



## SPAB1BA - Introduction

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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 bilingual French-English programme is an asset for your future studies and career in an international environment.

The bilingual French-English bachelor's programme in political science at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus allows you to take part of your programme in English. Students take part of their programme in a language other than French, which amounts to three course units per year in English for the bilingual French/English 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 constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for future students in the bilingual political science programme.

- You have a basic knowledge of English, allowing you to take courses in English.
- 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.


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- Third year:



## Detailed programme by subject

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- Mandatory
  - ✘ Optional
  - △ Not offered in 2023-2024
  - ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
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  - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 or the following year
  - Activity with requisites
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## Course prerequisites

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The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the

- BESPO1170 - Economics I
  - BPOLS1127 - Economics II
- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
- BHDPO1316** "Mutations et politiques urbaines " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - Sociology
- BHDPO1317** "Partis politiques et groupes d'intérêt" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
- 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
- BPOLS1233** "Méthodes quantitatives II: Statistique" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences
- BPOLS1252** "Questions spéciales d'anthropologie" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160 OU BPOLS1111
- BESPO1160 - Sociology
  - BPOLS1111 - Anthropology
- BPOLS1320** "Media en politiek" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BPOLS1114
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
  - BPOLS1114 - Communication science

	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1310</b>	" <a href="#">Travail, emploi et protection sociale</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1312</b>	" <a href="#">International relations</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1313</b>	" <a href="#">Politique comparée</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1315</b>	" <a href="#">Régimes politiques</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1316</b>	" <a href="#">Système politique européen</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BSPOL1322</b>	" <a href="#">Analyse de l'action publique</a> " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BESPO1160
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
	• BESPO1160 - <a href="#">Sociology</a>

## 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

### SPAB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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- 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...)

### o Content:

#### o Political Sciences

● BESPO1165	<a href="#">Political Science</a>	<a href="#">Emmanuel Klimis</a>	ES [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● BPOLS1112	<a href="#">The Political Institutions of Belgium</a>	<a href="#">Yannick Vanderborght</a>	ES [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

#### o Law

● BESPO1176	<a href="#">Law</a>	<a href="#">Diane Bernard Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin (coord.)</a>	ES [q1] [45h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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#### o Other Human and Social Sciences

● BESPO1160	<a href="#">Sociology</a>	<a href="#">Benedikte Zitouni</a>	ES [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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○ BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	EN [q2] [30h +4h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Olivier Schmitz (compensates Jean- Pierre Delchambre)	EN [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	EN [q1] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	EN [q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]

### ○ Languages

○ BANGL1192	English I	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Françoise Longrée (coord.) Tanja Temmerman (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
○ BNEER1183	Dutch I <i>Will benefit from a course unit of Dutch for Beginners or Spanish in first year: 1) The student who has had less than two hours of Dutch per week throughout the year in one of</i>		



● BNEER1282	<b>Dutch II</b>  <i>Student who replaced the course unit of Dutch I the First Year by Dutch for Beginners I or Spanish I should follow the Second Year, the same course unit, higher level (Dutch for Beginners II or Spanish II). Additional informations are available at the Faculty secretariat.</i>	<b>Isolde Boutsen (coord.)</b> <b>Barbara Fraipont</b> <b>Pauline Heyvaert</b>	<b>NU</b> [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 
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[30h] [5  
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## Languages

Choose one course among the following :

⊗ BANGL1392	English III 🟡	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Julie George Garkov David Leisterh Françoise Longrée (coord.) Madeline Riordan Tanja Temmerman	FR [q1] [0h] +30h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BNEER1382	Dutch III 🟡	Isolde Boutsen	NL [q1] [0h] +30h] [5 Credits]

### Optional Courses

List of optional units to be chosen, in place of course unit "Labour, employment and social protection":

⊗ BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1321	Law, Governance and Sustainable development	Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.) Delphine Misonne	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BHIST1311	Introduction to historical geography	Sébastien Dubois	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BHIST1284	History of Modern Times	Serge Dauchy Philippe Desmette	FR [q1] [60h] [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]
⊗ BCOMU1310	Semiotics 🟡	Anne-Sophie Collard ⊗	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use 🟡	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h +14h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of journalism 🟡	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BCOMU1316			
⊗ BSOCA1211	Analysis of sociological theories 🟡	Véronique Degraef (compensates Jean- Pierre Delchambre) Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
⊗ BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic 🟡		



⌘ BECGE1326

✂ BCOMU1210	Communication, culture and social interactions 🇺🇸	Geoffroy Patriarche	EN [q2] [30h] +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✂ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication 🇺🇸	Claude Bernard	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

✂ **Optional choice of one course unit among :**

✂ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment 🇺🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✂ BSOCA1314	Society and environment 🇺🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✂ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

## SPAB1BA - Information

### Access Requirements

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- 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<sup>st</sup> 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](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html>).

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 \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

- 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 \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html). (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>)

- 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 \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html). (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>)

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 \(fr\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

## Teaching method

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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

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

## Contacts

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Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

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Acronym

Postal address

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