



Master in Anthropology

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Programme mnemonic

MA-ANTR

> Focus *Professional* : M-ANTRS

Studies level

Master 120 credits

Learning language

french

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Human and social sciences / Political and social sciences

Campus

Solbosch

Programme's added value

The Master in Anthropology offers solid basic knowledge in regional anthropology, and includes courses that borrow from other disciplines (history, linguistics, geography, religion, etc.).

With its emphasis on research-based training, the programme was designed to let students acquire basic ethnographical skills in a practical manner, by putting them to the test in the field. Thus, teaching activities are designed in close synergy with research, which allows students to share ideas during seminars with researchers who work on various geographical areas and topics.

Courses focus on training through research, with students acquiring practical skills by developing a research project over two years, from defining their research topic and methodology to writing a dissertation featuring empirical fieldwork, in Belgium or abroad.

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Programme objectives

The Master in Anthropology enables students to acquire both theoretical knowledge and practical experience on the methodologies specific to this discipline, in particular participant observation. It also includes solid theoretical courses on various geographical cultural areas: first and foremost Africa, but also several regions of Europe, Asia, and Latin America. In addition, this 'distant view' of non-European societies and the highly comparative approach used in anthropology help students gain an original perspective that lets them better understand contemporary worlds as a whole, including the complex nature of advanced industrial societies. At the end of the programme, graduates will have both general knowledge of the discipline's major topics and issues, and a wealth of in-depth knowledge in their specialised fields, acquired through their choice of research subjects, specialisation track, and elective courses.



Teaching methods

The Master programme combines several teaching methods: formal lectures, exercises in small groups, workshops, and assignments.

Emphasis is placed on the student's ability to think critically; on acquiring and putting to the test quantitative and qualitative methods (observation, description, interviews); on field work; and on openness to other disciplines (sociology, history, psychology, philosophy, political science).

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.

International/Openness

Students may spend a single term or a full year abroad. The department has signed exchange agreements with many partner universities in Europe and throughout the world.

It also has a strong relationship with a limited number of universities, enabling students to take part in a mobility programme as part of the European Certificate in Anthropology of Social Dynamics and Development programme. ULB is in charge of coordinating this programme, which can lead to a joint Master's degree when students attend the University of Bordeaux (France). The list of universities that take part in this European Master's degree can be found here: [European programme in Anthropology](#).

Job opportunities

The programme paves the way to 'traditional' careers in social sciences, e.g. in research into social issues, either fundamental (within universities and research institutes) or applied (within consulting firms, NGOs, international institutions). With their experience in the analysis of cultural change, anthropologists

—like sociologists—can work in institutions that are directly involved in social change, designing social or cultural policies, contributing to aid and development practices, etc.

Sectors:

- > National and international institutions (European Union, World Bank, etc.)
- > NGOs and international cooperation organisations
- > Social services and non-profit organisations
- > Civil service
- > Consulting
- > Teaching
- > Public or private research institutes
- > Research in anthropology (universities, research institutes)
- > Work as specialists or project managers in a consulting firm, NGO, or national or international organisation
- > International aid / development agencies (humanitarian aid, NGOs, etc.)
- > University-level social work, or work in the non-profit or cultural sector
- > Management positions in civil service or the private sector (working in areas related to human and social sciences)
- > Teaching in secondary schools or universities
- > International aid / development agency (humanitarian, NGO, etc.)
- > University-level social worker, or working in the non-profit or cultural sector
- > Manager in the civil service or the private sector (working in areas basically linked to human and social sciences).
- > Secondary school teacher / university lecturer

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Master in Anthropology

Focus Professional

The Master in Anthropology trains specialists on a comparative approach to various societies and cultures, and on field research. It provides students with the analytical skills required to reflect on life within a society.

The programme starts by developing the foundations laid down during the Bachelor, and by offering regional or specialised anthropological courses as well as courses that borrow from other disciplines (sociology, history, psychology, philosophy, political science, etc.).

A special feature of the Master in Anthropology is that it is largely organised around the dissertation students produce at the end of the programme. Students choose a research topic at the beginning of the Master, in agreement with a supervisor of their choosing. This means the Master in Anthropology places emphasis on training through research, allowing students to acquire a range of skills associated with the design and implementation of an empirical field research project, from defining a methodology and producing data to writing the dissertation.

Bloc 1 | M-ANTRS | MA-ANTR

Tronc commun

- MEMO-D504 **Travail de recherche préparatoire au mémoire**
⌚ 10 credits 📅 academic year 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D308 **Anthropologie économique** | Olivia Ange (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D309 **Political Anthropology** | Alexander NEWELL (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D408 **Ethnicité et nationalisme** | Pierre PETIT (Coordinator) and Julie METAIS
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D441 **Méthodologie et épistémologie de l'anthropologie** | David BERLINER (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D457 **Séminaire d'anthropologie** | Pierre PETIT (Coordinator) and Asuncion FRESNOZA
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ English/French
- SOCA-D468 **Anthropology of Globalization** | Alexander NEWELL (Coordinator) and Alana OSBOURNE
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English
- SOCA-D4992 **Actualité de l'anthropologie** | Joël Noret (Coordinator) and Olivia Ange
⌚ 5 credits [seminars: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

5 to 10 credits chosen from the following

- HAAR-B4000 (optional) **Corps et objets en contexte** | Olivier GOSSELAIN (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [seminars: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D4990 (optional) **Materiality and Social Life** | Alexander NEWELL (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English

Cours optionnels

Les étudiants qui choisissent le cours PHIL-B430 doivent avoir suivi au préalable un cours de philosophie ou d'histoire de la philosophie de niveau universitaire

5 to 10 credits chosen from the following

One course chosen from the following

SOCA-D558 (optional)	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
SOCA-D491 (optional)	Culture, History and Society of 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-D558. Il sera donné en 2025-2026
COMM-B470 (optional)	Multilinguisme et société Laura Marina CALABRESE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
DROI-C5105 (optional)	Anthropologie du droit Barbara TRUFFIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
GENR-D400 (optional)	Anthropology of gender and sexuality Asuncion FRESNOZA (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GENR-D401 (optional)	Migration and Gender Asuncion FRESNOZA (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
HAAR-B350 (optional)	Histoire de l'Afrique Olivier GOSELAIN (Coordinator) and Amandine LAURO ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
HAAR-D400 (optional)	Approches croisées des cultures matérielles africaines Olivier GOSELAIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
HIST-B4005 (optional)	Histoire des colonisations Valérie PIETTE (Coordinator) and Sylvie PEPERSTRAETE ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
MUSI-B440 (optional)	Ethnomusicologie Stéphanie WEISSER (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
ORIE-B445 (optional)	Religions et cultures du monde arabo-musulman : questions approfondies Guillaume DYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
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PHIL-B430 (optional)	Questions approfondies d'anthropologie philosophique Antonino MAZZU (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
POLI-D509 (optional)	Politique de l'Amérique latine Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
POLI-D515 (optional)	Théories de la démocratie et des droits humains Justine LACROIX (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
PSYC-D404 (optional)	Psychologie interculturelle du travail Laurent LICATA (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
SOCA-D4000 (optional)	Sociologie du néolibéralisme Daniel ZAMORA VARGAS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
SOCA-D4001 (optional)	Culture, globalisation et inégalités Laurie HANQUINET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
SOCA-D401 (optional)	Arts et stratification: approche sociologique de la production, médiation et consommation culturelle Laurie HANQUINET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
SOCA-D402 (optional)	Méthodologie des comparaisons internationales Pierre DESMAREZ (Coordinator) and Wels Jacques ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French



- SOCA-D404 (optional) **Sociologie des migrations** | Andrea REA (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D419 (optional) **Organisations et outils de la coopération internationale** | Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D436 (optional) **Chaire Henri Janne**
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D460 (optional) **Social Network Analysis** | Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English
- SOCA-D461 (optional) **Development and globalization: theories and practices** | Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English
- SOCA-D471 (optional) **Agricultures, ruralités et mondialisation** | Laurence ROUDART (Coordinator) and Werner BOSMANS
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D476 (optional) **Anthropology of Food** | Sarah O'NEILL (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ English
- SOCA-D477 (optional) **Anthropologie digitale** | David BERLINER (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D482 (optional) **Sécurité alimentaire mondiale** | Laurence ROUDART (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D487 (optional) **Anthropologie des sociétés de l'Afrique subsaharienne** | Joël Noret (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D494 (optional) **Sociologie de la ville** | Pierre LANNOY (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D496 (optional) **Sociology of Inequality** | David PATERNOTTE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English
- SOCA-D497 (optional) **Sociologie du genre** | David PATERNOTTE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D4999 (optional) **Anthropologie du travail** | Olivia Ange (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

Cours donnés à l'Université de Liège

- SOCA-Y010 (optional) **Anthropologie du développement**
⌚ 5 credits 📅 academic year 🗨️ French
- SOCA-Y013 (optional) **Anthropologie de l'enfance, de la jeunesse et de l'éducation**
⌚ 10 credits 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- SOCA-Y014 (optional) **Anthropologie de la nature et des animaux**
⌚ 5 credits 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- SOCA-Y015 (optional) **Anthropologie des mondes contemporains**
⌚ 5 credits 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French



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Tronc commun

- MEMO-D542 **Mémoire de recherche**
 25 credits | academic year | French
- SOCA-D466 **Medical Anthropology** | Sarah O'NEILL (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | English
- SOCA-D485 **Anthropologie de la mémoire** | David BERLINER (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French
- SOCA-D518 **De l'enquête à la mise en forme de la recherche** | Véronique JOIRIS (Coordinator)
 5 credits [tutorial classes: 36h] | second term | French

5 to 10 credits chosen from the following

- SOCA-D443 **Anthropologie du développement** | Véronique JOIRIS (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French
- SOCA-D4996 **Anthropologie de l'environnement** | Véronique JOIRIS (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

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- COMM-B470 **Multilinguisme et société** | Laura Marina CALABRESE (Coordinator)
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SOCA-D500
(optional) **Racismes et antiracismes** | Abdellali HAJJAT (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French

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