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5.00 credits	15.0 h + 15.0 h	Q1
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Teacher(s)	Rihoux Benoît ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The seminar aims at giving students the opportunity to further their mastering of specific methods that enables them to look into the mains questions in contemporary politics. The diversity and the complex-ity of these questions require precision in the use methodology and approaches, in order to treat these matters in a coherent and relevant way. The accent is thus put on the reasoning process and on the communication of the research results. The seminar is multidisciplinary. After a common session, the seminar is subdivided in three groups taking up three dimensions: Public Administration, International Relations and Political Science
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 This seminar aims at allowing the students: - the use, with coherence and relevance, of analytical tools necessary to the apprehension of a ques-tion of contemporary policy (in Public Administration, International Relations or Political Sci-ence); - the perfect use of the data related to the comprehension of the specific issue; - the improvement of the research results communication methods (oral and written).</p>
Content	Through the analysis of topics of the contemporary policy, the students are confronted with the multi-ple aspects of the current political news. The description of those is done by reference to a multidisci- plinary approach, which aims at locating the studied questions in their various dimensions. The subjects will be specified at the beginning of seminar by the teaching staff. The essay will be done in working groups. This assignment is under the supervision of the teacher staff and subjected to regular follow-up. It includes an oral presentation, with public discussion, as well as a written report, fulfilling the requirements of a scientific publication and constituting a coherent 'ensemble', likely to be connected to other works in order to provide an overall picture of the topics presented by the different groups.
Other infos	Public administration/ international relations / political sciences. A good Knowledge of the facts concerning the studied issues based on the text portfolio given at the beginning of the course. Appreciation of the process followed, through 1. oral presentation and the participation in the sessions; 2. the paper given at the end of the four-month period; 3. a general knowledge test on the studied topic. Follow-up by the teaching staff.
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [60] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M1	5		