religions et cultures du monde arabo-musulman : questions approfondies** | Guillaume DYE (Coordinator)
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B501 **Langue arabe V - Partie 1** | Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator)
🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B502 **Langue arabe V - Partie 2** | Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator)
🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B511 **Critique historique de textes arabes II** | Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator)
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B540 **Textes arabes classiques II** | Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator) and Manhal MAKHOUL
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic

RELA-D500 **Monde musulman contemporain** | Guillaume DYE (Coordinator) and Julien Decharneux
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

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ORIE-B101	Langue arabe I partie 1 Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic
ORIE-B102	Langue arabe I - Partie 2 Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic
ORIE-B110	Histoire du monde arabo-musulman médiéval I Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B115	Histoire du monde arabo-musulman contemporain Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) and Gaëtan du Roy de Blicquy ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B120	Turc I Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) and Lebriz SÖNMEZ ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 48h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ Turkish
ORIE-B160	Initiation à l'étude de l'Islam Guillaume DYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
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Cours obligatoires

MEMO-B533 **Mémoire**
⌚ 20 credits [personal assignments: 240h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

Two courses chosen from the following

LITT-B400 (optional) **Théorie de la littérature** | Christophe DEN TANDT (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B225 (optional) **Turc II** | Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) and Lebriz SÖNMEZ
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 48h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ Turkish

ORIE-B515 (optional) **Persan II** | Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Persian

RELA-B550 (optional) **Philosophie asiatique** | Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

Cours spécifiques

ORIE-B201 **Langue arabe II - Partie 1** | Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator) and Yousra Hamiham
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B202 **Langue arabe II - Partie 2** | Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B206 **Arabe dialectal** | Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator) and Manhal MAKHOUL
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B211 **Histoire du monde arabo-musulman médiéval II** | Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

ORIE-B220 **Histoire de la littérature arabe I** | Laurence DENOOZ (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

RELA-B465 **Littératures bibliques** | Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

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MEMO-B432	Travail d'initiation à la recherche ⌚ 5 credits [personal assignments: 60h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French
ORIE-B441	Langue chinoise perfectionnement I Jin Sun (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese
ORIE-B442	Etude de textes chinois I Jin Sun (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese
ORIE-B443	Expression orale (chinois) Jin Sun (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Chinese
ORIE-B450	Culture et société du monde chinois Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) and Wen He ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B460	Littératures chinoises Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) and Wen He ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B471	Langue chinoise perfectionnement II Jin Sun (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Chinese
ORIE-B472	Initiation au chinois classique I Jin Sun (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese
POLI-D539	La Chine et le monde : la politique étrangère chinoise depuis 1949 Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
POLI-D552	Questions politiques d'actualité en Chine Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
SOCA-D491	Culture, History and Society of East Asia Pierre PETIT (Coordinator), Vanessa FRANGVILLE and Lisa Richaud-Berthoumieu ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English Ce cours est donné en alternance un an sur deux avec SOCA-D558. Il sera donné en 2023-2024
SOCA-D558	State and Society in East Asia Pierre PETIT (Coordinator) and Vanessa FRANGVILLE ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English Ce cours est donné en alternance un an sur deux avec SOCA-D491. Il sera donné en 2024-2025

One course chosen from the following

ORIE-B250
(optional)

Japonais I | Shizuka WATANABE

5 credits [language practice: 36h] first term Japanese

ORIE-B350
(optional)

Japonais II | Shizuka WATANABE

5 credits [language practice: 36h] second term Japanese

SOCA-D408
(optional)

Ethnicité et nationalisme | Pierre PETIT (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French



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MEMO-B532 **Mémoire**
 20 credits [personal assignments: 240h] academic year French

One course chosen from the following

- ARTC-B400 (optional) **Histoire du spectacle** | Karel VANHAESEBROUCK (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French
- COMM-B400 (optional) **Histoire de la communication de masse** | Irene DI JORIO (Coordinator) and Hugo Souza de Cursi
 5 credits [lecture: 36h] first term French
- COMM-B470 (optional) **Multilinguisme et société** | Laura Marina CALABRESE (Coordinator) and Cécile Balty
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French
- FRAN-B401 (optional) **Francophonie : enjeux et perspectives** | Anne-Rosine DELBART (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] second term French
- FRAN-B545 (optional) **Intermédialités** | Laurence BROGNIEZ (Coordinator) and Fabrice PREYAT
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] second term French
- LANG-B405 (optional) **Racines grecques en français - cours d'étymologie** | Nikolaos STOGIOS (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h, personal assignments: 36h] second term French

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- LITT-B400 (optional) **Théorie de la littérature** | Christophe DEN TANDT (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French
- ORIE-B150 (optional) **Histoire et culture japonaises I** | Aurélien ALLARD (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 36h] second term Japanese
- ORIE-B350 (optional) **Japonais II** | Shizuka WATANABE
 5 credits [language practice: 36h] second term Japanese

Cours spécifiques

- ORIE-B455 **Aspects interculturels du spectacle vivant: pratiques artistiques de l'Asie** | Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) and Chan Yueh Liu
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] second term French
- ORIE-B542 **Etude de textes chinois II** | Jin Sun (Coordinator)
 5 credits [language practice: 36h] first term Chinese
- ORIE-B555 **Langue chinoise perfectionnement III** | Jin Sun (Coordinator)
 5 credits [language practice: 24h] first term Chinese

- ORIE-B560 [Cinéma de l'Asie](#) | Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) and Luisa Prudentino
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- ORIE-B565 [Langue chinoise perfectionnement IV](#) | Jin Sun (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Chinese
- ORIE-B572 [Initiation au chinois classique II](#) | Jin Sun (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese

