



SPDB1BA

2024 - 2025

SPDB1BA - Introduction

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The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus offers a bachelor's degree programme in political science during the day, as well as in the evening, which is unique among French-speaking universities in Belgium. For over thirty years, Saint-Louis has offered an evening programme for those who wish to further their education or redirect it, while working or looking for a job during the day.

Classes are held Monday to Friday, from 5.15pm to 8.15pm or 9.15pm. They take place in the centre of Brussels, at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus (between the Rogier and Botanique metro stations, near the Gare du Nord). This programme entitles private-sector employees to paid educational leave.

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. A bachelor's degree in political science addresses these different issues.

The programme also includes course units in the humanities – sociology, philosophy, law, economics, etc. – which shed light on human relations, how they function and how they evolve. Students will also acquire in-depth knowledge of data collection and statistics, in order to gain an academic understanding of human phenomena.

Your profile

You would like to combine your professional life with university studies, you enjoy topical debates, you want to know more about world developments, you would like to become capable of interacting in English on political subjects, and you have a strong interest in rigorous analysis based on cross-checked data.

Your future job

The political science programme is divided into two cycles: the three-year bachelor's degree and the one- or two-year master's degree. After completing a master's degree in political science (general or international relations), there are many and varied career opportunities:

- Administrative agent for the state, an international organisation, the European Commission or a public body
- Elected official, ministerial advisor, parliamentary attaché, partner in a consulting firm
- Lobbyist in a pressure group, campaign manager in an NGO, attaché for a party, a trade union, an industry association, etc.
- Journalist, consultant, pollster, researcher, analyst in a research department
- Educator in a continuing education organisation
- Teacher (secondary, higher education, social advancement)

Your programme

The programme begins with a range of general courses in the humanities, mainly in year 1. The number of courses in political science, social science methods and English increases each year. It also includes several law courses.

SPDB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

By the end of their 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.

All political science CUs in years 2 and 3

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

CUs in philosophy, economics, law, history, sociology and psychology, as of year 1

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.)

Quantitative methods CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

- 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
- 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

All methodological CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

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)
- The ability to communicate in at least one foreign language
 - Fluency in spoken and written English; more specifically, the ability to carry on an everyday conversation and to communicate about the subjects and analyses of the social sciences

All English language CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

Programme structure

The bachelor's degree in political science (evening programme) 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 introductory courses in the main disciplines which make up political science (economics, public law, political sociology, political history) as well as general political science courses (political science, political science: founding texts) and specialised courses (comparative politics, political parties and interest groups, EU politics, analysis of public action, analysis of international relations, etc.).

SPDB1BA Programme





Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
 - ⊗ Optional
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 - ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
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 - Activity with requisites
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Year

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o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BHDPO1221	Contemporary History	Bérengère Piret	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 	X		
○ BHDPO1125	Sociology	Abraham Franssen	FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 	X		
○ BHDDR1160	Philosophy and moral philosophy	Jeanne-Marie Roux	FR [q1+q2] [90h] [10 Credits] 	X		
○ BHDDR1124	Psychology	Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 			

Detailed programme per annual block

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- △ ⊕ 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 \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

SPDB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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- △ ⊕ 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 Content :**o Political Sciences**

○ BHDPO1312	International relations analysis ■	Emmanuel Klimis (compensates Amandine Orsini)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups ■	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BSPOL1210	Political sociology ■	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDPO1211	Political science: Founding texts ■	Olivier Paye	FR [q1+q2] [30h +15h] [10 Credits] 🌐

o Law

○ BHDPO1220	Constitutional Law II ■	Luc Detroux Mathias El Berhoumi	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Economics and management

○ BHDPO1122	Economics	Xavier Wauthy	FR [q2] [45h +15h] [10 Credits] 🌐
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o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BHDDR1124	Psychology	Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Methods

○ BHDPO1230	Research methods in social sciences ■	Renaud Maes	FR [q1] [45h] [10 Credits] 🌐
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o Language

○ BHDPO1290	English II ■	Milena Fontana Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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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](#)

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Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

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Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and
Communication Saint-Louis ([ESPB](#))

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

ESPB

