

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

- Third year: *EU Politics, International Organisations, Ethics and the Economy*

The courses are usually taught by native English speakers or faculty members who have completed all or part of their university studies in English.

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 trilingual (French-English-Dutch) 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.



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<input type="radio"/> BNEER1282	Dutch II	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	NL [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	
<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>						

Choose one course among the following :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]			x

Optional Courses

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BHDPO1321	Law, Governance and Sustainable development	Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.) Delphine Misonne	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BHIST1311	Introduction to historical geography	Sébastien Dubois	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BHIST1284	History of Modern Times	Serge Dauchy Philippe Desmette	FR [q1] [60h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRELI1000	Occidental Religions and Society : judaism, christianity, islam	Benoît Bourguine Farid El Asri Raphaël Gély (coord.) David Lemler	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BCOMU1310	Semiotics	Anne-Sophie Collard	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BCOMU1250	Media reception and media use	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h+14h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BCOMU1316	Issues and practices of digital media		FR [q1] [30h+14h] [5 Credits]			x

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⊗ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics 🟡	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+12h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action 🟡	Abraham Franssen Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power 🟡	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ 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] 🌐			



- 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
- BPOLS1321** "Society and Environment" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
 - BESPO1160

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

SPAB1BA - 1ST 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 Political Sciences

● BESPO1165	Political Science	Emmanuel Klimis	ES [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● BPOLS1112	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Yannick Vanderborcht	ES [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Law

● BESPO1176	Law	Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin (compensates Diane Bernard)	FR [q2] m39.067001 01 m 36.8499981 S Q q 1 0 0
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SPAB1BA - 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
 - [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)
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o Languages

o Choose one course among the following :

⌘ BANGL1392

English III

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

⊗ BCOMU1315	Communication and organisations 🟡	Agnès d'Arripe	FB [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations 🟡	Thomas Jacobs	FB [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🟡	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🟡	Geoffroy Patriarche	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media 🟡	Marie Dufrasne	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1313	International communications 🟡	Georgios Terzis	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BPOLS1320	Media and politics 🟡	Dave Sinardet	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics 🟡	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FB [q2] [30h +12h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSOCA1310	The Sociology of Collective Action 🟡	Abraham Franssen Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSOCA1315	Analysis and theories of power 🟡	Benedikte Zitouni	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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⊗ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion 🟡	Jogchum Vrielink	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BFILO1318	Political philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration 🟡	Florence Delmotte	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1316	The European Political System 🟡	Denis Duez	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BDROI1340	General Theory of the State and the European Union 🟡	Hugues Dumont	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

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

⊗ BCOMU1210	Communication, culture and social interactions 🟡	Geoffroy Patriarche	FB [q2] [30h +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication 🟡	Greet De Baets	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

⌘ Optional choice of one course unit among :

⌘ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment 🇵🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	PS [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BSOCA1314	Society and environment 🇵🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	PS [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	PS [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

SPAB1BA - 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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- [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 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.

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 [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 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.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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

The 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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Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

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