

**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 : **NO**

Main study domain :

## SPAB1BA - Introduction

### Introduction

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#### Introduction

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 bilingual French-English programme is an asset for your future studies and career in an international environment.

The bilingual French-English bachelor's programme in political science at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus allows you to take part of your programme in English. Students take part of their programme in a language other than French, which amounts to three course units per year in English for the bilingual French/English programme.

The bachelor's degree in political science mainly involves learning how 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?

- Third year: *EU Politics, International Organisations, Ethics and the Economy*

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

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 trilingual (French-English-Dutch) 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).

## SPAB1BA - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

By the end of their bilingual French-English 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

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.

## SPAB1BA Programme

## Detailed programme by subject

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

Year

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<input type="radio"/> BANGL1292	English II	Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	
<input type="radio"/> 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	NL [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]		x	

Choose one course among the following :

<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> BNEER1382	Dutch III	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]			

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✘ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🇯🇵	Geoffroy Patriarche	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media 🇯🇵	Marie Dufrasne	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BHIST1310	Images, films and society	Nathalie Tousignant	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BCOMU1313	International communications 🇯🇵	Georgios Terzis	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BPOLS1320	Media and politics 🇯🇵	Dave Sinardet	EX [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics 🇯🇵	Jean-Pierre Delchambre				



## 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.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

### # 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) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1211** "Corporate communication and public relations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1212** "Socio-histoire des médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
- BPOLS1113 - [Media institutions analysis](#)
- BCOMU1213** "Intercultural communication" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1250** "Usage et réception des médias" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1310** "Sémiotique" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1313** "International communications" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [Communication science](#)
- BCOMU1315** "Communication et organisations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [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) BPOLS1114
- BPOLS1114 - [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](#)
- BESPO1360** "Ethics and the economy" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1170 ET BPOLS1127
- BESPO1170 - [Economics I](#)
  - BPOLS1127 - [Economics II](#)
- BHDDR1361** "Justice et politique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BPOLS1120
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
  - BPOLS1120 - [Public Law](#)
- BHDPO1222** "Politique économique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1170 ET BPOLS1127

- BESPO1170 - Economics I
  - BPOLS1127 - Economics II
- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
- BHDPO1316** "Mutations et politiques urbaines " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - Sociology
- BHDPO1317** "Partis politiques et groupes d'intérêt" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - 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
- 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) BESPO1165 OU BPOLS1114
- BESPO1165 - Political Science
  - BPOLS1114 - Communication science
- BPOLS1321** "Society and Environment" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BESPO1160
- BESPO1165 - 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 de données" has prerequisite(s)





## SPAB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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- (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 ■	Valentina Brogna
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**SPAB1BA - 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 Content:**

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**o Political Sciences**

● BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis ■	Youri Vertongen (compensates Amandine Orsini) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5]
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o Group Project

o BPOLS1352

Multidisciplinary workshop 🟡

Benjamin Denis  
Marie Dufrasne  
Sophie Jacquot  
Emmanuelle Lenel  
Renaud Maes  
(compensates)







**SPAB1BA -**

- 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.





