

INCOMING STUDENTS – HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

Welcome in Strasbourg ! We are glad to welcome you. You will find below a guide to find your way in our training provision to establish your *Learning Agreement*.

- To begin, here are the courses contents for the licence (B.A) in “**Sociologie de l’intervention sociale, des conflits et de la médiation**” (Social work):
<https://sciences-sociales.unistra.fr/formation/licence-sciences-sociales/sociologie-de-lintervention-sociale-des-conflits-et-de-la-mediation/#data-rof-tab-cours>.
- For the 3rd year of licence (« L3 ») we have also other training paths (= *specializations*). You will find them on the same pages, in the **left column** (for ex: « Démographie », « Sociologie », « Ethnologie »), and you have to click on « **cours** ».

Here are also different training paths for the **Master in sociology**: <http://sciences-sociales.unistra.fr/formations-rof/?rof-program=ME68>

the Master of **demography**: <http://sciences-sociales.unistra.fr/formations-rof/?rof-program=ME68>

the Master of **ethnology**: <https://ethnologie.unistra.fr/formations/offre-de-formation/>

I- Years and semesters are named like this:

« **Licence** » = BA. « **L1** » = « 1st year of Bachelor », « **L2** » = « 2nd year », « **L3** » = « 3rd year ».
« **Master** » = MA. **M1** = Master 1st year; **M2** = 2nd year.

a- Course programmes are indicated by « semester » :

for the « licence » (bachelor) :

S1 = 1st semester L1

S2 = 2nd semester L1

S3 = 1st semester L2, etc...

S5 = 1st semester L3.

For the master:

S1 = 1st semester M1

S2 = 2nd semester M1, etc.

Example: if you come for the 1st semester of the 3rd year, you will first look the courses for **S5** (5th semester).

b- Credits :

- They are named « **ECTS** ».

- For each semester, students need to validate **30 credits** (60 credits for 2 semesters). But it can happen that you validate a part of your work in your home university (for example a research essay). **For example:** some students do validate at Strasbourg only 25 credits a semester, because they also achieve a research essay (for 5 credits) in their home university.

II- How to make your choice and read course tables ? The following is important, we advice you to read it carefully:

You have **two possibilities**:

- The first one is for you to follow the program of **only one course path**. For example, if you are in B.A (« licence ») 3rd year in Social Work, **we advice you to follow the whole course path « Sociologie de l'intervention sociale »**. Please, note that the research essay and the internship (« Projet personnel de l'étudiant » and « Stage, analyse des pratiques professionnelles ») are optional for Incoming Students : if you wish, it is possible to replace them by any courses that you would chose in any other training path.
- The second possibility is to choose **only some courses** within the course path, and to complete your *learning agreement* with courses from **another course path** or form several other course path. According to this scenario, you **mix** several course paths.

The easiest way is the **first** solution, but you are **absolutely free** to choose the second possibility.

Now, how do these tables work? Let's go back to the two possibilities.

1) First scenario: you follow the whole program within the same course path.

- « **UE** » means « Unité d'enseignement » (unity of teaching). It is a module including **several courses**. Each UE is validated in **ECTS: they are indicated in the table**. If you take one UE, you will **validate the number of credits indicated next to UE**.

- In each UE, there are **two** types of courses. **CM** are « **lecture courses** », e.g. theoretical or thematic teaching. **TD** are « **tutorial classes** » : they are workshops.

- In **some** cases, **a UE includes « optional » courses**. An example with the course path « Sociologie de l'intervention sociale » during 3rd year's first semester (**S5**) : in the course tables, the UE3 offers **mandatory** courses (« enseignements obligatoires »). But it also contains **optional** courses (« Enseignements à choix ») : for the latter, you need to choose **only one** course among the 2 possibilities.

- In L3, the training path « Sociologie de l'intervention sociale » contains an internship. This internship is associated with a dissertation (« mémoire »). The Master program also comprises an internship. **You can decide either** to do an internship in Strasbourg, and to write and validate the dissertation associated with this internship experience ; **or** to replace the internship and/or the dissertation by any lecture from the « Sociologie » training path, or by any lecture in the University (whatever the Faculty : it can also be in Geography, Law, Arts...).

2) Second scenario: you mix several course paths.

- you can indeed choose in our faculty any CM, knowing that **a CM of 24h = 3 ECTS and a CM of 18h = 3 ECTS**.

In this 2nd possibility, as an incoming student, **you don't have to follow all the courses in a UE** : you can choose only **one CM within one UE**. If the course is a 24h CM or a 18h CM, it counts as **3 ECTS**. So, you are **completely free about your choice** of CM.

- **However**, if you choose **the whole courses provided by an UE**, you would obtain **the whole credits of the UE** (for ex: **UE2 in méthodologie in S5 of the course path Sociologie** = 6 ECTS in taking the whole course of the UE).

- You can furthermore choose "travaux dirigés" (TD) but **be careful**: you have to take them **in relation to the corresponding "CM"** (it is impossible to take one TD « alone », **without the related CM**).

III- Generally:

- it is very important, for the administration, that you choose **at least 50% of your courses within our faculty** ; you can take other courses in **others** faculties (maximum 50%).

- Our foreign students can choose **the whole lecture courses (CM) of their year**, but they can **also take 1, 2 or 3 courses in another year**. For example: if you are in **B.A. 3rd year**, you can take one or two courses in **L2 or L1** (2nd year or 1st year) and/or one or two courses in **M1** (Master 1st year).

IV- A last requirement:

When you will send you *learning agreement*, we will ask you simply **to precise in your e-mail:**

- **if you choose scenario 1 of scenario 2;**

- **if you choose scenario 2: please, be kind to precise for each course, what course path and what year you have chosen.**

We wish you the best for your application, and do not hesitate to contact us for further explanations.

Sincerely,

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