



**SPTB1BA -**

- Third year: *EU Politics, Media en Politiek, International Organisations, Milieu en samenleving*

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

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 bilingual (French-English) 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 m St9r9-8t0 -1 0 125.88500214 Tm [(Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain S

## SPTB1BA - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

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By the end of their trilingual French-English-Dutch 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.

#### **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

#### **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.)
- 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

#### **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)

### Programme structure

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The bachelor's degree in political science 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 Louvain-la-Neuve or another university in Belgium or Europe (for details, see the 'Access to further studies' page).

## Detailed programme by subject

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

Year

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### o Content:

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#### o Political Sciences

○ BESPO1165 Political Science



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⌘ 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.)	NL [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits] 			

## Course prerequisites

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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

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.



- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1312** "[International relations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1315** "[Political Systems](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1322** "[Public Policy Analysis](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1161
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
  - BESPO1161 - [Sociology](#)

## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies 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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### SPTB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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- 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
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○ BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	ES [q2] [30h +9h] [5 Credits] 
○ BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	ES [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 

### ○ Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

○ BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	ES [q1] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits] 
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○ BNEER1282

Dutch II 

Isolde Boutsen (coord.)

### **SPTB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT**

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- Mandatory
  - ✘ Optional
  - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
  - Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
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EN [q1]

o Languages

o 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] [! Credits] [!

## SPTB1BA - 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.





## 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.

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

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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.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

## Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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

The trilingual 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 \(shift schedule\)](#)

## Contacts

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Faculty

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Denomination

Sector

Acronym

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