

SPOL1BA - Introduction

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SPOL1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Study objectives in terms of acquisition of skills :

The bachelor's programme of Political Sciences aims to :

- provide the students with a basic grounding in Political Sciences (and its principal specialities and fields), to enable them to decode socio-political phenomena
- develop the students' capacity of critical analysis and multi-disciplinary reflection, starting with a opening course in the principal disciplines of the Human Sciences and, in particular, Political Sciences
- initiate the students in individual study, by means of an active pedagogical approach which leaves considerable room for personal (and group) work, as well as in the acquisition of written and oral communication skills
- lay the foundation stones to pave the way for further scientific steps (participation in a practical seminar on research, on-the-field contact, acquisition of primordial methodological tools), and to help the students to elaborate reports, respecting the rules of form and of content (a skill necessary both for embarking on the job-market and on the master's programme).

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

AAC1. Maîtriser et mobiliser les savoirs fondamentaux (connaissances, modèles, théories, concepts) de la discipline (ou des disciplines) située(s) au cœur de son orientation d'études et de ses domaines d'application, pour comprendre l'être humain en société et l'ensemble des relations, organisations et institutions auxquelles il participe.

AAC1.1. Démontrer une connaissance et une compréhension critique du socle de savoirs approfondis (connaissances, modèles, théories, concepts) de la discipline (ou des disciplines) de son orientation (autrement dénommée sa « majeure » sur le site de Louvain-la-Neuve) et de ses domaines d'application.

AAC1.2. Comprendre, expliciter et analyser de manière critique, à l'aide du socle de savoirs de la discipline (des disciplines), différentes problématiques propres à son orientation.

AAC2. Maîtriser et mettre en œuvre les premiers jalons d'une démarche universitaire (démarche de recherche scientifique et méthodologique rigoureuse) située sur le plan épistémologique pour approfondir des questionnements/phénomènes relatifs à la (aux) discipline(s) de son orientation.

- Situer toute connaissance produite sur le plan épistémologique (AAC2.1. et AAC2.2.).
- Faire preuve de la maîtrise des premiers jalons d'une démarche scientifique et méthodologique de recherche rigoureuse (AAC2.3. à AAC2.6.).

AAC2.1. Adopter un recul critique sur les savoirs, sur les processus d'élaboration des savoirs, et sur des pratiques dans le domaine de son orientation.

AAC2.2. Mettre en discussion différents paradigmes (ou approches conceptuelles) pour approcher, interpréter et analyser (débatte) un(e) phénomène/question relatif(ve) à la discipline de son orientation.

AAC2.3. Identifier et sélectionner les publications et les méthodes appropriées (en questionner la validité et la pertinence) pour analyser une question relative à la (aux) discipline(s) de son orientation.

AAC2.4. Développer une analyse critique et réflexive de l'information et des publications (en français et en anglais), auxquelles l'étudiant sera confronté dans sa vie universitaire, et en réaliser une synthèse pertinente, conforme aux règles de base de la communication scientifique, en regard de la question qui est étudiée.

AAC2.5. Maîtriser et appliquer de manière rigoureuse les méthodes qualitatives et quantitatives principales relative à la (aux) discipline(s) de son orientation.

AAC2.6. Mener un travail de réflexion autonome et personnel : élaborer une analyse informée, un raisonnement argumenté et un jugement personnel fondé.

AAC3. Elaborer une réflexion personnelle en mobilisant les apports (théories, concepts, démarches...) de différentes disciplines pour questionner et discuter de manière rigoureuse et ouverte un(e) phénomène/question relatif(ve) au domaine des sciences humaines.

AAC3.1. Démontrer une connaissance et une compréhension critique des concepts et théories clés des principales disciplines des sciences humaines et sociales (entre autres : économie, philosophie, droit, histoire, socio-anthropologie, sciences politiques, gestion).

AAC3.2. Approcher, questionner et discuter un(e) phénomène/question relatif(ve) au domaine des sciences humaines en articulant différents angles d'analyse disciplinaires et en veillant à adopter une posture critique et nuancée vis-à-vis des limites de chaque discipline et de leurs interrelations.

AAC3.3. Démontrer une connaissance et une compréhension critique de savoirs approfondis dans d'autres disciplines que celles de son orientation (discipline(s) relative(s) à son choix de mineure pour les programmes organisés à Louvain-la-Neuve).

AAC4. Communiquer et collaborer, en français et dans deux langues étrangères, tant à l'oral qu'à l'écrit, en s'adaptant à ses interlocuteurs et au contexte en vue de pouvoir s'insérer dans un contexte international.

AAC4.1. Communiquer, à l'oral et à l'écrit sur des sujets complexes (des informations, des réflexions, des conclusions ainsi que les connaissances et principes sous-jacents) de façon claire, structurée, argumentée selon les standards de communication spécifiques au contexte et en adaptant sa présentation au public visé et aux intentions poursuivies.

AAC4.2. Pour 2 langues étrangères* (anglais et néerlandais ou allemand ou espagnol) : communiquer à l'oral et à l'écrit de façon claire, cohérente, argumentée et avec aisance sur des sujets d'ordre général ou relatifs au domaine d'études ; Percevoir les différences et similitudes entre la culture cible (relative à la langue concernée) et la culture d'origine ainsi qu'utiliser des stratégies appropriées pour établir le contact avec des locuteurs de la culture cible.

* Pour l'anglais (toutes les compétences langagières), Niveau B2 du cadre européen commun de référence.

AAS5.3. S'exercer à élaborer ses propres jugements critiques à propos des évolutions des phénomènes et enjeux socio-politiques contemporains et élaborer une prise de position personnelle argumentée.

Programme structure

The Bachelor's programme, which provides basic pluridisciplinary training, comprises a pool of subjects common to the Faculty as well as specific courses in Political Sciences. Thanks to the common pool of subjects, the student will have the possibility, after the January session, to re-orientate himself to one or another programme of the Faculty, if so desired.

The three year programme corresponds to 180 credits and consists of a major, an ensemble of courses, seminars and exercises, totalling 150 credits.

To widen his intellectual and professional horizons, the student may choose a minor (30 credits) which will enable him to discover another subject ; he may likewise choose to go more deeply into his major by means of an ensemble of options (30 credits). The choice of the minor and the options, must be approved by the Programme Supervisor.

The choice of a minor also facilitates re-orientation when it comes to selecting the master's programme. The role of the Programme Supervisor and of the Study Advisor is important with respect to subject choice (information, advice, etc.)

On a general level:

- one year is dedicated to providing initiation into the principal Human Science disciplines (including a course in Political Sciences) and a seminar in university study approaches and methods
- one year is dedicated to the acquisition of primordial methodological tools and the disciplines of Social Sciences (in particular, within the different specialities of Political Sciences and Sociology)
- and one year is dedicated to the pursuit of the acquisition of methodological tools and a piece of work revolving more specifically around the principal specialities and fields of Political Sciences (in particular international relations, public action and comparative politics).

SPOL1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ✂ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊙ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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 Programme de base (150 credits)						

o Formation interdisciplinaire en sciences humaines (31 credits)

● LESPO1113	Sociology and Anthropology of the Contemporary Worlds	Joseph Amougou Elisabeth Defreyne Hugues Draelants	[FR] [q1 or q2] [40h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
● LSPED1213	Contemporary issues in development policy: a comparative approach	Joseph Amougou (compensates) Benjamin Chemouni Benjamin Chemouni	[FR] [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

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o Formation en langues

o LANGL1330	English intermediate level - 1st part	Stéphanie Brabant Charline Coduti (compensates Anne- Julie Toubeau) Estelle Dagneaux Jean-Luc Delghust Aurélie Deneumoustier Fanny Desterbecq Marie Duelz Claudine Grommersch Adrien Kefer Sandrine Mulkers (coord.) Yannick Paquin (compensates Anne- Julie Toubeau) Marc Pivnik (coord.) Françoise Stas	ES [q1 or q2] [20h] [3 Credits]
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SPOL1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🌐 Not open to incoming exchange students

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⌘ LALLE1330	Deutsch Mittelstufe I	Mélanie Mottin (compensates Ann Rinder)	DE [q1+q2] [45h] [3 Credits] 
⌘ LESPA1330	General Spanish for Political and Social Science and Communications	Fernando Juan San Basilio Pardo (compensates Osvaldo Serey Mendoza)	ES [q2]

SPOL1BA - 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

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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 centre;
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.

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 2024-2025, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 ou 2023-2024. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
 - not already hold an undergraduate degree
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Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Ongoing evaluation : exercises and personal pieces of work

Written and oral exams

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Positioning of the programme within the University cursus

The bachelor's degree in Political Sciences entitles direct access to the master's of Political Sciences, delivered by any university institution within the French-speaking Community in Belgium : the master's of Political Sciences (general orientation), the master's of Political Sciences (international relations) and the master's of Public Administration.

Those possessing a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology or in the Human and Social Sciences from UCL, who have followed the minor in Political Sciences, are likewise entitled direct access to the master's of Political Sciences (general orientation), the master's of Political Sciences (international relations) and the master's of Public Administration.

Other studies available upon completion of the programme

The bachelor's degree in Political Sciences entitles direct access to the master's organised by other departments of the Faculty of Economic Sciences, Social and Political Sciences or by other faculties, subject to respect of the conditions and prerequisites specified for those programmes. In the case of lacking credits, these may be made up either by being added to the master's programme (if the number of lacking credits does not surpass 15 credits), or by completing a complementary/preparatory year before embarking on the master's.
