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COTB1BA

2026 - 2027

Bachelor in Information and Communication (French-Dutch-English)

At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French
Dissertation/Graduation Project : **NO** - Internship : **NO**
Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **YES**
Activities on other sites : **YES**
Main study domain : **Information et communication**
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Programme acronym: **COTB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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COTB1BA - Introduction

Introduction

Introduction

Having a bachelor's degree in information and communication in a **trilingual French-English-Dutch programme** is an asset in an increasingly global society. This trilingual programme is the only one of its kind in French-speaking Belgium. It is offered at the **Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus** .

Are you interested in the world around you and the way in which information, media, digital technologies and social relations in our society are evolving? The bachelor's degree in information and communication at the Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus

offers you an undergraduate education which prepares you optimally for a master's degree leading to careers in information and communication (journalist, communications manager, multimedia project manager, digital network manager, etc.). The bachelor's degree covers **five main areas** :

1. the **academic theories** of information and communication;
2. **the Belgian, European and international media world** ;
3. **a broad background in the humanities and social sciences** , including political science, sociology, anthropology, economics and law – among other disciplines;
4. **the implementation of knowledge** , for example through reading seminars, practical work or workshops to create information or communication productions;
5. **language instruction** . Proficiency in several languages is a prerequisite and an asset for your studies and career in information and communication. In addition to learning and perfecting their skills in English and Dutch, students in the trilingual programme in information and communication take classes in English and Dutch.

Through this range of skills, the bachelor's degree in information and communication offers you the chance to widen your perspective by fine-tuning your analytical view of the world and by providing you with a varied academic and cultural background. It gives you the opportunity to acquire concrete skills in information research, data analysis, written and oral communication, and languages other than French. As of the first year, students are asked to work individually and in groups. The analysis of everyday subjects and events (social networks, disinformation, the role of journalists in our society, communications management of crises (health, economic, political, etc.), the use of digital technologies, etc.) is one of the strengths of our programme.

At the end of their bachelor's degree, students will have the ability to identify the issues at stake in a given situation and analyse them from an information and communication perspective. They will therefore be able to put in place concrete, relevant and innovative ways to address them and meet the challenges facing our society.

Your profile

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's degree in information and communication is for you if...

- you are interested in the humanities and social sciences in general, and information and communication issues in particular;
- you are interested in current topics and issues, and in putting them into perspective;
- you would like to develop your critical thinking skills, your ability to search for and reproduce information, and your communication skills;
- you are looking for an extensive programme which leads to several different opportunities;
- you have a basic knowledge of English and Dutch, allowing you to take courses in English and Dutch.
- There is no selection process for multilingual programmes.
- However, a written language test is held at the beginning of the year. It is used as a guide to assess language skills and to recommend or advise against a bilingual or trilingual programme.
- In the event of difficulties, there is the option to return to the unilingual programme in French, with language courses.

Your future job

After completing a master's degree in information and communication, our graduates have a wide range of career opportunities:

- Print, radio, television or internet journalism: local, national and international daily news, periodicals (magazines), etc.
- Corporate communication, political communication, internal communication, external communication, public relations, etc.
- Digital communication: social network management, online community moderation, multimedia project management, digital strategy, etc.
- Lobbying, marketing, advertising management
- Designing information systems (e.g. databases), auditing information management and quality in companies, government agencies, etc.
- Socio-educational communication: educational media design, science popularisation, media, information and digital literacy, etc.
- Teaching and academic research (under certain conditions, access to 3rd cycle or doctoral studies).

Your programme

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's degree in information and communication is made up of lecture-based course units, with introductory courses in the humanities and social sciences (philosophy, law, history, economics, psychology, sociology, political science, information and communication), sometimes accompanied by more 'hands-on' learning activities, as well as lessons in academic methodology, which are also accompanied by practical work. The workshop organised in year 3 allows students to carry out a research project (in small groups) leading to a production possibly intended for stakeholders outside the university. Finally, the programme provides a practical and reflective introduction to the principles of journalistic writing and multimedia communication. Bachelor's degree students also receive high-quality language instruction.

The trilingual French-English-Dutch programme

Two course units are taught in English and two course units are taught in Dutch for each year of the programme. The courses are usually taught by faculty members who are native English or Dutch speakers or who have completed all or part of their university studies in English or Dutch.

- First year: Analyse van de media-instelligen , Sociologie (NL), Political Science , Geopolitics .
- Second year: Intercultural communication , Mediarecht , Economie 1 (NL), Economics 2 (EN).
- Third year: Corporate Communication and Public relations , International Communications , Media en Politiek , Marketing (NL).

In addition, students continue to perfect their language skills by taking English and Dutch courses in first, second and third year. These language course units focus on the progressive acquisition of skills for dealing with a variety of situations, particularly in the context of information and communication. They are held in small groups and are aimed at an active approach based on multiple listening comprehension and oral expression exercises.

Furthermore, during the second term of the third year, students may take part in an Erasmus or equivalent exchange at a partner university whose programmes are taught in a language other than French, with which the faculty has established an agreement. Another option is for students who pass the June exam session to apply for a summer language study grant in Flanders or abroad.

COTB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Programme structure

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's degree in information et communication is a first-cycle programme (a 'transition' bachelor's degree), consisting of 180 credits spread over three years (60 credits per year). It prepares students for a number of master's degree programmes in the second cycle in the field of information and communication.

The bachelor's degree programme has a strong interdisciplinary component, especially in the first year, for students at the Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus in information and communication, political science, sociology and anthropology (the year 1 programme includes two course units from each discipline). This first year facilitates reorientations at the beginning of the programme: students can change their orientation in year 2 to one of the other two programmes without having to make up any course units.

Specialisation in information and communication becomes more pronounced as students progress through the bachelor's programme, thanks to an ever-increasing number of specialised course units. Methodological instruction (university work, documentary research and the scientific method) is provided throughout the bachelor's degree.

COTB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- O Mandatory
- ⊠ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2026-2027
- ⊘ Not offered in 2026-2027 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2026-2027 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- Open to incoming exchange students
- Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

				Year 1	2	3
O *Content:*						
O Information and Communication						
O BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		
O BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h+4h] [5 Credits]	x		
O BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication	Greet De Baets	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
O BCOMU1310	Semiotics	Anne-Sophie Collard	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
O BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h+14h] [5 Credits]		x	
O BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
O BCOMU1318	Multimedia communication and Web technologies	Cassandre Burnier	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]			x
O BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of journalism	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
O Choose one of courses :						

				Year 1	2	3
⊠ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1313	International communications	Georgios Terzis	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1320	Media and politics	Dave Sinardet	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Law

BESPO1176	Law	Diane Bernard	FR [q1] [45h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		
BCOMU1314	Information and communication law		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	

Economics and management

BDRAN1220	Economics	Bertrand Hamaide	EN [q1] [45h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	

Choose one of courses :

⊠ BECGE1324	Marketing	Marie-Julie De Bruyne	NL [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Other Human and Social Sciences

BESPO1161	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1116	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Silke Goubin	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+9h] [5 Credits]	x		
BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition		NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
BPOLS1124	Moral Philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1125	General and Social Psychology	Karine Dejean (coord.) Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BPOLS1322	Mental health, individualism and society *The student enrolled in their block 3 program can take this teaching unit or replace it with an optional teaching unit (with constant credits).*	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q2] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1235	Quantitative Methods I: Statistics and Data Production		FR [q1] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]		x	
BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]		x	
BSOCA1330	Field methods: obervation and interviews	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q1] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits]		x	

Group Project

BPOLS1352	Multidisciplinary workshop	Valentina Brogna Marie Dufrasne Abraham Franssen Sophie Jacquot Emmanuelle Lenel Renaud Maes Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Languages

				Year 1	2	3
BANGL1192	English I	Sebastiano Ferrari Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BNEER1183	Dutch I	Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BANGL1292	English II	Sebastiano Ferrari Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	
BNEER1282	Dutch II	Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	

Choose one course among the following :

BANGL1392	English III	Gerlanda Cipolla Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]			x
BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]			x

Alternative teaching units

The student - who has chosen to replace the teaching unit "Mental health, individualism and society" (BPOLS1322) - can select the corresponding 5 credits from the optional teaching units below.

BSOCA1211	Analysis of sociological theories	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHDPO1316	Transformations and urban politics	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis	Amandine Orsini Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1210	Sociology of culture	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines	Florence Delmotte	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
BSPOL1315	Political Systems	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BGERM1263	Civilisation of English-speaking territories	Marleen Cré	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BRELI1000	Occidental Religions and Society : judaism, christianity, islam	Benoît Bourgine Farid El Asri Raphaël Gély (coord.) David Lemler	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]			x

Optional choice of one course unit among :

BHDPO1312	International relations analysis	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSPOL1312	International relations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Optional choice of one course unit among :

BECGE1321	Organisational studies	Karine Dejean	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+12h] [5 Credits]			x

				Year 1	2	3
⛒ BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action	Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

⛒ Optional choice of one course unit among :

⛒ BECGE1328	Management and strategy	Frank Janssen	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BECGE1320	Management and strategy	Isabelle Callens Pierre Hermant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection	Marie-Laure Mulayi (compensates Olivier Paye)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSPOL1313	Comparative politics	Nicolas Bocquet (compensates Benoît Rihoux)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSPOL1316	The European Political System	Denis Duez	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BHDPO1315	EU politics	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSPOL1215	International Organizations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BROMA1100	European Comparative Literature	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Isabelle Ost)	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration	Florence Delmotte	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BROMA1215	Literary theories	Isabelle Ost	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

⛒ Choose one course among the following :

⛒ BECGE1214	Human management	Laurianne Terlinden	FR [q2] [30h+7.5h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management	Ralf Caers	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BMHCI1000	Organisational Communication in a Multicultural Context	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis *Course offered on a transitional basis for students in block 3 who wish to deepen their knowledge of quantitative methods and who have not previously taken this course.*	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]			x

⛒ Choose one of courses :
Students wishing to enrol for the Master's degree in Communication Strategy and Digital Culture (ISFSC & UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Brussels) are strongly advised to include the 'Marketing' teaching unit (ECGE1322 or BECGE1324) in the Block 3 programme.

⛒ BECGE1322	Marketing	Julie Masset	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BECGE1324	Marketing	Marie-Julie De Bruyne	NL [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BSPOL1210	Political sociology	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⛒ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x

Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified **in the detailed programme** : their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration puposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the Academic Regulations and Procedures .

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 # Prerequisities list

BANGL1292 "Anglais II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1192
- BANGL1192 - English I

BANGL1392 "Anglais III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1292
- BANGL1292 - English II

BCOMU1318 "Communication multimédia et technologies du web" has prerequisite(s) BCOMU1310
- BCOMU1310 - Semiotics

BECGE1321 "Théorie des organisations" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BHDPO1316 "Mutations et politiques urbaines" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BNEER1282 "Néerlandais II" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1183
- BNEER1183 - Dutch I

BNEER1382 "Néerlandais III" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1282
- BNEER1282 - Dutch II

BPOLS1235 "Méthodes quantitatives I : statistique et production de données" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences

BPOLS1252 "Questions spéciales d'anthropologie" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161 OU BPOLS1111
- BESPO1161 - Sociology
- BPOLS1111 - Anthropology

BPOLS1321 "Society and Environment" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BPOLS1322 "Santé mentale, individualisme et société" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BPOLS1331 "Méthodes quantitatives II: analyse des données" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1235
- BPOLS1235 - Quantitative Methods I: Statistics and Data Production

BPOLS1352 "Ateliers" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231 ET BPOLS1235 ET BSOCA1330
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences
- BPOLS1235 - Quantitative Methods I: Statistics and Data Production
- BSOCA1330 - Field methods: obervation and interviews

BSOCA1210 "Sociologie de la culture" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1211 "Analyse des théories sociologiques" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1310 "Sociologie de l'action collective" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1312 "Socio-anthropologie du symbolique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1313 "Sociologie historique de l'intégration européenne" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1315 "Analyses et théories du pouvoir" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSOCA1330 "Méthodes de terrain: observation et entretiens" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences

BSPOL1210 "Sociologie politique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

BSPOL1322 "Analyse de l'action publique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
- BESPO1161 - Sociology

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a reference framework of learning outcomes specifies the the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

Detailed programme per annual block

COTB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- Optional
- Not offered in 2026-2027
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- Open to incoming exchange students
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- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Content:

Information and Communication

BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h +4h] [5 Credits]

Law

BESPO1176	Law	Diane Bernard	FR [q1] [45h +15h] [5 Credits]

Other Human and Social Sciences

BESPO1161	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1116	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Silke Goubin	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h +9h] [5 Credits]
BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]

Languages

BANGL1192	English I	Sebastiano Ferrari Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
BNEER1183	Dutch I	Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]

COTB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- Optional
- Not offered in 2026-2027
- Not offered in 2026-2027 but offered the following year
- Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
- Not offered in 2026-2027 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- Open to incoming exchange students
- Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Content:

Information and Communication

BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication	Greet De Baets	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1310	Semiotics	Anne-Sophie Collard	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h +14h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Law

BCOMU1314	Information and communication law		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Economics and management

BDRAN1220	Economics	Bertrand Hamaide	EN [q1] [45h +15h] [5 Credits]

Other Human and Social Sciences

BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition		NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

BPOLS1235	Quantitative Methods I: Statistics and Data Production		FR [q1] [30h +22.5h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h +22.5h] [5 Credits]
BSOCA1330	Field methods: obervation and interviews	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q1] [30h +7.5h] [5 Credits]

Languages

BANGL1292	English II	Sebastiano Ferrari Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits]

BNEER1282	Dutch II	Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits]

COTB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- Optional
- Not offered in 2026-2027
- Not offered in 2026-2027 but offered the following year
- Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
- Not offered in 2026-2027 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- Open to incoming exchange students
- Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Content:

Information and Communication

BCOMU1318	Multimedia communication and Web technologies	Cassandre Burnier	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of journalism	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]

Choose one of courses :

BCOMU1212	Social-history of media	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BCOMU1313	International communications	Georgios Terzis	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1320	Media and politics	Dave Sinardet	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Economics and management

Choose one of courses :

BECGE1324	Marketing	Marie-Julie De Bruyne	NL [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

Other Human and Social Sciences

BPOLS1124	Moral Philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1125	General and Social Psychology	Karine Dejean (coord.) Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1322	Mental health, individualism and society *The student enrolled in their block 3 program can take this teaching unit or replace it with an optional teaching unit (with constant credits).*	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

Group Project

BPOLS1352	Multidisciplinary workshop	Valentina Brogna Marie Dufrasne Abraham Franssen Sophie Jacquot Emmanuelle Lenel Renaud Maes Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Languages

Choose one course among the following :

BANGL1392	English III	Gerlanda Cipolla Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]

Alternative teaching units

The student - who has chosen to replace the teaching unit "Mental health, individualism and society" (BPOLS1322) - can select the corresponding 5 credits from the optional teaching units below.

BSOCA1211	Analysis of sociological theories	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BHDPO1316	Transformations and urban politics	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis	Amandine Orsini Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSOCA1210	Sociology of culture	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines	Florence Delmotte	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1315	Political Systems	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BGERM1263	Civilisation of English-speaking territories	Marleen Cré	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BRELI1000	Occidental Religions and Society : judaism, christianity, islam	Benoît Bourgine Farid El Asri Raphaël Gély (coord.) David Lemler	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]

Optional choice of one course unit among :

BHDPO1312	International relations analysis	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1312	International relations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

Optional choice of one course unit among :

BECGE1321	Organisational studies	Karine Dejean	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

⛒ BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NA [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h +12h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action	Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

⛒ Optional choice of one course unit among :

⛒ BECGE1328	Management and strategy	Frank Janssen	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BECGE1320	Management and strategy	Isabelle Callens Pierre Hermant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection	Marie-Laure Mulayi (compensates Olivier Paye)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSPOL1313	Comparative politics	Nicolas Bocquet (compensates Benoît Rihoux)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSPOL1316	The European Political System	Denis Duez	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHDPO1315	EU politics	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSPOL1215	International Organizations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BROMA1100	European Comparative Literature	Amaury Dehoux (compensates Isabelle Ost)	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration	Florence Delmotte	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BROMA1215	Literary theories	Isabelle Ost	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

⛒ Choose one course among the following :

⛒ BECGE1214	Human management	Laurianne Terlinden	FR [q2] [30h +7.5h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management	Ralf Caers	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BMHCI1000	Organisational Communication in a Multicultural Context	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

⛒ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis *Course offered on a transitional basis for students in block 3 who wish to deepen their knowledge of quantitative methods and who have not previously taken this course.*	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h +22.5h] [5 Credits]

⛒ Choose one of courses :
Students wishing to enrol for the Master's degree in Communication Strategy and Digital Culture (ISFSC & UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Brussels) are strongly advised to include the 'Marketing' teaching unit (ECGE1322 or BECGE1324) in the Block 3 programme.

⛒ BECGE1322	Marketing	Julie Masset	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BECGE1324	Marketing	Marie-Julie De Bruyne	NL [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSPOL1210	Political sociology	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

COTB1BA - Information

Access Requirements

Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.
The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

- General access requirements
- Specific access requirements
- Access based on validation of professional experience
- Special requirements to access some programmes

General access requirements

Except as otherwise provided by other specific legal provisions, admission to undergraduate courses leading to the award of a Bachelor's degree will be granted to students with one of the following qualifications :

1. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued during or after the 1993-1994 academic year by an establishment offering full-time secondary education or an adult education centre in the French Community of Belgium and, as the case may be, approved if it was issued by an educational institution before 1 January 2008 or affixed with the seal of the French Community if it was issued after this date, or an equivalent certificate awarded by the Examination Board of the French Community during or after 1994;

2. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued no later than the end of the 1992-1993 academic year, along with official documentation attesting to the student's ability to pursue higher education for students applying for a full-length undergraduate degree programme;

3. A diploma awarded by a higher education institution within the French Community that confers an academic degree issued under the above-mentioned Decree, or a diploma awarded by a university or institution dispensing full-time higher education in accordance with earlier legislation;

4. A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an Adult Education institution;

5. A pass certificate for one of the entrance examinations organized by higher education institutions or by an examination board of the French Community; this document gives admission to studies in the sectors, fields or programmes indicated therein;

6. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification similar to those mentioned above, issued by the Flemish Community of Belgium, the German Community of Belgium or the Royal Military Academy;

7. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent to the first four mentioned above by virtue of a law, decree, European directive or international convention;

Note:

Requests for equivalence must be submitted to the Equivalence department (Service des équivalences) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Community of Belgium in compliance with the official deadline.

The following two qualifications are automatically deemed equivalent to the Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur – CESS):

- European Baccalaureate issued by the Board of Governors of a European School,

- International Baccalaureate issued by the International Baccalaureate Office in Geneva.

8. Official documentation attesting to a student's ability to pursue higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur - DAES), issued by the Examination Board of the French Community;

9. An equivalence decision regarding the level of studies, issued pursuant to Article 93 of the present Decree.

Specific access requirements

- Access to bachelor programmes for candidates of nationality outside the European Union who are not assimilated to Belgian nationals is subject to the following criteria:
  - not have obtained a secondary education diploma for more than 3 years maximum. Example: for an admission application for the academic year 2026-2027, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 ou 2025-2026. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
  - not already hold an undergraduate degree
- Candidates, whatever their nationality, with a secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union** , must have obtained an average of 13/20 minimum or, failing that, have obtained this average, have passed one year of study in Belgium (for example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country** , the admission request must contain the equivalence of your diploma or, at the very least, proof of the filing of the equivalence request with the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). For any information relating to obtaining an equivalence, please refer to the following site.
- For any secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union** , the admission application must contain the equivalence of your diploma issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the DAES or a certificate of successful completion of the examination giving access to 1 st cycle studies when you submit your application

Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

  Pass certificate for the special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect .

  Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.
- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

  Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents) .
- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

  Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents).
- Admission to **undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy**

  Admission to undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents) .
- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

  Admission to undergraduate studies in medecine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses (non-residents).

  Note: students wishing to enrol for a **Bachelor's degree in Medicine** or a **Bachelor's degree in dental science** must first sit an aptitude test (fr) .
- Access to **Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering**

  The Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering is a joint program organised by KU Leuven and UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. In order to register, all candidate must first submit an application via the KU Leuven admission platform . The conditions of access to this programme are specific.
- Access to **Bachelor in Droit – Rechten – Laws**

  The Bachelor in Droit – Rechten – Laws is a joint program organised by KU Leuven and UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. In order to register, all candidate must first submit an application via the KU Leuven admission platform . The conditions of access to this programme are specific.

Teaching method

In addition to traditional lectures, which take place in moderate-sized auditoriums, the faculty has implemented active teaching practices which encourage the use and development of theoretical, methodological and analytical skills.

Furthermore, the information and communication programme includes more 'practical' learning activities, for example in the form of seminars or workshops based on student contributions and held in small groups. This allows students to be in close contact with professors and teacher-researchers within small working groups, and to implement approaches which make concrete use of the knowledge acquired during the programme. Professors also use digital technologies to promote interactivity with students during lectures. All of these measures are implemented during the first four months of year 1, allowing students to get used to university studies at a reasonable pace.

Methodological assistance

The Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of learning support activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the Academic regulations and procedures . More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Assessments are generally carried out by means of an examination. In the case of seminars, they take into account the grades received for work submitted over the course of the year. Examinations are either written (for courses given to large groups of students) or oral. They focus not only on knowledge of the subject matter, but also on a student's ability to apply it to topics not discussed during the course.

Three exam sessions are organised during the academic year, in January, June and August/September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have up to two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and/or September.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Erasmus exchange programme

UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles has exchange agreements with universities outside the French-speaking community of Belgium. These agreements allow students to take part of their bachelor's degree programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. Conversely, students from partner universities may take part of their bachelor's programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles.

Three types of exchange are available to students at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus:

- **Erasmus exchanges** with universities in European Union countries
- **Erasmus Belgica exchanges** with Dutch-language Belgian universities
- **exchanges with universities outside Europe** , on the basis of bilateral agreements

Information and communication students can take part in an Erasmus exchange during the second term of year 3. Find out more about the destinations .

The exchange programme is equivalent to approximately 30 credits. Students who take part in an Erasmus exchange during year 3 may also take part in another Erasmus stay during their master's degree.

Language study grants

The faculty awards grants to students for language courses in various destinations during the summer. The selection of candidates is based on their results and motivation.

Find out more about the language stays and study grants .

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The bachelor's degree in information and communication gives direct access to the following master's degree programmes:

- Master [120] in Journalism
- Master [120] in Communication
- Master [120] in Information and Communication Science and Technology
- Master [120] in Communication Strategy and Digital Culture (shift schedule) (master conjoint ISFSC - UCLouvain Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, horaire décalé)
- Master [120] in Performing Arts
- Master [120] in European Studies

Graduates of the bachelor's degree in information and communication also have access to the following programmes under certain conditions:

- Master [120] in Multilingual Communication

Other master's degrees are also available on completion of additional courses.

Master's studies can be pursued at UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve campus, or at another university in Belgium or elsewhere in Europe.

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Curriculum Management

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