



## SPOB1BA - 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?

The bachelor's degree in political science at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus offers you an undergraduate education which teaches you 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, an interest in foreign languages, intellectual curiosity and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for future students.

#### 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.

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](mailto:espo-slb@uclouvain.be).













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○ BNEER1282	Dutch II  <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>	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	NE [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits] 		x	

○ Choose one course among the following :

⊗ 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
⊗ BNEER1382	Dutch III 	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NE [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits] 			x

⊗ **Optional Courses**

List of optional units to be chosen, in place of course units "Labour, employment and social protection" and/or "The European political system":

⊗ BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]  			x
⊗ BHDPO1321	Law, Governance and Sustainable development	Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.)				







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<input checked="" type="radio"/> BPOLS1233	Quantitative methods II: statistics	Nathan Gurnet	[q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits] 	x	x	x

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## **BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCES [DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN HISTORY]**

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**# Prerequisites list**

- BANGL1292** "Anglais II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1192
- BANGL1192 - [English I](#)
- BANGL1392** "Anglais III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1292
- BANGL1292 - [English II](#)
- BCOMU1210** "Communication, culture et interactions sociales" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1211** "Corporate communication and public relations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1212** "Socio-histoire des médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
- BPOLS1113 - [Media institutions analysis](#)
- BCOMU1213** "Intercultural communication" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1250** "Usage et réception des médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1310** "Sémiotique" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1313** "International communications" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1315** "Communication et organisations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1316** "Enjeux et pratiques du journalisme" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
- BPOLS1113 - [Media institutions analysis](#)
- BCOMU1317** "Espace public, connaissance et médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BDRAN1265** "Law and Religion" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
- BESPO1176 - [Law](#)
- BDRAN1360** "Law and Tech Governance" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
- BESPO1176 - [Law](#)
- BDROI1340** "Théorie générale de l'Etat et de l'Union européenne" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
- BESPO1176 - [Law](#)
- BECGE1321** "Théorie des organisations" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BECGE1326** "Mens en organisatie" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BHDDR1361** "Justice et politique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BPOLS1120
- BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
  - BPOLS1120 - [Public Law](#)
- BHDPO1222** "Politique économique" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1122 ET BPOLS1123
- BPOLS1122 - [Economics I](#)
  - BPOLS1123 - [Economics II](#)
- BHDPO1312** "Analyse des relations internationales" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BHDPO1316** "Mutations et politiques urbaines " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BHDPO1317** "Partis politiques et groupes d'intérêt" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [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

**BPOLS1252** •BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences  
"Questions spéciales d'anthropologie"

## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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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

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

### o Content:

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### o Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

o BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	EN [q1] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]
o BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	EN [q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]

### o Languages

o 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]
o 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.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]



## SPOB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
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- 🌐 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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

### o Content:

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#### o Political Sciences

● BHDPO1312	International relations analysis ■	Emmanuel Klimis (compensates Amandine Orsini)	(FR)
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● 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>	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	<b>NU</b> [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 
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o **Group Project**



⊗ BHDPO1315



EU politics 🇺🇦

Valentina Brogna

EN [q2]  
[30h] [5  
Credits] 🌐



- 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](#).

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 rgraduate.5920-4c6 Tm [(•)] Tm [(.)] TJ /F5 8 Tf 1 0 0 - TJ dents)**



## 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 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

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***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.

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

## Contacts

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### Faculty administration

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Structure entity

Denomination

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- President: [Yannick Vanderborght](#)
- Secretary: [Amandine Orsini](#)
- Third member: [Karine Dejean](#)

