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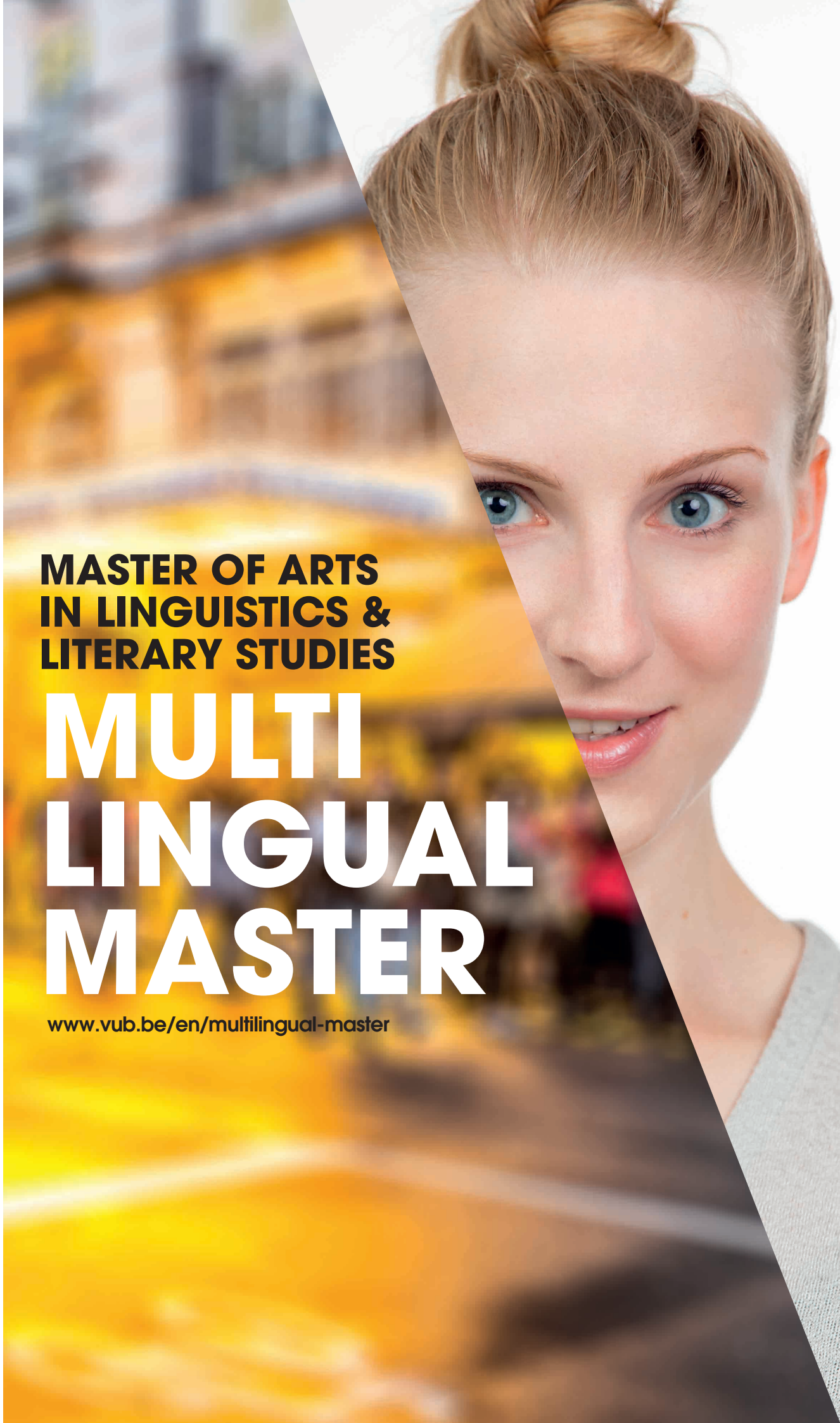
**MASTER OF ARTS
IN LINGUISTICS &
LITERARY STUDIES**

MULTI LINGUAL MASTER

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**60
ECTS**

2023-2024



WHY VUB?

VUB education shapes strong individuals, critical minds and world citizens.

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) offers high-quality English-taught programmes, supported by state-of-the-art research. Being a student at VUB means learning in an open atmosphere of tolerance and diversity, as well as growing into an independent and critical-thinking individual.

VUB is an inclusive university that offers education on student-friendly campuses in the cosmopolitan city of Brussels. At VUB, students can easily approach lecturers and assistants to discuss their concerns. Faculty members are always available to answer questions, and teaching often takes place in small groups to ensure close interaction and hands-on experience.

VUB is a dynamic and modern university with almost two centuries of history. We welcome more than 21,500 students, 24% of which are international students from more than 152 different countries.

The root of our academic success

Vrije Universiteit Brussel was founded on the principle of 'free inquiry' as formulated by the French mathematician and philosopher of science Henri Poincaré (1854-1912):

"Thinking must never submit itself, neither to a dogma, nor to a party, nor to a passion, nor to an interest, nor to a preconceived idea, nor to anything whatsoever, except to the facts themselves, because for it to submit to anything else would be the end of its existence."

Personal development, open-mindedness, a positive and critical attitude and a sense of responsibility are values that characterise everyone at our university: from professors and researchers to students and staff members. These values lie at the root of our academic success.





Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literary Studies

Studying literature, linguistics or multilingual mediation and communication in the stimulating multicultural and urban environment of Brussels gives you the opportunity to discover the vast array of possibilities the city has to offer. Our international degree in linguistics and literary studies, the first of its kind in Flanders, is designed to prepare you for the globalised labour market where multilingualism, world citizenship and international expertise are becoming increasingly important.

The one-year Master's programme (60 ECTS) offers courses in linguistics, literature, multilingual mediation and communication in nine different languages. You can choose to specialise in one or two languages as well as in scientific domains such as Intermediality, Linguistics, Literary Studies, Multilingual Mediation and Communication, Multilingualism and Foreign Language Acquisition or Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics by studying in the unique multilingual setting of the capital of Europe.

Are you ready to become a multilingual professional?

MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS AND LITERARY STUDIES

6 profiles, 9 languages

Our master's programme has six profiles – each profile featuring a specific set of courses – that allow you to specialise in different language-related domains. Depending on the profile, you can choose to follow courses in up to 9 different languages (Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish as well as Arabic, Chinese, and Russian).

Intermediality

This profile offers an academic approach to the intermedial and/or intertextual relationship between literature and other art forms such as theatre, dance, opera, visual arts or film. Interactive courses give you the opportunity to gain profound insights into the dynamic interconnectedness of different genres.

Linguistics

The Linguistics profile provides an in-depth exploration of various aspects of language, such as phonology, morphology, syntax, pragmatics.

Literary Studies

In this profile, you will explore current literary topics, such as literary theory, urban literature, postcolonial literature, the intermedial relationship between literature and other art forms as well as aspects of literary translation.

Multilingual Mediation and Communication

Students are offered a well-balanced set of advanced academic and professionally-oriented courses in the field of multilingual mediation and communication. They will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to study and critically reflect on challenges pertaining to translation, interpreting and communication in our multilingual society. Based on practical training and a compulsory internship, students will acquire hands-on experience in mediation and communication.

Multilingualism and Foreign Language Acquisition

This profile provides a profound exploration of multilingualism, from both social and cognitive perspectives. It explores the role of instructed versus uninstructed foreign language learning. Students are given the opportunity to complete an internship during which they put theory into practice.

Psycho- and Neurolinguistics

If you are fascinated by the neurological and psychological aspects of language, this profile is perfect for you. Language impairments caused by brain damage and the cognitive aspects of linguistics are only a few examples of topics you will examine within this profile.

3 research centres

The Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies (LIST) hosts three research centres that are specialised in studies dealing with language-related research topics:

The Brussels Centre for Language Studies

(BCLS) promotes research in theoretical and applied linguistics, and its wider application in society, across three thematic domains. Research on (i) Language and Society explores language variation and history, sociolinguistics, language change and contact, multilingual and intercultural communication (incl. translation and interpreting), language interactions, bilingualism, and code-switching. The research domain (ii) Language Learning and Education covers second language learning, language pedagogy, translator and interpreter training, multilingual education. Colleagues working on (iii) Language, Brain and Cognition conduct psycho- or neurolinguistic research (behavioural and experimental) as well as translation and interpreting research.

The Brussels Institute for Journalism Studies

(BIJU) is a research group dedicated to the study of current developments in journalism. It takes a distinctively multi- and interdisciplinary approach to the study of journalism, bringing together scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds such as linguistics, literary studies, communication studies, political sciences, legal studies, and logopedics. Research projects within BIJU typically fit one or more of the following main research strands: journalism as public discourse, journalism as genre and journalism as practice.

The Centre for Literary and Intermedial Crossings

(CLIC) offers an interdisciplinary forum for specialists in literary studies, literary translation studies and theatre studies. It stimulates research across traditional boundaries and along three concepts: media, genres and spaces. Recent work and conferences have addressed topics such

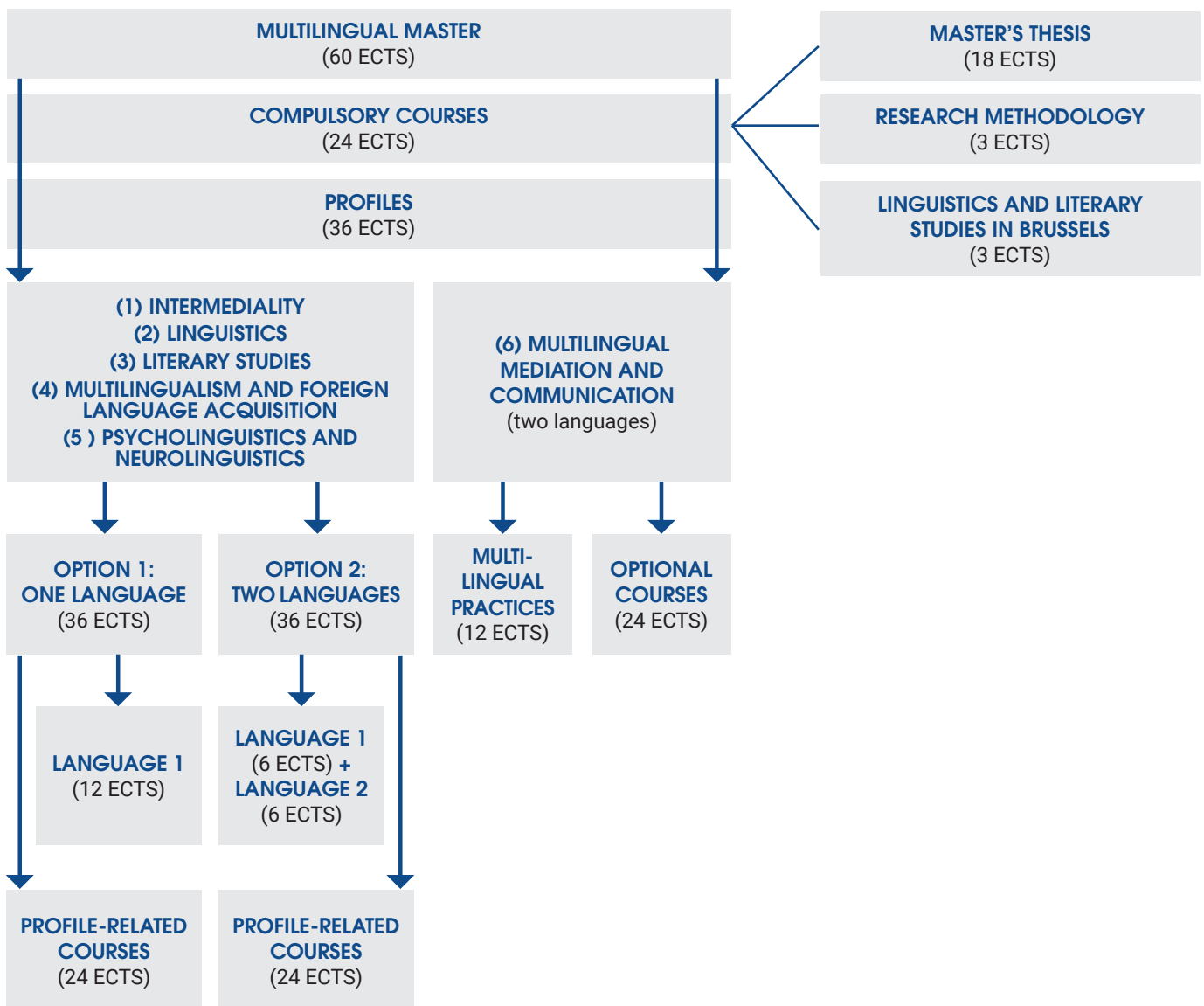




as music and literature, life writing, postcolonial rewritings of the Western canon, literature and philosophy, the radio play, transmedia storytelling and digital literature, literary art criticism, writers'

networks, experimental writing, multilingualism, transnational topographies, literary translation and Brussels in literature.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW





LANGUAGE-RELATED COURSES

	COURSE	ECTS	SEMESTER
DUTCH	Hedendaags Nederlands proza	6	1
	Aspecten van poëzie en de visuele cultuur	6	2
	Sociolinguïstiek en taalverandering	6	1
	Nederlands als tweede taal	6	1
ENGLISH	Contemporary Literature in English	6	2
	Postcolonial Literature in English	6	1
	English Linguistics: the Acquisition of English	6	1
	Historical English Linguistics	6	1
	Advanced English Linguistics	6	2
FRENCH	Poésie française: modernisme et avant-garde	6	1
	Poésie et intermédialité	6	1
	Syntaxe du français moderne	6	1
	Grammaire appliquée à l'enseignement du français langue étrangère	6	1
	Acquisition du français langue étrangère	6	1
GERMAN	Intermediale Aspekte in deutschsprachigen Texten und im Theater	6	2
	Kulturhistorische Aspekte der deutschen Literatur	6	1
	Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft	6	1
	Deutsch als Fremdsprache	6	2
ITALIAN	Letteratura europea e italiana dal Settecento a oggi	6	1
	Generi letterari della modernità in Italia	6	1
	L'italiano nella società della comunicazione	6	1
SPANISH	Ensayo hispánico	6	1
	Teatro hispánico	6	1
	Adquisición del español como lengua extranjera	6	1
	Sintaxis y semántica del español	6	2



PROFILE INTERMEDIALITY (DE - EN - ES - FR - IT - NL)

COURSE	ECTS	LANGUAGE	SEMESTER
Theatre and Performance Studies	6	EN	1
Storytelling: Dramaturgy and Screenwriting Research	6	EN	2
Internship or Training "Intermediality"	6	MUL	1+2
Intertextuality and Intermediality	6	EN	1
Metatheatre	6	EN	1
Theory of Literary Translation	6	EN	1
Aspecten van poëzie en de visuele cultuur	6	NL	2
Aspecten van theatertheorie	6	NL	2
Intermediale Aspecte in deutschsprachigen Texten und im Theater	6	DE	2
Poésie et intermédialité	6	FR	1
Poésie française: modernisme et avant-garde	6	FR	1
Teatro hispánico	6	ES	1
Generi letterari della modernità in Italia	6	IT	1
Internationalization and Society	6	MUL	2
Reason and Engage. Critical Reflections on Humanity and Society	6	MUL	1+2

PROFILE LINGUISTICS (DE - EN - ES - FR - IT - NL)

COURSE	ECTS	LANGUAGE	SEMESTER
Advanced English Linguistics	6	EN	2
English Linguistics: the Acquisition of English	6	EN	1
Historical English Linguistics	6	EN	1
Language Contact and Language Planning	6	EN	2
Historical Sociolinguistics	6	EN	1
Multilingualism and Cognition	6	EN	1
Multilingualism and Literature	6	EN	1
Multilingual Education	6	EN	1
Neurolinguistics	6	EN	2
Psycholinguistics	6	EN	1
Intercultural Communication	3	EN	1
Language and the Mass Media	3	EN	2
Nederlands als tweede taal	6	NL	1
Sociolinguïstiek en taalverandering	6	NL	1
Deutsch als Fremdsprache	6	DE	2
Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft	6	DE	1
Acquisition du français langue étrangère	6	FR	1
Communication en contexte plurilingue	6	FR	2
Grammaire appliquée à l'enseignement du français langue étrangère	6	FR	1
Syntaxe du français moderne	6	FR	1
Adquisición del español como lengua extranjera	6	ES	1
Cátedra Émile Lorand: lingüística española y estudios literarios	6	ES	2
Sintaxis y semántica del español	6	ES	2
Cattedra Émile Lorand di linguistica e letteratura italiana	6	IT	2
L'italiano nella società della comunicazione	6	IT	1
Internationalization and Society	6	MUL	2
Reason and Engage. Critical Reflections on Humanity and Society	6	MUL	1+2



PROFILE LITERARY STUDIES (DE - EN - ES - FR - IT - NL)

COURSE	ECTS	LANGUAGE	SEMESTER
Contemporary Literature in English	6	EN	2
Intertextuality and Intermediality	6	EN	1
Metatheatre	6	EN	1
Multilingualism and Literature	6	EN	1
Postcolonial Literature in English	6	EN	1
Theory of Literary Translation	6	EN	1
Theatre and Performance Studies	6	EN	1
Storytelling: Dramaturgy and Screenwriting Research	6	EN	2
Aspecten van poëzie en de visuele cultuur	6	NL	2
Aspecten van theatertheorie	6	NL	2
Hedendaags Nederlands proza	6	NL	1
Intermediale Aspecte in deutschsprachigen Texten und im Theater	6	DE	2
Kulturhistorische Aspekte der deutschen Literatur	6	DE	1
Poésie et intermédialité	6	FR	1
Poésie française: modernisme et avant-garde	6	FR	1
Chaire Émile Lorand en littérature française	6	FR	2
Cátedra Émile Lorand: lingüística española y estudios literarios	6	ES	2
Ensayo hispánico	6	ES	1
Teatro hispánico	6	ES	1
Cattedra Émile Lorand di linguistica e letteratura italiana	6	IT	2
Generi letterari della modernità in Italia	6	IT	1
Letteratura europea e italiana dal Settecento a oggi	6	IT	1
Internationalization and Society	6	MUL	2
Reason and Engage. Critical Reflections on Humanity and Society	6	MUL	1+2

PROFILE MULTILINGUAL MEDIATION AND COMMUNICATION (AR - CHN - DE - EN - ES - FR - RU)

COURSE	ECTS	SEMESTER
COMPULSORY COURSES (12 ECTS)		
Intercultural Communication	3	1
The Language Industry	3	1
Internship or Training "Multilingual Mediation and Communication"	6	1+2
MODULE MULTILINGUAL PRACTICES (6 ECTS)		
Multilingual Practices EN-AR	6	1+2
Multilingual Practices EN-CHN	6	1+2
Multilingual Practices EN-DE	6	1+2
Multilingual Practices EN-ES	6	1+2
Multilingual Practices EN-FR	6	1+2
Multilingual Practices EN-RU	6	1+2
MODULE OPTIONAL COURSES (18 ECTS)		
Audiovisual Translation	3	1
Technology for Translators	3	1
Language and the Mass Media	3	2
Theory of Literary Translation	3	1
Language Contact and Language Planning	6	2
Multilingualism and Cognition	6	1
Multilingualism and Literature	6	1
Internationalization and Society	6	2



PROFILE MULTILINGUALISM AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (DE - EN - ES - FR - NL)

COURSE	ECTS	LANGUAGE	SEMESTER
English Linguistics: the Acquisition of English	6	EN	1
Intercultural Communication	3	MUL	1
Training: Multilingual and Foreign Language Learning and Teaching	6	MUL	1+2
Language Contact and Language planning	6	EN	2
Multilingualism and Cognition	6	EN	1
Multilingualism and Literature	6	EN	1
Multilingual Education	6	EN	1
Language and the Mass Media	3	MUL	2
Nederlands als tweede taal	6	NL	1
Deutsch als Fremdsprache	6	DE	2
Acquisition du français langue étrangère	6	FR	1
Communication en contexte plurilingue	6	FR	2
Adquisición del español como lengua extranjera	6	ES	1
Historical Sociolinguistics	6	EN	1
Internationalization and Society	6	MUL	2
Reason and Engage. Critical Reflections on Humanity and Society	6	MUL	1+2

PROFILE PSYCHO- AND NEUROLINGUISTICS (DE - EN - ES - FR)

COURSE	ECTS	LANGUAGE	SEMESTER
English Linguistics: the Acquisition of English	6	EN	1
Training: Multilingual and Foreign Language Learning and Teaching	6	MUL	1+2
Multilingualism and Cognition	6	EN	1
Multilingual Education	6	EN	1
Neurolinguistics	6	EN	2
Psycholinguistics	6	EN	1
Deutsch als Fremdsprache	6	DE	2
Acquisition du français langue étrangère	6	FR	1
Adquisición del español como lengua extranjera	6	ES	1
Internationalization and Society	6	MUL	2
Reason and Engage. Critical Reflections on Humanity and Society	6	MUL	1+2

FIRST STEPS ON THE JOB MARKET

A master's degree in Linguistics and Literary Studies opens doors to many different branches and sectors. Maybe you will become a language instructor, or a journalist, or maybe you will help the technological giants decompose linguistic structures for their search engines? You could be the future campaign officer for a think-tank, a non-governmental organisation, or you may continue your academic career as a PhD researcher at Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Highly skilled professionals with an excellent command of various languages and a good understanding of multiple cultures are needed in national and international public institutions and companies. Brussels is the perfect environment to prepare you for such a job. Not sure yet what your next step will be? The VUB Career Center helps you with your first steps on the job market with workshops, networking events, job fairs, and tips and tricks for job interviews. Everything a multilingual graduate needs!





"Classes cover a wide range of subjects that allow each and every student to interact with the covered materials from a personal point of view. The multitude of students' backgrounds makes the courses all the more interesting."

Luna Klaps (Belgium)
Literary Studies – English-French

"Studying linguistics at VUB meant everything to me because the university offers an academic programme for people with so many educational backgrounds, including mine (in education). The MuMA programme offers courses in both linguistics and literature and I took up both. I must say this was a huge challenge for me at the beginning since I had a very limited background in literature. However, after one semester, after three courses, I have become so interested in literature. Now, I even have my favorite genre and authors because I was so inspired by the course instructors' efforts during classes. But maybe I will remember the professors most of all. I had a very tough beginning here, and without the help from professors, like my programme coordinator and my supervisors, I would never have made it."

Minh Nghia Nguyen (Vietnam)
Preparatory Programme

GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission is based upon the individual review of each application: proof of meeting academic and language requirements, personal motivation, etc.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Prospective students can provide proof of sufficient knowledge of English as language of instruction by meeting one of the following criteria:

- having successfully completed one of the following language proficiency tests:
 - TOEFL: minimum level 79 for the internet-based test
 - IELTS: minimum level academic module 6.5
 - ITACE: minimum level B2
 - Cambridge English Qualification Scale: minimum level 170
- having successfully completed secondary school at a Belgian institution;
- having a diploma of secondary or higher education where English was the language of instruction;

Exception: If you do not meet the official language proficiency requirements as set out by the VUB Teaching and Examination Regulations, you can receive an exemption for proof of proficiency from the faculty, provided you have successfully completed programme units in higher education with a minimum of 54 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits where English

was the language of instruction. Please make sure this is shown in your transcript of records or in a certified document from your former higher education institution. The exemption will be granted after the intake interview on the condition that your interview and portfolio receive a favourable evaluation during the screening process.

Please note that the test result must have been awarded no more than five years prior to the date of enrolment.

For more information on admission requirements and application procedures: www.vub.be/en/apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

With a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literary Studies (or related fields) from a Flemish or foreign university, you are eligible to apply for the master's programme. Do you have an undergraduate degree in another field of study? You can also enrol as soon as you have completed the one-year preparatory programme for the Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literary Studies. This preparatory programme takes into account the credits you have earned in your previous studies.

Application deadline

Prospective students are advised to apply as soon as possible, even if they have not yet obtained their degree. Applications can only be submitted through our website www.vub.be/en/apply

- Students who require a visa (non-EU/EEA nationals) need to submit their application by **31 March 2023**.
- For students who do not require a visa and have not obtained their degree in Belgium the application deadline is **31 August 2023**.
- For students who do not require a visa and have a Belgian degree the application deadline is **30 September 2023**.
- Note: if the proof of English proficiency or APS certificate is not ready before the deadline, you can always submit it later instead of missing the deadline.

Tuition fees

All Flemish universities in Belgium are subsidised by the government, which results in relatively low tuition fees. The general tuition fee for the Multilingual Master is 1092,10€/year for students with EU/EEA nationality and 3620€/year for students with a non-EU/EEA nationality.

A detailed overview of the tuition fees can be found on: www.vub.be/en/tuition-fees

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