



MA-LORIE | 2024-2025

Master in Modern Languages and Letters : Oriental Languages

The 2024-2025 programme is subject to change. It is provided for information purposes only.

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

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

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.

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>

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).



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-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 Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, personal assignments: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
ORIE-B480	Littérature arabe moderne 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French Ce cours ne sera pas donné en 2020-21
POLI-D423	Approche socio-politique de l'Asie musulmane non-arabe Firouzeh NAHAVANDY (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
RELA-D501	Philosophie en terre d'Islam Guillaume DYE (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French
SOCA-D506	Monde arabe contemporain: approches socio-politiques Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) 🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

One course chosen from the following

LITT-B400 (optional)	Théorie de la littérature Denis IOFFE (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-B460
(optional)

[Introduction critique aux religions contemporaines](#) | Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second term 🗣️ French

RELA-B465
(optional)

[Littératures bibliques](#) | Baudouin DECHARNEUX (Coordinator)

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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)
⌚ 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-B507 **Poésie arabe** | Xavier LUFFIN (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 💬 French
- ORIE-B511 **Critique historique de textes arabes II** | Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 💬 French
- RELA-D500 **Monde musulman contemporain** | Guillaume DYE (Coordinator)
⌚ 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 Jean-Charles DUCENE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
ORIE-B115	Histoire du monde arabo-musulman contemporain Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) ⌚ 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
ORIE-B415	Persan I Pierre VANRIE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 Persian
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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 | Denis IOFFE (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

RELA-D501
(optional)

Philosophie en terre d'Islam | Guillaume DYE (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

Cours spécifiques

ORIE-B201

Langue arabe II - Partie 1 | Mehdi MOUSLIM (Coordinator)

🕒 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)

🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic

ORIE-B210

Pratique de l'arabe I

🕒 5 credits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Arabic

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) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
ORIE-B460	Littératures chinoises Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) ⌚ 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

One course chosen from the following

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
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

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) and Julie METAIS

🕒 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)

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

COMM-B470
(optional)

Multilinguisme et société | Laura Marina CALABRESE (Coordinator)

🕒 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 | Denis IOFFE (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)

🕒 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)
⌚ 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

