



MA-IRMA | 2024-2025

Master of Science in Chemical and Materials Engineering

Programme mnemonic

MA-IRMA

> Focus *Professional* : M-IRMAE

Studies level

Master 120 credits

Learning language

english

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Sciences and technics / Sciences and technics

Campus

Other campus and Plaine

A first professional experience: the long-term internship is a real opportunity to put into practice the training and to start a professional network.

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Teaching methods

The training consists of ex-cathedra lectures (50%), exercises and laboratory practicals (50%). Personal assignments are also included in some courses.

A research project (5 ECTS), on a theme developed by the Department, enables students to use the acquired skills and to make the link between the different subjects seen in class. If they wish, students have the opportunity to apply for the Team Leader project (focused on developing management skills) or for a Cooperation Development project.

An approach to the industrial world is given through plant visits, long term internships, projects or master's thesis in collaboration with the industry.

The 8 or 12-week internship (6 or 10 ECTS) in industry or in a research center, in Belgium or abroad, enables the students to become familiar with the professional world. The internship is elective and begins during the summer vacation between the two academic years of the Master's degree.

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.

Programme objectives

The ULB curriculum in chemical and materials engineering guarantees a high-level and multidisciplinary training. The courses are designed to ensure that the students become proficient in the fields of fluids mechanic, transport phenomena, molecular engineering or in the synthesis and characterization of material and chemical compounds. Students will acquire essential competences to develop innovative technologies in a wide range of industrial sectors.

The skills of a civil engineer in chemistry and materials science are of primary importance to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow's world : new materials, sustainable development, renewable energy, health...

Programme's added value

The ULB, located in the heart of Europe, offers an **international environment**: the **master taught** in English attracts students from all over the world and provides the keys for a professional mobility.

A multi-skill training preparing students to work either in a research environment or in industry: during the project, master's thesis or internship, students are exposed to state-of-the-art research and are integrated into laboratories and industrial projects.



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

Our students have the opportunity to enroll for an Erasmus exchange program, a Double Degree and also an internship abroad (Europe and outside Europe).

The joint Master of Science in Chemical and Materials Engineering offered in the framework of the Brussels Faculty of Engineering (a ULB and VUB initiative) is taught in English and therefore accessible to international students. <http://www.bruface.eu/EN/>

Job opportunities

Chemical and materials engineers work not only in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors, food industries or in materials production (advanced materials, polymers, nanomaterials, paints, cosmetics, metal alloys...), but are also found in engineering or consultancy firms, research centers, public service, NGO ...

They also find positions in multidisciplinary teams in numerous sectors: aeronautics, electronics, biotechnologies, environmental technologies, construction technologies, etc.

Professions: Production engineers, Research engineers, Experts in many fields.

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Their know-how is exploited at all stages of product development: research and development, design and management of production lines, marketing. They have to deal with economic, safety and environmental constraints. The optimal use of raw materials and recycling are similarly part of their work.


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Master of Science in Chemical and Materials Engineering

Focus Professional

The main training focuses in Chemistry and Materials Science are :

- > Synthesis and characterization of chemical and material compounds
- > Study of the structure-properties relationship of molecules and materials
- > Instrumentation, modeling and (bio)process design
- > Fluid dynamics, transport phenomena and industrial processes
- > Recycling, environment and pollution control
- > Introduction to the safety of industrial installations and to the biotechnologies

The Master program (120 ECTS - 2 years) is characterized by a broad common core (56 ECTS spread over the two years) covering different fields of chemical and materials engineering, including the materials fundamental properties and environmental technologies.

Two options are available (30 ECTS spread over the two years):

- > **Process Technology** : to gain expertise in process control, from the development and use of modeling tools to process implementation.
- > **Materials Science** : advanced teaching on multiple aspects from design and synthesis of products and materials to their elaboration and the study of their properties.

Students will complete their programme either with an internship and/or with optional learning units for at least 10 ECTS. If they wish, they can also follow an Entrepreneurship module.

Finally, a master's thesis dissertation (24 ECTS) needs to be carried out in one of the laboratories, and can be in collaboration with an industry, a research center or a cooperation unit.

Bloc 1 | M-IRMAE | MA-IRMA

Common Core - Compulsory courses - Block 1

CHIM-H401	Parameter estimation and modeling Philippe BOGAERTS (Coordinator) and Benoit SCHEID ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-H406	Organic chemistry : reactions and mechanisms Kristin BARTIK (Coordinator) and Elisabeth VAN DIJK ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-H407	Molecular structural characterization and analysis Gilles BRUYLANTS (Coordinator), Kristin BARTIK and Sebastiaan EELTINK ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H412	Microstructural design and characterization of inorganic materials Stéphane GODET (Coordinator) and Prakash VENKATESAN ⌚ 6 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-H419	Surface treatment : processing and analysis Iris DE GRAEVE (Coordinator) and Tom Hauffman ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-Y400	Electrochemistry Annick HUBIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-Y401	Polymer materials Niko Paul VAN DEN BRANDE (Coordinator) ⌚ 6 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 48h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-Y402	Unit operations Joeri DENAYER (Coordinator) and Tom VAN ASSCHE ⌚ 7 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 36h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨 English

Common Core - Compulsory project - Block 1

One course chosen from the following

PROJ-H417
(optional)

[Projet coopération au développement / Development cooperation project](#) | Antoine NONCLERCQ (Coordinator)

⌚ 5 credits [project: 150h] 📅 first and second terms 💬 French

Only on selection : see the Development Unit of the Polytechnic School of Brussels (<http://polytech.ulb.be/en/international/development-cooperation>)

PROJ-H418
(optional)

[Hands-on learning: project manager \(chef de projet\)](#) | Péter BERKE (Coordinator)

⌚ 5 credits [project: 150h] 📅 first and second terms 💬 French

PROJ-H422
(optional)

[Research project on sustainable chemical processes and materials](#) | Michel VERBANCK (Coordinator), Stéphane GODET and Hubert RAHIER

⌚ 5 credits [project: 150h] 📅 second term 💬 English

An option chosen from (the same in bloc 1 and bloc 2) :

M-IRMAE-P

[Option Process technology](#) > *page*

M-IRMAE-M

[Option Materials science](#) > *page*

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Focus Professional

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Common core - compulsory courses - Block 2

CHIM-H409	Environmental technology Michel VERBANCK (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h] first term English
CHIM-H414	Biotechnology : from biomolecules to biofabrication Armin SHAVANDI (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] first term English
MEMO-H509	Master thesis in chemical and materials engineering Kristin BARTIK (Coordinator) and Guy VAN ASSCHE 24 credits [personal assignments: 600h] academic year English
PHYS-H524	Reliability and risk analysis of industrial installations Pierre-Etienne LABEAU (Coordinator) and Dirk Roosendans 4 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 18h, practical work: 6h] first term English

An option chosen from (the same in bloc 1 and bloc 2) :

M-IRMAE-P	Option Process technology > <i>page</i>
M-IRMAE-M	Option Materials science > <i>page</i>

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Options | MA-IRMA

Option Process technology | M-IRMAE-P

Bloc 1

Compulsory courses - Block 1

- CHIM-H402 (option) **Modeling and design of multiphase systems and reactors** | Pierre COLINET (Coordinator) and Senthil PARIMALANATHAN
⌚ 6 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
- CHIM-Y404 (option) **Heterogeneous catalysis** | Joeri DENAYER (Coordinator)
⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
- CHIM-Y405 (option) **Sustainable chemical processes** | Ken Broeckhoven (Coordinator) and Tom VAN ASSCHE
⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

Bloc 2

Compulsory courses - Block 2

- CHIM-H514 (option) **Simulation and design tools** | Frédéric DEBASTE (Coordinator) and Tom VAN ASSCHE
⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
- CHIM-H530 (option) **(Bio)chemical process design and control** | Philippe BOGAERTS (Coordinator) and Benoît HAUT
⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
- CHIM-H531 (option) **Design of chemical plants** | Frédéric DEBASTE (Coordinator) and Tom VAN ASSCHE
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, field trips: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

One course to choose from the two following

One course chosen from the following

- CHIM-H518 (option/optional) **Molecular Nanosystems: from principles to applications** | Gilles BRUYLANTS (Coordinator)
⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
- CHIM-Y085 (option/optional) **Micro and nanobiotechnology** | Gert DESMET (Coordinator)
⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 13h, personal assignments: 26h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

Elective courses - Block 2

Option 1: Internship

A total of ten credits chosen from the following

- STAG-H500 (option/optional) **Internship (3 months)** | Frédéric ROBERT (Coordinator)
⌚ 10 credits [work placement: 300h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

Option 2: Elective courses

Students must give priority to the master's specific electives offered below.

Provided prior approval is obtained from the Curriculum council AND the course coordinator, students are allowed to select courses outside this list :

- 1) from the Materials Science profile of the MSc in chemical and material engineering;
- 2) not more than 6 ECTS in all other VUB and ULB master curricula.

10 to 15 credits chosen from the following

CHIM-H415 (option/optional)	Ceramics Hubert RAHIER (Coordinator) and Claire Fourmentin ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H504 (option/optional)	Engineering aspects of circular economy Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-H520 (option/optional)	Environmental engineering : Current methods and practices Michel VERBANCK (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-H522 (option/optional)	Recycling of inorganic materials Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H533 (option/optional)	Biocompatible and nanostructured materials Stéphane GODET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H534 (option/optional)	Materials selection Stéphane GODET (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
CHIM-Y080 (option/optional)	Nanochemistry and nanotechnology Wim DE MALSCHE (Coordinator) and Guy VAN ASSCHE ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-Y511 (option/optional)	Advanced thermal analysis Guy VAN ASSCHE (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CNST-Y400 (option/optional)	Experimental techniques for characterization of construction materials Dimitrios ANGELIS (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 30h, tutorial classes: 6h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
MECA-Y404 (option/optional)	Fuel cells and batteries Annick HUBIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
MECA-Y5061 (option/optional)	Manufacturing Technology I Herman TERRYIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
MECA-Y5062 (option/optional)	Manufacturing Technology 2 Tim BROECKHOVEN (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 18h, tutorial classes: 12h, personal assignments: 18h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
STAG-H504 (option/optional)	Internship (40 days) Lincy PYL (Coordinator) ⌚ 6 credits [work placement: 180h] 📅 first term 🗨 English

Option 3: Entrepreneurship

10 to 15 credits chosen from the following

GEST-H501 (option/optional)	Logistics Engineering and Management Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
GEST-S421 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-S423 (option/optional)	IP Management and Technology Transfer (Chaire Solvay) Elise Petit (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-S471 (option/optional)	Management and sustainable development : constraints and opportunities Eric Monami (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, seminars: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-S484 (option/optional)	Innovation strategy Manuel HENSMANS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨 English

GEST-S516 (option/optional)	Seminar of emerging technologies Marc BECQUET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [seminars: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-Y500 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurship Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 15h, tutorial classes: 9h, personal assignments: 62h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
GEST-Y501 (option/optional)	Business Management and Entrepreneurship Marc Goldchstein (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 33h] 📅 first and second terms 🗣 English
GEST-Y502 (option/optional)	Business Aspects of Technology: Factory of the Future Kevin De Moortel (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 27h, personal assignments: 59h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

One course chosen from the following

GEST-Y503 (option/optional)	EUTOPIA learning unit : Technological business development project Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [tutorial classes: 13h, personal assignments: 71h] 📅 academic year 🗣 English
GEST-Y503 (option/optional)	EUTOPIA learning unit : Technological business development project Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator) ⌚ 6 credits [tutorial classes: 24h, personal assignments: 150h] 📅 academic year 🗣 English
LANG-H500 (option/optional)	English for professional purposes Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h] 📅 first and second terms 🗣 English

Free elective courses

With the approval of the Curriculum council and the course coordinator, student may also complete their programme by choosing up to 5 credits of courses offered in the other programs of the School (including the courses of the transversal modules of the School) or in any other programmes outside the School.

Free elective courses

With the prior approval of the Curriculum council AND the course coordinator, students may also complete their programme by choosing up to 5 credits of courses offered in the other programs of the School of Engineering (including the courses of the EPB transversal module) or in any other ULB or VUB programmes.

Students have also the opportunity to choose courses among the courses of the 'transversal modules' of the School.

English : LANG-H500

Engineering and society : PROJ-H421 - GEST-H509 - BIME-G5505 - PHYS-F517

Sustainability : GEST-S492 - ENVI-F405 - CHIM-H504 - ENVI-F452 - ENVI-F454 - ELEC-Y514

Finance, accounting, management, marketing, logistics and quality : GEST-S101 - GEST-S318 - GEST-S421 - GEST-Y501 - GEST-H501 - GEST-H502

Participation to a summer school : EDUC-H601

Up to five credits chosen from the following

BIME-G5505 (option/optional)	Interfaculty and interdisciplinary program in Healthcare Innovation Hilde STEVENS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 40h, tutorial classes: 20h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
CHIM-H504 (option/optional)	Engineering aspects of circular economy Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
DROI-C5174 (option/optional)	Approche interdisciplinaire du droit de la propriété intellectuelle/Interdisciplinary Approach to Intellectual Property Julien CABAY (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣 English/French
EDUC-H601 (option/optional)	Summer School Johan GYSELINCK (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [personal assignments: 5h] 📅 academic year 🗣 English
ELEC-Y514 (option/optional)	Sustainability : an interdisciplinary Approach Cathy MACHARIS (Coordinator) and Waldo Galle ⌚ 6 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h, personal assignments: 100h] 📅 academic year 🗣 English

ENVI-F405 (option/optional)	Climat: sciences et politiques Frank PATTYN (Coordinator) and Julien VANDEBURIE ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 40h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
ENVI-F452 (option/optional)	Environmental impact analysis and management Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) and Edgar Towa Kouokam ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English/French
ENVI-F454 (option/optional)	Energie: Société et environnement Michel HUART (Coordinator) and Nadine MATTIELLI ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
GEST-H501 (option/optional)	Logistics Engineering and Management Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
GEST-H502 (option/optional)	Supply Chain Performance Analytics Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h, personal assignments: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-H509 (option/optional)	Ethique de l'ingénieur ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
GEST-S101 (option/optional)	Comptabilité financière Gilles GEVERS (Coordinator) and Laurent GHEERAERT ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 8h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
GEST-S318 (option/optional)	Introduction to theoretical finance Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-S421 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
GEST-S492 (option/optional)	Energy policy, sustainability & management Adel El Gammal (Coordinator), Julien BLONDEAU and Michel HUART ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, seminars: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 English
GEST-Y501 (option/optional)	Business Management and Entrepreneurship Marc Goldchstein (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 33h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨 English
LANG-H500 (option/optional)	English for professional purposes Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨 English
PROJ-H421 (option/optional)	Projet polydaire: expériences didactiques innovantes pour le secondaire Simon-Pierre GORZA (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [project: 150h] 📅 academic year 🗨 French

Option Materials science | M-IRMAE-M

Bloc 1

Option Material Science : Compulsory courses - Block 1

CHIM-H415 (option)	Ceramics Hubert RAHIER (Coordinator) and Claire Fourmentin ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H416 (option)	Mechanics of materials Stéphane GODET (Coordinator) and Thierry J. MASSART ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H417 (option)	Production of metals Annick HUBIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
CHIM-H421 (option)	Advanced materials Guy VAN ASSCHE (Coordinator) ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English

Bloc 2

Compulsory courses - Block 2

CHIM-H511 (option)	Polymers : rheology and processing Guy VAN ASSCHE (Coordinator) ⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨 English
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CHIM-H532
(option)

Forming of metals | Stéphane GODET (Coordinator)

⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

CHIM-Y082
(option)

Sustainability of materials (Incl. corrosion) | Hubert RAHIER (Coordinator) and Yves VAN INGELGEM

⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

One course to choose from the following

One course chosen from the following

CHIM-H534
(option/optional)

Materials selection | Stéphane GODET (Coordinator)

⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

CNST-Y400
(option/optional)

Experimental techniques for characterization of construction materials | Dimitrios ANGELIS (Coordinator)

⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 30h, tutorial classes: 6h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

Elective courses - Block 2

Minimum 10 ECTS to choose from one of the following options

Option 1 : Internship

A total of ten credits chosen from the following

STAG-H500
(option/optional)

Internship (3 months) | Frédéric ROBERT (Coordinator)

⌚ 10 credits [work placement: 300h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

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CHIM-H504
(option/optional)

Engineering aspects of circular economy | Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator)

⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

CHIM-H518
(option/optional)

Molecular Nanosystems: from principles to applications | Gilles BRUYLANTS (Coordinator)

⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

CHIM-H520
(option/optional)

Environmental engineering : Current methods and practices | Michel VERBANCK (Coordinator)

⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

CHIM-H522
(option/optional)

Recycling of inorganic materials | Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator)

⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

CHIM-H533
(option/optional)

Biocompatible and nanostructured materials | Stéphane GODET (Coordinator)

⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

CHIM-H534
(option/optional)

Materials selection | Stéphane GODET (Coordinator)

⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

CHIM-Y080
(option/optional)

Nanochemistry and nanotechnology | Wim DE MALSCHE (Coordinator) and Guy VAN ASSCHE

⌚ 4 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English

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MECA-Y5061 (option/optional)	Manufacturing Technology I Herman TERRYIN (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
MECA-Y5062 (option/optional)	Manufacturing Technology 2 Tim BROECKHOVEN (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 18h, tutorial classes: 12h, personal assignments: 18h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
STAG-H504 (option/optional)	Internship (40 days) Lincy PYL (Coordinator) ⌚ 6 credits [work placement: 180h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

Option 3: Entrepreneurship

10 to 15 credits chosen from the following

GEST-H501 (option/optional)	Logistics Engineering and Management Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
GEST-S421 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-S423 (option/optional)	IP Management and Technology Transfer (Chaire Solvay) Elise Petit (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-S471 (option/optional)	Management and sustainable development : constraints and opportunities Eric Monami (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, seminars: 36h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-S484 (option/optional)	Innovation strategy Manuel HENSMANS (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-S516 (option/optional)	Seminar of emerging technologies Marc BECQUET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [seminars: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣 English
GEST-Y500 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurship Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 15h, tutorial classes: 9h, personal assignments: 62h] 📅 first term 🗣 English
GEST-Y501 (option/optional)	Business Management and Entrepreneurship Marc Goldchstein (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 33h] 📅 first and second terms 🗣 English
GEST-Y502 (option/optional)	Business Aspects of Technology: Factory of the Future Kevin De Moortel (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [lecture: 27h, personal assignments: 59h] 📅 first term 🗣 English

One course chosen from the following

GEST-Y503 (option/optional)	EUTOPIA learning unit : Technological business development project Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator) ⌚ 3 credits [tutorial classes: 13h, personal assignments: 71h] 📅 academic year 🗣 English
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GEST-Y503
(option/optional)

EUTOPIA learning unit : Technological business development project | Thomas CRISPEELS (Coordinator)

🕒 6 credits [tutorial classes: 24h, personal assignments: 150h] 📅 academic year 🗣️ English

LANG-H500
(option/optional)

English for professional purposes | Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h] 📅 first and second terms 🗣️ English

Free elective courses

With the approval of the Curriculum council and the course coordinator, student may also complete their programme by choosing up to 5 credits of courses offered in the other programs of the School (including the courses of the transversal modules of the School) or in any other programmes outside the School.

Free elective courses

With the prior approval of the Curriculum council AND the course coordinator, students may also complete their programme by choosing up to 5 credits of courses offered in the other programs of the School of Engineering (including the courses of the EPB transversal module) or in any other ULB or VUB programmes.

Students have also the opportunity to choose courses among the courses of the 'transversal modules' of the School.

English : LANG-H500

Engineering and society : PROJ-H421 - GEST-H509 - BIME-G5505 - PHYS-F517

Sustainability : GEST-S492 - ENVI-F405 - CHIM-H504 - ENVI-F452 - ENVI-F454 - ELEC-Y514

Finance, accounting, management, marketing, logistics and quality : GEST-S101 - GEST-S318 - GEST-S421 - GEST-Y501 - GEST-H501 - GEST-H502

Participation to a summer school : EDUC-H601

Up to five credits chosen from the following

BIME-G5505
(option/optional)

Interfaculty and interdisciplinary program in Healthcare Innovation | Hilde STEVENS (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 40h, tutorial classes: 20h] 📅 second term 🗣️ English

CHIM-H504
(option/optional)

Engineering aspects of circular economy | Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣️ English

DROI-C5174
(option/optional)

Approche interdisciplinaire du droit de la propriété intellectuelle/Interdisciplinary Approach to In | Julien CABAY (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣️ English/French

EDUC-H601
(option/optional)

Summer School | Johan GYSELINCK (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [personal assignments: 5h] 📅 academic year 🗣️ English

ELEC-Y514
(option/optional)

Sustainability : an interdisciplinary Approach | Cathy MACHARIS (Coordinator) and Waldo Galle

🕒 6 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h, personal assignments: 100h] 📅 academic year 🗣️ English

ENVI-F405
(option/optional)

Climat: sciences et politiques | Frank PATTYN (Coordinator) and Julien VANDEBURIE

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 40h] 📅 second term 🗣️ French

ENVI-F452
(option/optional)

Environmental impact analysis and management | Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) and Edgar Towa Kouokam

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h] 📅 first term 🗣️ English/French

ENVI-F454
(option/optional)

Energie: Société et environnement | Michel HUART (Coordinator) and Nadine MATTIELLI

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗣️ French

GEST-H501
(option/optional)

Logistics Engineering and Management | Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h] 📅 first term 🗣️ English

GEST-H502
(option/optional)















Supply Chain Performance Analytics | Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h, personal assignments: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣️ English

GEST-H509
(option/optional)

Ethique de l'ingénieur

🕒 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 second term 🗣️ French

GEST-S101 (option/optional)	Comptabilité financière Gilles GEVERS (Coordinator) and Laurent GHEERAERT 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 8h]  second term  French
GEST-S318 (option/optional)	Introduction to theoretical finance Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator) 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  English
GEST-S421 (option/optional)	Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  English
GEST-S492 (option/optional)	Energy policy, sustainability & management Adel El Gammal (Coordinator), Julien BLONDEAU and Michel HUART 5 credits [lecture: 36h, seminars: 24h]  first term  English
GEST-Y501 (option/optional)	Business Management and Entrepreneurship Marc Goldchstein (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 33h]  first and second terms  English
LANG-H500 (option/optional)	English for professional purposes Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator) 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]  first and second terms  English
PROJ-H421 (option/optional)	Projet polydaire: expériences didactiques innovantes pour le secondaire Simon-Pierre GORZA (Coordinator) 5 credits [project: 150h]  academic year  French