

**At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French**

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **NO** - Internship : **NO**

Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **optional**

Activities on other sites : **YES**

Main study domain : **Information et communication**

Organized by: **Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and Communication Saint-Louis (ESPO-SaintLouis)**

Programme acronym: **COAB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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## COAB1BA - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

### Programme structure

The bilingual French-English bachelor's degree in information et communication 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 in the field of information and communication.

The bachelor's degree programme has a **strong interdisciplinary component**, especially in the first year, for students at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus in information and communication, political science, sociology and anthropology (the year 1 programme includes two course units from each discipline). This 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 without having to make up any course units.

**Specialisation in information and communication** becomes more pronounced as students progress through the bachelor's programme, thanks to an ever-increasing number of specialised course units. **Methodological instruction** (university work, documentary research and the scientific method) is provided throughout the bachelor's degree.

## COAB1BA Programme

### Detailed programme by subject

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- 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...)

Year

1 2 3

#### o Content:

##### o Information and Communication

○ BPOLS1114

Communication science







				Year		
				1	2	3
⊗ BROMA1100	European Comparative Literature	Matilde Manara (compensates Isabelle Ost)	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration	Florence Delmotte	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BROMA1215	Literary theories	Isabelle Ost	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	Maryam Kolly	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X

⊗ **Optional choice of one course unit among :**

⊗ BSPOL1210	Political sociology	
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- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BNEER1282** "[Dutch II](#)" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1183
- BNEER1183 - [Dutch I](#)
- BNEER1382** "[Dutch III](#)" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1282
- BNEER1282 - [Dutch II](#)
- BPOLS1233** "[Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1252** "[Anthropology: special topics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160 OR BPOLS1111
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1111 - [Anthropology](#)
- BPOLS1320** "[Media and politics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BPOLS1114
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BPOLS1321** "[Society and Environment](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1330** "[Quantitative methods I: data production](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1331** "[Quantitative methods III: data analysis](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1233 AND BPOLS1330
- BPOLS1233 - [Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)
- BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
- BPOLS1352** "[Multidisciplinary workshop](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231 AND BPOLS1330 AND BSOCA1330
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
- BSOCA1330 - [Field methods: observation and interviews](#)
- BSOCA1210** "[Sociology of culture](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1211** "[Analysis of sociological theories](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1310** "[The Sociology of Collective Action](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1312** "[Socio-anthropology of the symbolic](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1313** "[Historical sociology of European integration](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1314** "[Society and environment](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1315** "[Analysis and theories of power](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160 OR BPOLS1114
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BSOCA1330** "[Field methods: observation and interviews](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BSPOL1210** "[Political sociology](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSPOL1211** "[Political sociology](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSPOL1214** "[Political Doctrines](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1215** "[International Organizations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1310** "[Labour, employment and social protection](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1312** "[International relations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1313** "[Comparative politics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165

- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1315** "[Political Systems](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1316** "[The European Political System](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1322** "[Public Policy Analysis](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)

## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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

### COAB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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### o Content:

#### o Information and Communication

○ BPOLS1114	<a href="#">Communication science</a>	Thomas Jacobs Elke Mahieu (compensates Thomas Jacobs)	(FR) [q1] [30h] +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BPOLS1113	<a href="#">Media institutions analysis</a>	Victor Wiard	(FR) [q2] [30h] +4h] [5 Credits] 🌐

#### o Law



○ BESPO1176	<a href="#">Law</a>	Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin (compensates Diane Bernard)	(FR) [q1] [45h] +15h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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#### o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BESPO1160	<a href="#">Sociology</a>	Benedikte Zitouni	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BESPO1165	<a href="#">Political Science</a>	Emmanuel Klimis	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BPOLS1112	<a href="#">The Political Institutions of Belgium</a>	Yannick Vanderborght	(FR) [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐





● 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>	<b>Isolde Boutsen (coord.)</b> <b>Astrid De Munter (coord.)</b> <b>Barbara Fraipont</b>	<b>NU</b> [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 
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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] 🌐
⌘ BNEER1382	Dutch III 🇳🇱	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐







## COAB1BA - 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

- 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](#).

## Teaching method

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In addition to traditional lectures, which take place in moderate-sized auditoriums, the faculty has implemented active teaching practices which encourage the use and development of theoretical, methodological and analytical skills.

Furthermore, the information and communication programme 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. Professors also use digital technologies to promote interactivity with students during lectures. All of these measures are implemented during the first term of year 1, allowing students to get used to university studies at a reasonable pace.

### Methodological assistance

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 learning support activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

## 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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Graduates of the bachelor's degree in information and communication also have access to the following programmes under certain conditions:

- [Master \[120\] in Multilingual Communication](#)

Other master's degrees are also available on completion of additional courses.

Master's studies can be pursued at UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve campus, or at another university in Belgium or elsewhere in Europe.

## Contacts

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### Faculty administration

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## Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

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