

SPAB1BA - 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 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?
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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

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Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
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- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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

	Year
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o Content:

o Political Sciences

○ BESPO1165	Political Science	Emmanuel Klimis	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BPOLS1112	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BSPOL1312	International relations ■	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
○ BSPOL1214	Political Doctrines ■	Florence Delmotte	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
○ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups ■	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
○ BSPOL1210	Political sociology ■	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		X	
○ BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis ■	Youri Vertongen (compensates Amandine Orsini) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
○ BSPOL1315	Political Systems ■	Denis Duez	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
○ BSPOL1313	Comparative politics ■	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
○ BHDPO1315	EU politics ■	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
○ BSPOL1215	International Organizations ■	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
⊗ BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection ■ <i>Students must register to "Labour, employment and social protection" or replace it by optional course unit (keeping the number of credits unchanged).</i>	Olivier Paye	Political Systems			

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

				Year		
				1	2	3
✘ 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
✘ BPOLS1320	Media and politics 📄	Dave Sinardet	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
✘ BPOLS1252	Anthropology: special topics 📄	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+12h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X

Jean-Pierre Delchambre



- 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 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** "Milieu en samenleving" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BESPO1160
 - BESPO1165 - Political Science
 - BESPO1160 - Sociology
- BSOCA1315** "Analyses et théories du pouvoir" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114 OU BESPO1160 OU BESPO1165
 - BPOLS1114 - Communication science
 - BESPO1160 - Sociology
 - BESPO1165 - Political Science
- BSOCA1330** "Méthodes de terrain: Observation et entretiens" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
 - BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences
- BSPOL1210** "Sociologie politique" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU BESPO1160
 - BESPO1165 - Political Science
 - BESPO1160 - Sociology
- BSPOL1214** "Doctrines politiques" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
 - BESPO1165 - Political Science
- BSPOL1215** "International Organizations" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165

- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1310** "[Travail, emploi et protection sociale](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1312** "[International relations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1313** "[Politique comparée](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1315** "[Régimes politiques](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1316** "[Système politique européen](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BSPOL1322** "[Analyse de l'action publique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OU 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

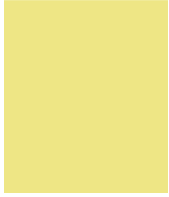
SPAB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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● BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs Elke Mahieu (compensates Thomas Jacobs)	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits]

● 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	NU [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 
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o Group Project



FHIST1283 [q1]	Medieval History	Eric Bousmar	[q1] [60h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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Choice of one course unit among :



✘ BDROI1340	General Theory of the State and the European Union 🇺🇸	Hugues Dumont	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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✘ Optional choice of one course unit among :

✘ BCOMU1210	Communication, culture and social interactions 🇺🇸	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q2] [30h +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication 🇺🇸	Greet De Baets	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

✘ Optional choice of one course unit among :

✘ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment 🇺🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BSOCA1314	Society and environment 🇺🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

SPAB1BA - 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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- [Specific access requirements](#)
- [Access based on validation of professional experience](#)
- [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 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

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

Master's degrees [60]

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

Contacts

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Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

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