



SOCB1BA - Introduction

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Sociology and anthropology originate from the desire of modern societies to know more about themselves and about other societies, and to be able to influence their own actions. The approach adopted by sociologists and anthropologists combines a capacity for analysis with an awareness of concrete realities (through survey techniques, field studies, etc.). It is both rigorous and creative.

The field of study of these two disciplines is extremely vast: social change, gender relations, power, inequalities, globalisation, multiculturalism, cities and mobility, beliefs, family, sexuality, new media, social networks, ecological issues, health and well-being, etc.

From fundamental research to support in the decision-making process (consulting) and service to society, these two disciplines address a wide range of issues. In a world in constant turmoil, the knowledge and skills of sociologists and anthropologists are more relevant than ever.

Your profile

Would you like to understand the issues and social and cultural transformations in contemporary societies? Would you like to be an agent of change? An open mind, an interest in human relations, discovering the diversity of cultures and foreign languages, intellectual curiosity and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for sociology and anthropology students.

Your future job

Sociologists and anthropologists are valued for their ability to analyse the world we live in, while helping to solve the problems or reduce the tensions which arise in societies marked by change, complexity and diversity.

- Social intervention and political sphere (at local, regional, federal, European or international level)
- Organisations, associations and public authorities in the fields of youth aid, social action, migration, the environment, gender relations, employment, citizen participation, etc.
- Expertise (ministerial office, private consultancy, support in the political and economic decision-making process, spatial planning and mobility management, migration flows, social and healthcare policies, precariousness and mental health, security and protection, etc.)
- Survey agencies, opinion polls, marketing services
- Associations and culture, social movements, feminist and solidarity organisations
- Staff services, human resources management, labour sciences
- Intercultural professions (at local level – mediation, interface, etc. – but also at global level – in companies or international organisations – involving the intersection of cultures: translation or facilitation functions, etc.)
- Development cooperation, humanitarian aid, non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- New professions linked to cultural innovation and communication (advertising, cyberculture, social networks, information management, etc.)
- Education and research

Depending on their fields of specialisation and their master's degree, internship and bachelor's dissertation, sociologists and anthropologists can work in a wide range of fields, focusing on new or even 'offbeat' subjects or current issues: new forms of inequality and precariousness, gender relations, the effects of capitalism on individual life, globalisation and multiculturalism, the internet and social networks, ecological issues, different modes of consumption, norms related to 'well-being' and 'personal fulfilment', transformations in gender relations and issues related to sexuality, changes in beliefs and religious practices, spatial mobility, new ways of living and coexisting in a neighbourhood, work flexibility, family instability, etc.

Your programme

The bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology is a first-cycle programme (a 'transition' bachelor's degree), consisting of 180 credits spread over three years (60 credits per year).

The programme covers four main areas:

1. a solid multidisciplinary background in the humanities, with introductory courses in the main disciplines of the humanities and social sciences (philosophy, history, economics, law, political science, psychology, sociology and anthropology)
2. an increasingly specialised background in sociology and anthropology: (analysis of sociological theories, sociology of culture, special issues in anthropology, political sociology, analysis of public action, socio-anthropology of symbolics, analysis and theories of power, sociology of collective action, urban change and policies, etc.)
3. a methodological background in the form of courses and seminars covering a range of qualitative and quantitative methods in the humanities and social sciences: approach and methods in the social sciences, field methods, quantitative methods, etc.
4. quality language instruction. Even when they choose a unilingual programme, students will take English and Dutch classes (or Spanish if they have no basic knowledge of Dutch) in the first and second years, and must choose one of the two languages in the

degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment.

The additional bachelor's degree has the same value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.



The following second degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)
- [Bachelor in Law \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: espo-slb@uclouvain.be.

				Year		
				1	2	3
○ BPOLS1120	Public Law 	Nicolas Bernard (compensates Isabelle Hachez)	PK [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	

○ Economics and management

○ BPOLS1122	Economics I	Jean-François Fagnart	PK [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 		x	
○ BPOLS1123	Economics II	Koen Declercq	PK [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 			

				Year		
				1	2	3
○ BNEER1183	<p>Dutch I</p> <p><i>Will benefit from a course unit of Dutch for Beginners or Spanish in first year: 1) The student who has had less than two hours of Dutch per week throughout the year in one of the last four years of high school; 2) The student who have completed high school in 2019-2020 or earlier and who has not been trained in Dutch between the end of high school and its registration in St. Louis. Additional informations and forms to fill out are available at the Faculty secretariat.</i></p>	<p>Astrid De Munter (coord.) Nadine Kayobotsi (coord.)</p>	<p>NL [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]</p>	x		
○ BANGL1292	<p>English II</p>	<p>Gerlanda Cipolla Sebastiano Ferrari Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan</p>	<p>EN [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]</p>		x	
○ BNEER1282	<p>Dutch II</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont</p>	<p>NL [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]</p>		x	

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				1	2	3
☒ BSPOL1312	International relations 📄	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ Optional choice of one course unit among :						
☒ BECGE1321	Organisational studies 📄	Karine Dejean	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BECGE1326	Humans and organization 📄	Ludo Struyven	NL [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media 📄	Marie Dufrasne	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 📄	Geoffroy Patriarche	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
☒ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups 📄	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection 📄	Olivier Paye	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BSPOL1313	Comparative politics 📄	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BSPOL1316	The European Political System 📄	Denis Duez	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BHDPO1315	EU politics 📄	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
☒ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 📄	Valentina Brogna (compensates ensates)				

Alternatives

- BHDPO1312** "Analyse des relations internationales" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BHDPO1316** "Mutations et politiques urbaines " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
- BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BHDPO1317** "Partis politiques et groupes d'intérêt" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
- BESPO1162 - [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) BPOLS1110 OU BESPO1162
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
 - BESPO1162 - [Political 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) BPOLS1330 ET BPOLS1233
- BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
 - BPOLS1233 - [Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)
- BPOLS1352** "Ateliers" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231 ET BPOLS1330 ET BSOCA1330
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
 - BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
 - BSOCA1330 - [Field methods: observation and interviews](#)
- BSOCA1210**

	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1310	" Travail, emploi et protection sociale " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1312	" International relations " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1313	" Politique comparée " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1315	" Régimes politiques " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1316	" Système politique européen " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
	• BESPO1162 - Political science
BSPOL1322	" Analyse de l'action publique " has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160
	• BESPO1162 - 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

SOCB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- 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, ...)

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

o Content:

o Sociology and Anthropology

● BESPO1160	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
● BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	(FR) [q2] [30h +9h] [5 Credits] 🌐

o Law



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

● BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	(FR) [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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○ BPOLS1110	Communication science	Geoffroy Patriarche	PS [q1] [30h +6h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1112	The Political Institutions of Belgium	Yannick Vanderborght	PS [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	



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SOCB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
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✂ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations 	
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SOCB1BA - 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 example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

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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 sociology and anthropology 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

- [Master \[120\] in Labour sciences \(shift schedule\)](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Labour Sciences \(shift schedule\)](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Family and Sexuality Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

Access subject to completion of additional courses or application

These programmes are also available to students with a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology on completion of additional courses during their master's degree and subject to compliance with entry requirements and prerequisites:

- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: International Relations](#) (Mons)
- [Master \[120\] in Criminology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Public Administration](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication Strategy and Digital Culture \(shift schedule\)](#) (Bruxelles Saint-Louis)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve), [Master \[120\] in Communication](#) (Mons), [Master \[120\] in Communication \(shift schedule\)](#) (Mons)
- [Master \[120\] in Journalism](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Ethics](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Sciences of Religions](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)

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Denomination

Sector

Acronym

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