



PHILOSOPHIE

MOTIVATION LETTER GUIDELINES

BACHELOR EN CULTURES EUROPÉENNES / UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

PHOTO © Ariane Henry, University of Luxembourg

The motivation letter plays an important role in your application. It allows you to tell us why you wish to join the *Bachelor en Cultures Européennes - Philosophie* and helps us assess whether our programme is suitable for you.

Your motivation letter must provide answers to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to study Philosophy? (350-500 words)

Explain why you are interested in studying Philosophy at university. If possible, try to create links to previous experiences you have had with Philosophy at or outside of school: Have you encountered any philosophers or philosophical concepts that were of particular interest to you? What are your expectations of studying Philosophy at a university level? Which philosophical problems or theories do you find important and exciting, and for what reason(s)?

2. Why is the *Bachelor en Cultures Européennes – Philosophie* the right programme for you? (200-300 words)

The *Bachelor en Cultures Européennes* invites you to explore different perspectives and create links between your specialisation (Philosophy) and European Cultures. One third of our programme is dedicated to modules in the *Common Curriculum in European Cultures* and includes interdisciplinary courses from English Studies, Germanistik, Etudes françaises, History, and other related fields. Here, you will also have the opportunity to enrol in transversal (practical) workshops and seminars.

Please refer to the [Global Course Catalogue](#) and [the programme](#) (Cultures Européennes) for a full overview of the common curriculum. In your motivation letter, please refer to one or two courses on offer in the common curriculum (not from Philosophy), and discuss how it/they may complement your studies in Philosophy and be of benefit to you in your academic or professional future.

3. If applicable: Have you studied at university before? (100-200 words)

If you have previously started studying or completed a university degree in another field and/or another university, please let us know why you wish to change fields and/or universities. Please only answer this question if you have attended university before.

Formal requirements:

- Indicate your full name and Personal Identifier (number) issued by the University of Luxembourg during your online application.
- You may write your motivation letter in either French, German or English.
- Please include the following **declaration of authorship** at the end of your letter: *I hereby confirm that the content of this letter reflects my personal experiences, motivations, and journey. If applicable, any assistance from digital tools, including AI tools, is documented below.*
- Check your motivation letter for language errors before you submit it.
- Make sure your motivation letter meets the word count for each question.

Letters that do not meet these formal requirements will be disqualified.

A note on AI

Please be aware that it is extremely important for you to formulate the ideas and arguments in your motivation letter yourself. The motivation letter gives you the opportunity to detail your personal expectations and goals.

As indicated above, if you do decide to use a chatbot to help with your letter, you will have to credit it as a source in a footnote (respect for intellectual property). Do not forget: chatbots mimic human speech and will produce “answers” that will seem “the most acceptable” to a majority of people; it will not make your application stand out.

Please consider this seriously as you write your motivation letter – its purpose is to determine whether joining the *Bachelor en Cultures Européennes - Philosophie* is the right choice for you!

Contact

For further information, please contact: bce.office@uni.lu.