



## SPTB1BA - 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 trilingual French-English-Dutch programme is an asset for your future studies and career in a multilingual and international environment.

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's programme in political science at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus allows you to take part of your programme in English and Dutch. Students take part of their programme in a language other than French, which amounts to four course units per year (two in English and two in Dutch) for the trilingual French-English-Dutch programme.

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

## 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
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## Detailed programme by subject

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

Year







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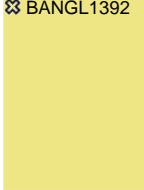
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#### o Political Sciences

○ BESPO1165 [Political Science](#)

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○ BPOLS1115	Media institutions analysis	Thomas Jacobs	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 	x		
○ BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+9h] [5 Credits] 	x		
○ BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 	x		
○ BPOLS1124	Moral Philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 			x
○ BPOLS1125	General and Social Psychology	Karine Dejean (coord.) Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 			x
○ BSOCA1314	Society and environment 	Benedikte Zitouni				

⌘ BANGL1392



## 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 of the year, it ensures its coherence.



- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1312** "[International relations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1315** "[Régimes politiques](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1322** "[Analyse de l'action publique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU 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 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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- BESPO1165 [Political Science](#)



## SPTB1BA - 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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Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

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#### o Political Sciences

● BSPOL1312

International relations ■



## 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
- ⊕ 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 Political Sciences



o Languages

o Choose one course among the following :

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English III

Gerlanda Cipolla  
Marleen Cré

## 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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- [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 Flemish Government (the latter legislation of 1976 /F1 8 Tf 1 .on Board of tr students a

- 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 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

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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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## Master's degrees [60]

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

## Contacts

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### Faculty administration

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### Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

SSH/ESPB

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Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

ESPB

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