UCLouvain

SPTB1BA

2026 - 2027

Bachelor in Political Sciences (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 : **NO**
Main study domain : **Sciences politiques et sociales**
Organized by: **Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and Communication Saint-Louis (ESPO-SaintLouis)**
Programme acronym: **SPTB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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SPTB1BA - Introduction

Introduction

Introduction

Are you interested in the world around you and the way in which political power is exercised at national, European and international level?

Completing a bachelor's degree in political science in a trilingual French-English-Dutch programme is an asset for your future studies and career in a multilingual and international environment.

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's programme in political science at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus allows you to take part of your programme in English and Dutch. Students take part of their programme in a language other than French, which amounts to four course units per year (two in English and two in Dutch) for the trilingual French-English-Dutch programme.

The bachelor's degree in political science mainly involves learning how to understand the mechanisms of power which govern today's world:

- How are decisions made, and at which levels of power?
- Who actually influences decisions and in whose interest?
- What are the main systems of political power both historically and throughout the world?
- How can we explain their emergence, evolution, successes and difficulties?
- What are the main contemporary issues at national, European and global level? Who do they oppose? What are the power relationships involved? What are the possible outcomes?

These are just some of the questions which political science provides answers to through various specialised areas: political parties and interest groups, electoral studies, international relations, political regimes, etc.

But power does not operate in isolation. Courses in sociology, history, law, economics and philosophy shed light on human relations in general, as well as on how they function and evolve. Finally, in order to decipher a political issue, it is necessary to master the tools for gathering and analysing the data required for a scientific understanding of human phenomena: documentary research, field observations, interviews, opinion polls, statistical analyses, etc.

Your profile

Would you like to understand the issues and political and social transformations in contemporary societies? Would you like to play an active role at local, national, European and international level?

An open mind, intellectual curiosity, knowledge of English and Dutch and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for future students in the trilingual political science programme.

- 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

The bachelor's degree in political science gives access to a variety of master's programs in Belgium and abroad. A master's degree in political science opens up a wide range of career opportunities.

Political scientists work in all positions related to government action:

- its implementation: government administration, international organisations, the European Commission, regional public bodies, etc;
- its elaboration: participation in an elected assembly, parliamentary or ministerial assistance, consulting firm;
- its influence: lobbying, campaigning in an NGO, attaché for a political party, a trade union, an industry association, etc;
- its analysis: journalism, consultancy, polling, research, analysis in a research department;
- its teaching: continuing education or social advancement organisations, upper secondary education, higher education or university.

Your programme

The bachelor's degree in political science is a first-cycle programme (a 'transition' bachelor's degree), consisting of 180 credits spread over three years (60 credits per year).

The programme is divided into two parts: one general, the other of a political science nature.

The general part of the programme aims to provide a background in the humanities and social sciences. This knowledge is acquired through introductory courses in the main disciplines of the humanities and social sciences (philosophy, history, economics, law, sociology and psychology), and through course units and seminars designed to teach different analytical methods in the humanities and social sciences. The political science part of the programme is structured around both general (political science: founding texts) and specialised (comparative politics, political parties and interest groups, EU politics, analysis of public action, analysis of international relations, etc.) political science course units.

In the trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's degree in political science, two course units are taught in English and two course units are taught in Dutch for each year of the programme.

- First year: *Analyse van de media-instelligen, Sociologie (NL), Political science, Geopolitics*
- Second year: *International relations, Politieke sociologie, Economie 1 (NL), Economics 2*

- Third year: *EU Politics, Media en Politiek, International Organisations, Milieu en samenleving*

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.

In addition, students continue to perfect their language skills by taking English and Dutch courses in first, second and third year.

Furthermore, during the second term of the third year, students may take part in an Erasmus exchange at a university in Europe, Asia, North America or South America, whose programmes are taught in a language other than French.

Another option is for students who pass the June exam session to apply for a summer language study grant in Flanders or abroad.

The Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus also offers a bilingual (French-English) bachelor's degree programme in political science.

Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. They allow students to take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree.

The second programme must comprise a minimum of 60 credits and a maximum of 105 additional credits. It can be spread over several years or completed after the main bachelor's programme.

The dual bachelor's degree has the same value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.

Dual bachelor's degree programmes available for political science students:

- Bachelor in Law [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]
- Bachelor in Philosophy [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]
- Bachelor in History [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]
- Bachelor in Information and Communication [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]
- Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]
- Bachelor in Economics and Management [Dual Bachelor’s degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences]

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: espo-slb@uclouvain.be .

SPTB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

By the end of their trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's degree in political science, students will have acquired:

I A grounding in the core teachings and methods of the discipline of political science

- **A command of the fundamentals of political science and its epistemological grounding, with a view to addressing the key research issues of the discipline**
- **A thorough grounding in political science, in its various branches: international relations, European studies, (national) political institutions and regimes, studies of political parties and pressure groups, analysis of public policies and political ideas, etc.**

II Basic knowledge in fields complementary to political science

- **The ability to draw on interdisciplinary knowledge from various fields of the humanities and social sciences in order to analyse contemporary or historical social phenomena**
- **General knowledge of the humanities and social sciences, based on an understanding of the main postulates and teachings of the various disciplines, as well as their methods and the related ethical issues**

III A grounding in the scientific method

- **The ability to apply the rules and ethical principles of the scientific approach in political science**
- **The ability to gather and analyse quantitative and qualitative empirical data with discernment**
  - The gradual ability to produce analytical work on contemporary political issues, on their own or as part of a team
  - The gradual ability to gather information using the most relevant data collection methods (statistics, etc.)
- **The ability to carry out an analysis independently as well as jointly with peers**
- **Critical thinking and independent judgement**
- **The ability to analyse information, based on a review of the relevant literature and the most appropriate analytical methods**

IV High-level written and oral communication skills in French, English and Dutch

- **The ability to communicate the results of an analysis in a clear, coherent, structured and well-presented manner, in both written and oral form in French, English and Dutch**
- **The ability to take a course and the oral or written exam in English and Dutch**
- **Fluency in spoken and written English and Dutch; more specifically, the ability to carry on an everyday conversation and to communicate about the subjects and analyses of political science**
- **A familiarisation with an environment in a language other than their own (stays abroad with the possibility of an Erasmus exchange within or outside Europe in the third year of the bachelor's programme)**

Programme structure

The bachelor's degree in political science 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, which they can take at Louvain-la-Neuve or another university in Belgium or Europe (for details, see the 'Access to further studies' page).

The first year of the degree is common to the political science, information and communication and sociology and anthropology programmes offered by the faculty. In addition to the educational commitment to providing a solid foundation for a multidisciplinary programme, which is one of the hallmarks of the programmes offered at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles, this shared 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 (information and communication or sociology and anthropology) without having to make up any course units.

The programme gradually becomes more specialised: the second year includes 20 credits in political science, and the third year includes 30 credits in political science.

The programme 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), as well as lessons in academic methodology accompanied by practical work (e.g. approaches and research methods in social sciences).

At the end of the programme, there is a workshop during which students work together in the field in small groups and present their work to a panel of experts, who assess the quality of the presentation and the relevance of the analysis.

SPTB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- 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:

				Year 1	2	3
Political Sciences						
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		
BSPOL1312	International relations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines	Florence Delmotte	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	
BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition	Marie-Monique Franssen (compensates Benedikte Zitouni)	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis	Amandine Orsini Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSPOL1315	Political Systems	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [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
BPOLS1320	Media and politics	Dave Sinardet	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
Law						
BESPO1176	Law	Diane Bernard	FR [q1] [45h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1120	Public Law	Nicolas Bernard (compensates Isabelle Hachez)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
Economics and management						
BPOLS1122	Principles of Microeconomics	Jean-François Fagnart	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	
BPOLS1127	Principles of Macroeconomics	Koen Algoed (compensates Hélène Latzer)	EN [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	
BHDPO1222	Economic Policy	Arastou Khatibi Arastou Khatibi (compensates Tom Truyts)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
Other Human and Social Sciences						
BESPO1161	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	x		

				Year 1	2	3
BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h+4h] [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		
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
BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [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	Nicolas Marquis	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

BANGL1192	English I	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan Melissa Uzumcuoglu	EN [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BNEER1183	Dutch I	Astrid De Munter (coord.) Luc De Pauw Pauline Heyvaert Aurélie Sporcq	NL [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]	x		
BANGL1292	English II	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	
BNEER1282	Dutch II	Isolde Boutsen Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	NL [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	

Choose one course among the following :

				Year 1	2	3
BANGL1392	English III	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]			x
BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (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), may choose 5 credits from the optional teaching units presented below.

BHIST1284	History of Modern Times	Sarah Barthélemy (compensates Philippe Desmette) Serge Dauchy	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]			x
BHIST1311	Introduction to historical geography	Sébastien Dubois	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHIST1283	Medieval History	Eric Bousmar	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]			x
BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHDPO1321	Global limits and responsibility for the climate and nature	Camille Bertaux (compensates Marie-Sophie de Clippele) Delphine Misonne	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHDPO1316	Transformations and urban politics	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FR [q2] [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
BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1212	Social-history of media	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use	Geoffroy Patriarche	EN [q1] [30h+14h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1310	Semiotics	Anne-Sophie Collard	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1313	International communications	Georgios Terzis	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of journalism	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			x
BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1210	Sociology of culture	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1211	Analysis of sociological theories	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action	Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration	Florence Delmotte	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+12h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition	Marie-Monique Franssen (compensates Benedikte Zitouni)	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1321	Society and Environment	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]			x

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⊠ BHDDR1361	Justice and Politics	Xavier Delgrange	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion	Jogchum Vrielink	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BFILO1318	Political philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BDROI1340	General Theory of the State and the European Union		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] △			x
⊠ Optional choice of one course unit among:						
⊠ BCOMU1315	Communication and organisations	Agnès d'Arripe	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ Optional choice of one course unit among :						
⊠ BCOMU1210	Communication, culture and social interactions	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h+6h] [5 Credits]			x
⊠ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication	Greet De Baets	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

BHDPO1222 "Politique économique" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1127
- BPOLS1127 - Principles of Macroeconomics

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

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

BPOLS1120 "Droit public" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
- BESPO1176 - Law

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

BPOLS1331 "Méthodes quantitatives II: analyse des données" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences

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

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

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

SPTB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- Optional
- Not offered in 2026-2027
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- 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:

Political Sciences

BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1116	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Silke Goubin	NL [q2] [30h] [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]
BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h +4h] [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	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan Melissa Uzumcuoglu	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
BNEER1183	Dutch I	Astrid De Munter (coord.) Luc De Pauw Pauline Heyvaert Aurélie Sporcq	NL [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]

SPTB1BA - 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:

Political Sciences

BSPOL1312	International relations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines	Florence Delmotte	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition	Marie-Monique Franssen (compensates Benedikte Zitouni)	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

Law

BPOLS1120	Public Law	Nicolas Bernard (compensates Isabelle Hachez)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Economics and management

BPOLS1122	Principles of Microeconomics	Jean-François Fagnart	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
BPOLS1127	Principles of Macroeconomics	Koen Algoed (compensates Hélène Latzer)	FR [q2] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]

Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

BPOLS1235	Quantitative Methods I: Statistics and Data Production	Nicolas Marquis	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	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits]
BNEER1282	Dutch II	Isolde Boutsen Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	NL [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits]

SPTB1BA - 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:

Political Sciences

BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis	Amandine Orsini Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
BSPOL1315	Political Systems	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [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]
BPOLS1320	Media and politics	Dave Sinardet	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

Economics and management

BHDPO1222	Economic Policy	Arastou Khatibi Arastou Khatibi (compensates Tom Truyts)	FR [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]
BECGE1326	Humans and organization	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [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 Marleen Cré Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (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), may choose 5 credits from the optional teaching units presented below.

⊠ BHIST1284	History of Modern Times	Sarah Barthélemy (compensates Philippe Desmette) Serge Dauchy	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHIST1311	Introduction to historical geography	Sébastien Dubois	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHIST1283	Medieval History	Eric Bousmar	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHDPO1321	Global limits and responsibility for the climate and nature	Camille Bertaux (compensates Marie-Sophie de Clippele) Delphine Misonne	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHDPO1316	Transformations and urban politics	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FR [q2] [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]
⊠ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h +14h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BCOMU1310	Semiotics	Anne-Sophie Collard	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BCOMU1313	International communications	Georgios Terzis	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊠ BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of journalism	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]

⛒ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1210	Sociology of culture	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1211	Analysis of sociological theories	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action	Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration	Florence Delmotte	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h +12h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1210	Political communication and political strategy	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1211	Global Society in-between Modernity and Tradition	Marie-Monique Franssen (compensates Benedikte Zitouni)	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods II: Data Analysis	Nicolas Marquis	FR [q2] [30h +22.5h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BHDDR1361	Justice and Politics	Xavier Delgrange	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion	Jogchum Vrielink	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BFILO1318	Political philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BDROI1340	General Theory of the State and the European Union		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] Δ

⛒ Optional choice of one course unit among:

⛒ BCOMU1315	Communication and organisations	Agnès d'Arripe	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]

⛒ Optional choice of one course unit among :

⛒ BCOMU1210	Communication, culture and social interactions	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h +6h] [5 Credits]
⛒ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication	Greet De Baets	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]

SPTB1BA - 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, active teaching practices encourage the use and development of theoretical, methodological and analytical skills.

Furthermore, the bachelor's degree in political science 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.

The Saint-Louis Bruxelles campus is located right in the centre of Brussels, with easy metro and train connections as well as other practical advantages. But above all, its location close to the headquarters of national and European political institutions allows interactions and participation in activities to take place in relation to these stakeholders.

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 support activities.

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

Exchange programmes

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:

- 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

Students in political science can take part in an ERASMUS exchange in the second term of year 3. Find out more about the proposed destinations. The exchange programme is equivalent to approximately 30 credits.

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.

Students who take part in an Erasmus exchange during year 3 may also take part in another Erasmus stay during their master's degree.

Find out more about the language stays and study grants .

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

A trilingual bachelor's degree is an asset for pursuing a master's degree in Flanders or Europe.

The trilingual bachelor's degree in political science gives direct access to the following master's programmes at UCLouvain's Louvain-la-Neuve campus, or at another university in the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, in Belgium (Flanders) or elsewhere in Europe.

Master's degrees [120]

- Master [120] in Political Sciences: General
- Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations
- Master [120] in Public Administration
- Master [120] in European Studies
- Master [120] in Population and Development Studies
- Master [120] in Labour sciences (shift schedule)

Master's degrees [60]

- Master [60] in Political Sciences: General
- Master [60] in Labour Sciences (shift schedule)

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