



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?
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SPOB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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

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).

The first year of the degree is common to the political science, information and communication and sociology and anthropology programmes offered by the faculty. In addition to the educational commitment to providing a solid foundation for a multidisciplinary programme, which is one of the hallmarks of the programmes offered at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles, this shared first year facilitates reorientations at the beginning of the programme: students can change their orientation in year 2 to one of the other two programmes (information and communication or sociology and anthropology) without having to make up any course units.

The programme gradually becomes more specialised: the second year includes 20 credits in political science, and the third year includes 30 credits in political science.

The programme is made up of lecture-based course units, with introductory courses in the humanities and social sciences (philosophy, law, history, economics, psychology, sociology, political science, information and communication), as well as lessons in academic methodology accompanied by practical work (e.g. approaches and research methods in social sciences).

At the end of the programme, there is a workshop during which students work together in the field in small groups and present their work to a panel of experts, who assess the quality of the presentation and the relevance of the analysis.

o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BESPO1160	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	PR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 	x		
○ BPOLS1110	Communication science	Geoffroy Patriarche Victor Wiard (compensates				



				Year		
				1	2	3
⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇺🇦	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique (coord.)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🇺🇦	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media 🇺🇦	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BCOMU1313	International communications 🇺🇦	Georgios Terzis	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

				Year			
				1	2	3	
<input type="radio"/>	BPOLS1233	Quantitative methods II: statistics	Nathan Gurnet	FR [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X

Discipline

<input type="radio"/>	BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines	Florence Delmotte	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	BSPOL1315	Political Systems	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X

One course to choose from among :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHDPO1312	International relations analysis	Bernard Leloup (compensates Amandine Orsini) Amandine Orsini	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BSPOL1312	International relations	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini) Amandine Orsini	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X

One course to choose from among :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BSPOL1316	The European Political System	Denis Duez	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHDPO1315	EU politics	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X	X	X

One course to choose from among :

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

- Mandatory
- ✂ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2023-2024
- ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 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 \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

- 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) BESPO1162 OU BPOLS1110
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BPOLS1321** "[Society and Environment](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1330** "[Méthodes quantitatives I: Production des données](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
 - BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1331** "[Méthodes quantitatives III: Analyse des données](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1233 ET BPOLS1330
 - BPOLS1233 - [Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)
 - BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
- BPOLS1352** "[Ateliers](#)" has prerequisite(s) BSOCA1330 ET BPOLS1330 ET BPOLS1231
 - BSOCA1330 - [Field methods: observation and interviews](#)
 - BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
 - BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BSOCA1210** "[Sociologie de la culture](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1211** "[Analyse des théories sociologiques](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1310** "[Sociologie de l'action collective](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1312** "[Socio-anthropologie du symbolique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1313** "[Sociologie historique de l'intégration européenne](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1314**

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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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o Content:

o Political Sciences

● BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	[FR] [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● BPOLS1112	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Yannick Vanderborght	[FR] [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Law

● BESPO1176	Law	Diane Bernard Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin (coord.)	[FR] [q1] [45h +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Other Human and Social Sciences



o **Computer Science and Quantitative Methods**

SPOB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2023-2024
 - ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
 - ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 but not the following year
 - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 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 **Group Project**

SPOB1BA - 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](https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) 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 2023-2024, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 ou 2022-2023. 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.

- 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

Teaching method

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

Contacts

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Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

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Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and
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Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

ESPB

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Jury

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