

**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 : **Sciences politiques et sociales**

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

Programme acronym: **SPAB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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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**

- 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).

## Detailed programme by subject

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- Mandatory
  - ✘ Optional
  - ^ Not offered in 2024-2025
  - ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
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				Year		
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○ BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs Elke Mahieu (compensates Thomas Jacobs)	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	FR [q2] [30h+4h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BPOLS1111	Anthropology	Jean-Pierre Delchambre	FR [q2] [30h+9h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BESPO1164	Geopolitics	Jeroen Joly	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy 🇺🇸	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X
	General and Social Psychology	Karine Dejean (coord.) Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐			X



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

				Year		
				1	2	3
✂ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🇯🇵	Geoffroy Patriarche	PK [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			x
✂ BCOMU1317						



## 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

<b>BANGL1292</b>	"English II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1192
	• BANGL1192 - <a href="#">English I</a>
<b>BANGL1392</b>	"English III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1292
	• BANGL1292 - <a href="#">English II</a>
<b>BCOMU1210</b>	"Communication, culture and social interactions" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1211</b>	"Corporate communication and public relations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1212</b>	"Social-history of media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
	• BPOLS1113 - <a href="#">Media institutions analysis</a>
<b>BCOMU1213</b>	"Intercultural communication" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1250</b>	"Media reception and media use" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1310</b>	"Semiotics" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1313</b>	"International communications" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1315</b>	"Communication and organisations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1316</b>	"Issues and practices of journalism" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1113
	• BPOLS1113 - <a href="#">Media institutions analysis</a>
<b>BCOMU1317</b>	"Public space, knowledge and media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1114
	• BPOLS1114 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BDRAN1265</b>	"Law and Religion" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
	• BESPO1176 - <a href="#">Law</a>
<b>BDRAN1360</b>	"Law and Tech Governance" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
	• BESPO1176 - <a href="#">Law</a>
<b>BDROI1340</b>	"General Theory of the State and the European Union" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
	• BESPO1176 - <a href="#">Law</a>
<b>BECGE1321</b>	"Organisational studies" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
	• BESPO1160 - <a href="#">Sociology</a>
<b>BECGE1326</b>	"Humans and organization" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
	• BESPO1160 - <a href="#">Sociology</a>
<b>BESPO1360</b>	"Ethics and the economy" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1170 AND BPOLS1127
	• BESPO1170 - <a href="#">Economics I</a>
	• BPOLS1127 - <a href="#">Economics II</a>
<b>BHDDR1361</b>	"Justice and Politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165 OR BPOLS1120
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
	• BPOLS1120 - <a href="#">Public Law</a>
<b>BHDPO1222</b>	"Economic Policy" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1170 AND BPOLS1127

- BESPO1170 - [Economics I](#)
- BPOLS1127 - [Economics II](#)

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### ○ Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

○ BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	EN [q1] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]
○ BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	EN [q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits]

### ○ Languages

○ BANGL1192	English I	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Priscilla Hemeleers Françoise Longrée (coord.) Isabelle Lukau Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Melissa Uzumcuoglu	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]
○ BNEER1183	Dutch I <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>	Astrid De Munter (coord.) Nadine Kayobotsi (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits]

## SPAB1BA - 2ND 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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Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

### o Content:

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#### o Political Sciences

● BSPOL1312	International relations ■	
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o Group Project

o BPOLS1352	Multidisciplinary workshop 🟡	Benjamin Denis Marie Dufrasne
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## 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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### 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.

- 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 ordchool 2eriaia4enc/F1 8 Tf 1 0 0 -1 10bn Saint-Louis Bruxelles.



## Master's degrees [60]

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

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