



MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMANITIES

UNIVERSITÉ PSL

The Master's degree in Humanities from Université PSL offers training in high-level research in the field of the humanities. This program, a collaborative effort by the literature and humanities and social science departments and research laboratories at the École Normale Supérieure – PSL and the École nationale des chartes – PSL, offers leading-edge training in research in literature and the humanities, with an emphasis on interdisciplinarity dialogue and an international perspective. This master's degree is part of the following PSL's graduate programs : Arts, Historical Sciences and Translitterae.

MAIN ASSETS

- **An unprecedented collaboration among some of the French most prestigious institutions** in the fields of literature and the humanities.
- **Exceptionally close ties to laboratories boasting an international reputation.**
- **Interdisciplinary training**, thanks to the ability to move among different academic tracks.
- **An international environment** created by students, researchers and guest academics.
- **An unparalleled campus life in the very heart of Paris**, benefiting from the opportunities offered by PSL to meet students from several schools and move among a variety of campuses.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Master's degree offers an in-depth training in the Humanities. Although it implies, from M1 onwards, the choice of one of the seven concentrations offered by the program, each of them includes teaching from the other courses, so that the program remains multidisciplinary and covers different angles in the Humanities – Literature, Arts, History, or Geopolitics – and covers a wide range of studies chronologically and geographically speaking.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Depending on the student's chosen track:

- Higher education and research.
- Careers in cultural programs, the civil service, diplomacy and international relations.

DIPLOMA DELIVERED

National master's degree conferred by Université PSL and prepared at ENS- PSL.

CURRICULUM

Master's year 1 (60 ECTS)

7 tracks available:

- Literature: Theory and History
- Arts: Theory and Practice
- Transnational History
- The Ancient World: Archeology and History
- The Ancient World: Languages, Texts and Images
- The Middle East and the Mediterranean
- Geography and Geopolitics

Tracks and opening seminars

Foreign languages courses (depending on chosen track)

Research thesis (depending on chosen track)

Master's year 2 (60 ECTS)

7 tracks available – Cf master's year 1

Tracks and opening seminars

Foreign languages courses (according to tracks)

Research thesis

ACADEMIC TRACKS (MASTER 1)

— Literature: Theory and History

Objective: to initiate and train in research in the field of literary studies through both a theoretical and historical approach to the literary fact, according to an extended chronology, from the Middle Ages to the extreme-contemporary. Based on the comparative history of so-called "national" literatures in French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian or Arabic, the training focuses on interaction with philosophy, history, arts and social sciences, in the international and interdisciplinary context of "cultural transfers".

— Arts: Theory and Practice

Objective: to offer a course that combines art history, performing arts, musicology and film studies. This course encompasses research in the plurality of its angles (workshops, internships, theoretical reflection and writing) and is aimed primarily at students whose research projects are at the interface of at least two artistic disciplines.

— Transnational History

Objective: to initiate and train in research in the field of transnational history, whose issues intersect with those of global, imperial, connected, cross-cultural history and cultural transfers. The track combines the requirements of advanced empirical research in archives with a broader methodological and historiographical perspective, informed by the social sciences. International mobility and the learning of foreign languages are central to the curriculum.

— The Ancient World: Archeology and History

Objective: to initiate research in the field of archaeology and the history of Antiquity under different angles by an approach combining the use of material sources and the analysis of textual sources. This track, which is primarily archaeological and historical, also aims to provide an introduction to the tools and methods of the philology of

ancient languages and cultures.

— The Ancient World: Languages, Texts and Images

Objective: to initiate research in the field of the philology of Antiquity in its different aspects, linguistic, textual and iconographic, through an approach that combines the use of documentary sources and analysis tools to define them in their context of production and transmission. This predominantly philological approach also aims to provide an initiation to the tools and methods of archaeology and the history of Antiquity.

— The Middle East and the Mediterranean

Objective: to train, through research, specialists in the contemporary Muslim world following a multidisciplinary approach to territories, social groups, rivalries between States and the cultural production of the Arab, Turkish and Iranian worlds and of Islam in Europe and, in relation to these territories, of Islam in sub-Saharan Africa.

— Geography and geopolitic

Objective: to enable students, not necessarily trained geographers, to learn about geopolitics, i.e. the spatial and the study of political phenomena on a territory at all scales, in order to better understand and act in the contemporary world.

ADMISSION

Prerequisites

Master's year 1 : Students who hold a Bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) in literature or the humanities (art history, film, musicology, performing arts, history, geography, archeology, modern languages, etc.)

Selection process

Based on an application or an application and interview (depending on tracks).

More information

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