

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.

In the trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's programme in sociology and anthropology, four courses per year are taught in English and Dutch.

- First year: *Analyse van de media-instellingen, Sociologie (Dutch), Political science, Geopolitics*
- Second year: *Law and religion, Economie 1 (Dutch), Economics 2, Politieke sociologie*
- Third year: *Mens en organisatie, Milieu en samenleving, International Communications, Ethics and the Economy*

The courses are 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/or 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.

Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Students can take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree. This means that they complete their main programme with a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 125 additional credits spread over several years. The additional bachelor's 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 dual 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.

SOTB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

At the end of their bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, students will have acquired the following skills:

I. A grounding in the core teachings and methods of the discipline

- **A command of the fundamentals of sociology and anthropology, and their epistemological grounding, with a view to addressing the key research issues of the discipline**
- **A thorough grounding in sociology and anthropology, through general and specialised courses:** sociology, anthropology, analysis of sociological theories, political sociology, cultural sociology, special anthropological issues, socio-anthropology of symbolics, sociology of collective action, etc.

II. Basic knowledge in fields complementary to sociology and anthropology

- **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 sociology and anthropology**
- **The ability to gather and analyse quantitative and qualitative empirical data with discernment**
 - The ability to research, read, understand, question and summarise academic texts
 - The gradual ability to produce analytical work on contemporary social phenomena, on their own or as part of a team
 - The gradual ability to gather information using the most relevant quantitative and qualitative data collection methods (statistics, questionnaire surveys, interviews, observation methods, etc.)
- **The ability to carry out an analysis independently as well as jointly with peers**
- **Critical thinking and independent judgement**
- **The ability to communicate in a structured, relevant and reasoned manner, using the concepts and methods of the discipline**
 - The ability to communicate the results of an analysis in a clear, coherent, structured and well-presented manner, in both written and oral

SOTB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- 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...)

Year

1 2 3

○ Content:

○ Sociology and Anthropology

○ BESPO1161	Sociology	Thierry Kochuyt (compensates Benedikte Zitouni) Benedikte Zitouni	NL
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Year

1 2 3

⌘ BSPOL1310

Labour, employment and social protection 🟡

Olivier Paye

Course prerequisites

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	"English II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1192
	• BANGL1192 - English I
BANGL1392	"English III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1292
	• BANGL1292 - English II
BCOMU1210	"Communication, culture and social interactions" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1211	"Corporate communication and public relations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1212	"Social-history of media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1115
	• BPOLS1115 - Media institutions analysis
BCOMU1213	"Intercultural communication" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1250	"Media reception and media use" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1310	"Semiotics" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1313	"International communications" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1315	"Communication and organisations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BCOMU1316	"Issues and practices of journalism" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1115
	• BPOLS1115 - Media institutions analysis
BCOMU1317	"Public space, knowledge and media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - Communication science
BDRAN1265	"Law and Religion" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
	• BESPO1176 - Law
BECGE1326	"Humans and organization" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
	• BESPO1161 - Sociology
BESPO1360	"Ethics and the economy" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1173A OR BPOLS1127
	• BESPO1173A - Economics I
	• BPOLS1127 - Economics II
BHDPO1312	"International relations analysis" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - Political Science
BHDPO1315	"EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - Political Science
BHDPO1316	"Transformations and urban politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
	• BESPO1161 - Sociology
BHDPO1317	"Political parties and lobby groups" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - Political 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) BESPO1161 OR BPOLS1111
- BESPO1161 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1111 - [Anthropology](#)
- BPOLS1320** "[Media and politics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110 OR BESPO1165
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- 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**

● BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	[q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]
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● BNEER1282	Dutch II 	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.) Barbara Fraipont	NL [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 
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1	Corporate communication and public relations 🇺🇦	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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⊗ **Optional choice of one course unit among :**

⊗ BHDPO1312	International relations analysis 🇺🇦	Emmanuel Klimis (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1312	International relations 🇺🇦	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1317	Public space, knowledge and media 🇺🇦	Marie Dufrasne	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🇺🇦	Geoffroy Patriarche	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BPOLS1320	Media and politics 🇺🇦	Dave Sinardet	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1317	Political parties and lobby groups 🇺🇦	Olivier Paye	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1310	Labour, employment and social protection 🇺🇦	Olivier Paye	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1313	Comparative politics 🇺🇦	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
316	The European Political System 🇺🇦	Denis Duez	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1315	EU politics 🇺🇦	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 🇺🇦	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1319	Intercultural relations and migrations	am Kolly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSOCA1313	Historical sociology of European integration 🇺🇦		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

SOTB1BA - 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

- 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 1st 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

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 practical advantages. But above all, its location close to social stakeholders, associations, NGOs and national and European political institutions allows interactions and participation in activities to take place in relation to these stakeholders.

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 support activities.

Evaluation

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 examination 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

Exchange programmes

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles has exchange agreements with universities outside the French-speaking community of Belgium. These agreements allow students to take part of their bachelor's degree programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles. Conversely, students from partner universities may take part of their bachelor's programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Three types of exchange are available:

- Erasmus exchanges with universities in European Union countries
- Erasmus Belgica exchanges with Dutch-language Belgian universities
- exchanges with universities outside Europe, on the basis of bilateral agreements

Sociology and anthropology students can take part in an Erasmus exchange during the second term of year 3. [Find out more](#) about the proposed destinations. The exchange programme is equivalent to approximately 30 credits.

Language study grants

The faculty awards grants to students for language courses in various destinations during the summer. The selection of candidates is based on their results and motivation.

Students who take part in an Erasmus exchange during year 3 may also take part in another Erasmus stay during their master's degree.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus specialises in the bachelor's degree. After your bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, you can pursue your master's studies in the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles or at another university in Belgium or abroad (Europe, Canada, etc.).

Master's degrees at UCLouvain

Direct access

- [Master \[120\] in Sociology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Anthropology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve) et [Master \[60\] in Sociology and Anthropology](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#) (Louvain-la-Neuve)
- [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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