

At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **NO** - Internship : **NO**

Activities in English: **optional** - Activities in other languages : **optional**

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: **SOCB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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SOCB1BA - Introduction

Introduction

Introduction

Sociology and anthropology originate from the desire of modern societies to know more about themselves and about other societies, and to be able to influence their own actions. The approach adopted by sociologists and anthropologists combines a capacity for analysis with an awareness of concrete realities (through survey techniques, field studies, etc.). It is both rigorous and creative.

The field of study of these two disciplines is extremely vast: social change, gender relations, power, inequalities, globalisation, multiculturalism, cities and mobility, beliefs, family, sexuality, new media, social networks, ecological issues, health and well-being, etc.

From fundamental research to support in the decision-making process (consulting) and service to society, these two disciplines address a wide range of issues. In a world in constant turmoil, the knowledge and skills of sociologists and anthropologists are more relevant than ever.

Your profile

Would you like to understand the issues and social and cultural transformations in contemporary societies? Would you like to be an agent of change? An open mind, an interest in human relations, discovering the diversity of cultures and foreign languages, intellectual curiosity and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for sociology and anthropology students.

Your future job

Sociologists and anthropologists are valued for their ability to analyse the world we live in, while helping to solve the problems or reduce the tensions which arise in societies marked by change, complexity and diversity.

- Social intervention and political sphere (at local, regional, federal, European or international level)d diversity.

degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment.

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

The following second degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)
- [Bachelor in Law \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)

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

SOCB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

At the end of their bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, students will have acquired the following skills:

I. A grounding in the core teachings and methods of the discipline

- **A command of the fundamentals of sociology and anthropology, and their epistemological grounding, with a view to addressing the key research issues of the discipline**
- **A thorough grounding in sociology and anthropology, through general and specialised courses:** sociology, anthropology, analysis of sociological theories, political sociology, cultural sociology, special anthropological issues, socio-anthropology of symbolics, sociology of collective action, etc.

II. Basic knowledge in fields complementary to sociology and anthropology

- **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 sociology and anthropology**
- **The ability to gather and analyse quantitative and qualitative empirical data with discernment**
 - The ability to research, read, understand, question and summarise academic texts
 - The gradual ability to produce analytical work on contemporary social phenomena, on their own or as part of a team
 - The gradual ability to gather information using the most relevant quantitative and qualitative data collection methods (statistics, questionnaire surveys, interviews, observation methods, etc.)
- **The ability to carry out an analysis independently as well as jointly with peers**
- **Critical thinking and independent judgement**
- **The ability to communicate in a structured, relevant and reasoned manner, using the concepts and methods of the discipline**
 - The ability to communicate the results of an analysis in a clear, coherent, structured and well-presented manner, in both written and oral form
 - 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

- **The ability to communicate in at least one foreign language**
 - Fluency in spoken and written English and Dutch or Spanish; more specifically, the ability to carry on an everyday conversation and to communicate about the subjects and analyses of the social sciences
 - A sufficient command of English and/or Dutch in order to take a course and the oral or written exam in the target language (choice of a course in Dutch or English in the third year)
 - A familiarisation with an environment in a language other than their own (ERASMUS exchange in the third year)

Programme structure

The bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology 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 another university (for further information, 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 (political science or information and communication) without having to make up any course units.

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

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.

Each year, the themes of the work are reviewed in the light of current events and research projects.

SOCB1BA Programme



Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
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				Year		
				1	2	3
○ BPOLS1120	Public Law 	Nicolas Bernard (compensates Isabelle Hachez)	PK [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	

○ Economics and management

○ BPOLS1122	Economics I	Jean-François Fagnart	PK [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 		x	
○ BPOLS1123	Economics II	Koen Declercq	PK [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 			

				Year		
				1	2	3
⌘ BSPOL1312	International relations 	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 			x

Alternatives

> [Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences\]](https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-socb1ba-programme)
[<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-socb1ba-programme>]

BACHELOR IN SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY [DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCES]

- 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

○ Content:

○ Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Political Sciences

This standard dual Bachelor's degree programme is subject to change according to a student's academic choices and possible changes in the Bachelor's programmes.

Remark : courses followed in the context of a dual-degree programme MAY NOT count towards the main Bachelor's degree in Political Sciences.

Total number of credits in the dual-degree programme: 60 credits.

○ Discipline

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○ BPOLS1110	Communication science	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h +6h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1112	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h +4h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1121	Contemporary History	Bérengère Piret	FR [q2] [30h +11h] [5 Credits]

o 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]

o Languages

○ BANGL1192	English I	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Priscilla Hemeleers Françoise Longrée (coord.) Isabelle Lukau Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Melissa Uzumcuoglu	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 the last four years of high school; 2) The student who have completed high school in 2019-2020 or earlier and who has not been trained in Dutch between the end of high school and its registration in St. Louis. Additional informations and forms to fill out are available at the Faculty secretariat.</i>	Astrid De Munter (coord.) Nadine Kayobotsi (coord.)	

SOCB1BA - 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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○ BNEER1282

Dutch II 

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.

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SOCB1BA - 3RD 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
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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

o Content:

o Sociology and Anthropology

● BSOCA1312	Socio-anthropology of the symbolic ■	Olivier Schmitz (compensates Jean- Pierre Delchambre)	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Choose one course among the following :

⌘ BPOLS1321	
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SOCB1BA - 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
- 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 1st 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 medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](#).

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.

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 sociology and anthropology 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 social stakeholders, associations, NGOs and 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 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".

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 examination 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.

- [Master \[120\] in Labour sciences \(shift schedule\)](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Labour Sciences \(shift schedule\)](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Family and Sexuality Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

Access subject to completion of additional courses or application

These programmes are also available to students with a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology on completion of additional courses during their master's degree and subject to compliance with entry requirements and prerequisites:

- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: International Relations](#) (Mons)
- [Master \[120\] in Criminology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Public Administration](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication Strategy and Digital Culture \(shift schedule\)](#) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve), [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Mons), [Master \[120\] in Communication \(shift schedule\)](#) (Mons)
- [Master \[120\] in Journalism](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Sciences of Religions](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

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Denomination

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Acronym

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