



UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITE DE MONS

# PhD programmes

## University Academy of Wallonia-Brussels

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The Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and the University of Mons (UMONS) are the two universities forming the Academy of Wallonia-Brussels.

As with the Complementary Master programmes, the Academy is from now on exclusively responsible for PhD programmes. **Third-cycle** studies (PhD programmes) are organised solely in collaboration within the University Academies.

A PhD programme consists of **PhD preparatory training** (60 ECTS) and work related to writing a **PhD thesis** (180 ECTS minimum). A PhD thesis is written under the supervision of a thesis supervisor. It consists of a coursework component and an original research and compilation component.

Philosophy;  
Theology  
Languages and literature;  
History, art and archaeology;  
Urban development and  
planning;  
Information and  
communication;  
Political and social sciences;  
Legal science;  
Criminology;  
Economics and management  
science;  
Translation and  
interpretation;

Psychology and education  
sciences;  
Medicine;  
Public health;  
Veterinary science;  
Dental science;  
Biomedical and  
pharmaceutical sciences;  
Motor sciences;  
Science;  
Agriculture and biological  
engineering;  
Engineering;  
Art and art science.





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Our universities have decided to pool their expertise, enabling us to offer students from the whole world the best training possible. Our programmes are highly acclaimed and we do our best to make students feel at home and make available to them the results of our long tradition of excellence.

Though registration for the PhD preparatory training and the issuance of the "certificat de formation à la recherche" (the certificate issued at the end of the 60-ECTS preparatory training and opening the door to the research phase) are the responsibility of the Academy, in practice registration is always done at either the ULB or UMONS admissions office.

**PhD registration** is also done at the universities, and these also continue to be responsible for conferring the academic degree of doctor.

**To be admitted to a PhD programme** you need to submit an application file. To be accepted, you need to hold one of the following:

- a second-cycle diploma worth 300 ECTS (if coming from the French-speaking Community of Belgium: a "licence" or MA120);
- or a second-cycle equivalent to 300 ECTS as established by the Admissions Panel (for all other students).

<http://www.academiewb.be>

<http://www.ulbruxelles.be>

<http://www.umons.ac.be>

