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Language :	English
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>In line with the learning outcomes framework for the political science programme, general orientation (French-English), the teaching unit contributes to the development and acquisition of the following skills:</p> <p>I. Acquiring the disciplinary and methodological foundations in the field of political science: Mastering the fundamental knowledge of political science, from an epistemological perspective, enabling students to answer key research questions addressed by the discipline. Gradually acquire an advanced knowledge of political science in its various branches, which will be introduced in this introductory course: international relations, European studies, political institutions and regimes (national), studies of political parties and pressure groups, analysis of public policies, political ideas, etc.</p> <p>III. Training in the scientific approach: Master and implement the rules and ethical principles of the scientific approach in political science. Demonstrate critical thinking and independent judgement. Acquire the ability to process data, based on a review of relevant work in the field and using the most appropriate methods of analysis.</p> <p>IV. Master oral and written communication in French and English : Acquire the ability to follow a course, study it and take the written exam in English. Practise or begin to acquire mastery of spoken and written English; more specifically, the ability to hold a conversation and communicate on social science topics and analyses in interactions with the teacher and teaching assistants.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Type of assessment (and any measures): written examination</p> <p>Language of assessment: English</p> <p>Assessment criteria: the examination consists of both a multiple-choice questionnaire, worth half the marks, and open-ended questions on the content of the course covered in lectures and/or on the readings provided to students.</p> <p>Other details: no documents are permitted during the examination, not even a dictionary (permitted exclusively for exchange students).</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Lectures in a large lecture theatre, exclusively in person and without recording of sessions, with the exception of the inaugural session (for the presentation of the teaching programme, assessment methods, etc.).</p> <p>Additional reading (of 1 or 2 chapters of a book and/or articles) may also be required to illustrate or explore certain aspects of the course.</p>
Content	<p>The course covers the <i>fundamental concepts</i> of political science: the scientific approach of the discipline, the concept of power, and the nature of the state.</p> <p>It studies political <i>regimes</i> (democratic regimes, authoritarian regimes, totalitarian regimes) and compares their characteristics.</p> <p>It then focuses on the <i>actors</i> on the political scene: political parties; voters; citizens in their individual or collective engagement through social movements.</p> <p>Finally, it addresses the notion of public policy and its analysis.</p> <p>The theoretical concepts covered in the course will be illustrated with examples from Belgian and international current affairs, particularly concerning the theme of women's rights and participation in politics; the challenges of sustainable development; and issues of decolonisation of thought, politics and international relations.</p> <p>Part 1. General introduction and fundamental concepts</p> <p>1.1. Introductory session: What is political science? Why include a political science course in a law programme?</p> <p>1.2. Power, authority and legitimacy</p> <p>1.3. A portrait of the state</p> <p>Part 2. Political regimes</p> <p>2.1. Authoritarian and totalitarian regimes</p> <p>2.2. Democracy</p> <p>Part 3. Political actors</p> <p>3.1. Political parties: Genealogy and organisation</p> <p>3.2. Elections and electoral behaviour</p> <p>3.3. Political socialisation and political participation; Social movements: Resources, repertoires and mobilisation</p> <p>Part 4. Policy analysis</p> <p>4.1. Public policy: Definition and analysis</p>

<p>Inline resources</p>	<p>All course materials (PowerPoint slides) are available on Moodle, week by week, as are the articles or chapters that will be required reading. If additional resources are offered (for illustration or supplementation), they will also be made available on Moodle.</p>
<p>Bibliography</p>	<p>- BROWN, Garrett W., McLEAN, Iain, McMILLAN, Alistair (2018), The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University Press - GARNER, Robert, FERDINAND, Peter, LAWSON, Stephanie (2016), Introduction to Politics, Oxford, Oxford University Press - HAGUE, Rod, HARROP, Martin, McCORMICK, John (2019), Political Science. A Comparative Introduction, Basingstoke, Palgrave MacMillan (available at the campus library)</p>
<p>Other infos</p>	<p>A sufficient command of English (level B1 or B2) is required to take this course, as none of the parts are taught in French and all interactions with the teacher will be in English. No use of artificial intelligence is required for this course; its use is not possible within the assessment framework. The course is taught in Q1.</p>
<p>Faculty or entity in charge</p>	<p>ESPB</p>

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in History (French - English)	HIAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Information and Communication (French-English)	COAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Economics and Management (French-English)	ECAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Economics and Management (French-Dutch-English)	ECTB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (French-English)	SOAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-English)	SPAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Political Sciences [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]	SPOB1BA	5		