










5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q1 or Q2

Teacher(s)	Baudewyns Pierre ;Piron Jonathan (compensates Baudewyns Pierre) ;Reuchamps Min ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	This introduction to the discipline will refer to concrete questions a political science student is asking to himself, and more generally, any citizen who tries to understand how the political and the civil spheres are organized. What is political action, politics, a policy? What is the meaning of power? What is legitimate power? What is a political system? What is democracy? Which are the principal collective actors of the political system (political parties, special interest groups)? Which are the values, materialists and "post materialists", of the citizens? What about political participation of the citizens? Which are the principal determinants of the vote? Is there a citizenship's crisis?
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 The course must allow the student to be familiarized with basic theoretical problems, orientations and conceptual apparatus of political science.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>The evaluation is continuous and ends before the exams' session. The final grade (from 0 to 20 points) is made of four components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing of a short paper • Writing of a short paper and peer-review • Mid-term exam (MCQ), in a computer room (upon registration) • Final exam (MCQ), in a computer room (upon registration) <p>Practical information about the course and the evaluation will be delivered and explained by each professor in class and presented in a written document sent by e-mail to all registered students after the first session in class.</p>
Teaching methods	The course relies on an online course available on Moodle for each each 'quadrimester' (Q1, Q2, Q3) and the content of the weekly sessions, following a schedule that will be announced in the beginning of the course.
Content	This introduction to the discipline will refer to concrete questions a political science student is asking herself/himself, and more generally, any citizen who tries to understand how the political and the civil spheres are organized. What is political action, politics, a policy? What is the meaning of power? What is legitimate power? What is a political system? What is democracy? Which are the principal collective actors of the political system (political parties, special interest groups)? Which are the values, materialists and "post materialists", of the citizens? What about political participation of the citizens? Which are the principal determinants of the vote? Is there a citizenship's crisis?
Other infos	Depending on the evolution of sanitary conditions and consequently of the sanitary code, the teaching and evaluation mode will possibly change, in whole or in part, to remote mode via one or several computer tools provided by the University. Students enrolled in the course will be informed by e-mail.
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Human and Social Sciences	MINHUSO	5		
Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences	HUSO1BA	5		
Minor in Political Sciences	MINSPOL	5		
Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	PPE1BA	5		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA1BA	5		
Bachelor in Information and Communication	COMU1BA	5		
Approfondissement 'Principes de maîtrise de l'actualité'	APPMONDE	5		
Bachelor in Economics and Management	ECGE1BA	5		
Bachelor in Political Sciences: General	SPOL1BA	5		
Bachelor : Business Engineering	INGE1BA	5		