



## The human sciences as liberal arts

### Master of arts (MA)

#### GENERAL OUTLINE

##### Objectives

The Master of Arts allows students to acquire the knowledge and techniques required for a better grasp of contemporary realities, giving meaning to the intellectual wealth created by mankind over the centuries.

It offers a wide range of disciplines, from historical studies to theoretical approaches in the human sciences, languages and literature. As a result, it offers you the opportunity to practise the interdisciplinarity approach proper to a study of the arts.

##### Perspectives

After having completed this course, you will have acquired numerous skills that are beneficial in the professional world: independence, sense of responsibility and organisation, discernment, ability to analyse, synthesise and transmit complex information, argumentation skills, mastery of written and oral expression, versatility.

These assets are greatly appreciated in fields such as cultural institutions (museums, theatres, festivals, foundations), publishing, education, media and communications, international organisations, event planning.

Our alumni have different positions, such as teacher, journalist, communications officer, documentary production manager, cultural mediator, translator, web and new media projects officer, arts festival programme coordinator, or book and image digitisation specialist.

Other positions and alumni testimonials: [www.unil.ch/perspectives/lettres](http://www.unil.ch/perspectives/lettres)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Organisers

Faculty of Arts:  
[www.unil.ch/lettres](http://www.unil.ch/lettres)

##### Degree awarded

Master of Arts (MA)

##### ECTS credits

90

##### Duration

3 semesters

##### Teaching language

French and/or the language of the discipline studied. Recommended level: C1.

##### Contact

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##### More information

[www.unil.ch/lettres/master](http://www.unil.ch/lettres/master)

## EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

### Description

The Master of Arts degree offers training in the following disciplines:

- Cinema
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science for the Humanities
- English
- French as a Foreign Language
- German
- History
- History of Art
- History of Religions
- Italian
- Language and Communication Studies
- Medieval French
- Modern French
- Philosophy
- Slavic Studies
- Spanish
- South Asian Languages and Cultures

At the end of the first year, you decide in which discipline you will complete your dissertation and whether to choose a Master of Arts worth 90 ECTS credits or a Master of Arts with specialisation worth 120 ECTS credits (see the relevant description for this programme).

### Assessment

Each teaching unit is assessed, either through an exam during the session or through a validation (written paper, oral presentation, file, exercises, etc).

### Mobility

Subject to the prior agreement of the Faculty, you can study for one or two semesters in another institution while remaining registered at the UNIL.

## SYLLABUS

### Main discipline

In principle, this is a continuation of one of the disciplines of the Bachelor's degree.

### 30 ECTS credits

### Secondary discipline

In principle, this is a continuation of the second discipline of the Bachelor's degree.

### or Consolidation programme

The Consolidation Programme allows you to reinforce your main discipline by broadening its field as well as to acquire complementary knowledge in other fields of your choice.

### 30 ECTS credits

### Dissertation

The Master's dissertation is the result of a personal research work, conducted according to scientific principles under a supervisor's direction. It consists of a written dissertation and is the object of an oral defence.

### 30 ECTS credits

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Admission requirements

Candidates admitted to registration at the University of Lausanne and who are holders of a Bachelor of Arts degree of the University of Lausanne, or a Bachelor of Arts degree of another Swiss or foreign university recognised by UNIL and judged to be equivalent, are admitted without conditions to the Master of Arts degree course, if they choose to continue for their Master's degree the discipline(s) studied for their Bachelor's degree. Students who change discipline between the Bachelor's degree and the Master's degree, or are holders of a Swiss or foreign Bachelor's degree recognised by UNIL in another orientation, or awarded by a University of Applied Sciences (UAS)\*, may be admitted to the Master's degree on the basis of their personal case files. They may be required to complete a catch-up programme.

\* The holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded by a UAS must prove that they satisfy the conditions for admission to a Master's degree course in their own type of educational institution.

### Enrolment and final dates

It is possible to start the programme of the Master of Arts degree in either the Autumn or the Spring semesters:

Applications to be submitted before 30 April (autumn semester) or 30 November (spring semester) to the Admissions Office: [www.unil.ch/immat](http://www.unil.ch/immat)

Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland must apply for enrolment at least two months prior to the deadline indicated above.

### Start of courses

Autumn semester: mid-September

Spring semester: mid-February

Academic calendar: [www.unil.ch/lettres](http://www.unil.ch/lettres) > La Faculté > Calendrier académique

### Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time. See [www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel](http://www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel).

### General information on studies, guidance:

[www.unil.ch/soc](http://www.unil.ch/soc)

### Career prospects

[www.unil.ch/perspectives](http://www.unil.ch/perspectives)

### Accommodation and financial assistance

[www.unil.ch/sasme](http://www.unil.ch/sasme)

### International

[www.unil.ch/international](http://www.unil.ch/international)

### Scheme of the Master of Arts course

3	Dissertation		
2	Main discipline 30 credits	Secondary discipline 30 credits	Consolidation programme 30 credits
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Semesters



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