

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?
- 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?

These are just some of the questions which political science provides answers to through various specialised areas: political parties and interest groups, electoral studies, international relations, political regimes, etc.

But power does not operate in isolation. Courses in sociology, history, law, economics and philosophy shed light on human relations in general, as well as on how they function and evolve. Finally, in order to decipher a political issue, it is necessary to master the tools for gathering and analysing the data required for a scientific understanding of human phenomena: documentary research, field observations, interviews, opinion polls, statistical analyses, etc.

Your profile

Would you like to understand the issues and political and social transformations in contemporary societies? Would you like to play an active role at local, national, European and international level?

An open mind, intellectual curiosity, knowledge of English and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for future

- 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.

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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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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✂ BCOMU1212	Social-history of media 🇯🇵	Geoffroy Patriarche	PK [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐			x
✂ BCOMU1317						

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	"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
- BESPO1166 - Botany science
- BHDPO1315 - EU politics
- BESPO1160 - Sociology
- 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
- BHDPO1330 "Méthodes quantitatives I: Production des données" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - Approach and methods in social sciences
- BBOCA1330 "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 cultd methods in social sciences

○ BPOLS1114	Communication science	Thomas Jacobs Elke Mahieu (compensates Thomas Jacobs)	EN [q1] [30h +15h] [5 Credits] 
○ BPOLS1113	Media institutions analysis	Victor Wiard	

SPAB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT



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● BSPOL1312	International relations ■	
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● 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

o BPOLS1352

Multidisciplinary workshop 🟡

Benjamin Denis
Marie Dufrasne

✘ 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] 🌐
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✘ BCOMU1213	Intercultural communication 🇫🇷	Greet De Baets	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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✘ Optional choice of one course unit among :

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

Master's degrees [60]

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

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Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

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