



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-LORIEM
- Focus *Chinese (further studies)*: M-LORIEO

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.

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).

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

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|-----------|---|
| 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

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| 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)

🕒 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)
 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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| HIST-0402 | L'Europe et le Monde : approche historique Jihane SFEIR (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French |
| MEMO-B433 | Travail d'initiation à la recherche ⌚ 5 credits [personal assignments: 60h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French |
| 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 DENOZ (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 crédits [personal assignments: 60h] 📅 academic year 🗨️ French |
| ORIE-B441 | Langue chinoise perfectionnement I Jin Sun (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese |
| ORIE-B442 | Etude de textes chinois I Jin Sun (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [language practice: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese |
| ORIE-B443 | Expression orale (chinois) Jin Sun (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [language practice: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Chinese |
| ORIE-B450 | Culture et société du monde chinois Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French |
| ORIE-B460 | Littératures chinoises Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French |
| ORIE-B471 | Langue chinoise perfectionnement II Jin Sun (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [language practice: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ Chinese |
| ORIE-B472 | Initiation au chinois classique I Jin Sun (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [language practice: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ Chinese |
| POLI-D539 | La Chine et le monde : la politique étrangère chinoise depuis 1949 Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French |
| POLI-D552 | Questions politiques d'actualité en Chine Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator) 🕒 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French |

One course chosen from the following

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| SOCA-D491 (optional) | Culture, History and Society of East Asia Pierre PETIT (Coordinator) and Vanessa FRANGVILLE 🕒 5 crédits [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 crédits [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

