



SPDB1BA - Introduction

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Learning outcomes

By the end of their 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.

All political science CUs in years 2 and 3

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

CUs in philosophy, economics, law, history, sociology and psychology, as of year 1

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.)

Quantitative methods CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

- 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
- 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 form
 - The ability to analyse information, based on a review of the relevant literature and the most appropriate analytical methods

All methodological CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

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)
- The ability to communicate in at least one foreign language
 - Fluency in spoken and written English; more specifically, the ability to carry on an everyday conversation and to communicate about the subjects and analyses of the social sciences

All English language CUs in years 1, 2 and 3

Programme structure

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

The programme is divided into two parts: one general, the other of a political science nature.

- The general part of the programme aims to provide a background in the humanities and social sciences. This knowledge is acquired through introductory courses in the main disciplines of the humanities and social sciences (philosophy, history, economics, law, sociology and psychology), and through course units and seminars designed to teach different analytical methods in the humanities and social sciences.

o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BHDPO1221	Contemporary History	Bérengère Piret	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BHDPO1125	Sociology	Abraham Franssen	FR [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BHDDR1160	Philosophy and moral philosophy	Jeanne-Marie Roux	FR [q1+q2] [90h] [10 Credits]	X		
○ BHDDR1124	Psychology	Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]		X	

o Methods

○ BHDPO1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (coord.)	FR [q1] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BHDPO1152	Approach and methods in social sciences	Jean-Luc Nsengiyumva	FR [q2] [15h+15h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BHDPO1230	Research methods in social sciences	Renaud Maes	FR [q1] [45h] [10 Credits]		X	
○ BHDPO1231	Statistics and analysing data	Renaud Maes (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q1] [45h+15h] [10 Credits]			X

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

BHDPO1220

- BHDDR1361** "Justice et politique" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1120
- BHDPO1120 - Law
- BHDPO1211** "Science politique : Textes fondateurs" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1110
- BHDPO1110 - Political science
- BHDPO1220** "Droit constitutionnel II" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1120
- BHDPO1120 - Law
- BHDPO1222** "Politique économique" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1122
- BHDPO1122 - Economics
- BHDPO1230** "Méthodes de recherche en sciences sociales" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1152
- BHDPO1152 - Approach and methods in social sciences
- BHDPO1231** "Statistique et analyse des données"
- BHDAnglais110

SPDB1BA - 2ND 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

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- 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 **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 D8 T 0 12d00019 313.7479858](#)

Teaching method

The effectiveness of the programme is ensured by the complementary nature of several teaching methods: lectures as well as exchanges of views which value professional experience and previous career paths, group work, individual work and mentoring.

The teaching methods are designed to make the most of the limited time available to adult students with professional and/or family lives.

Beginning in the first term of year 1, students will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with university work: specific foundation courses for students in the evening programme, revision period support, etc.

The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) is available to meet students who wish to do so.

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. Examinations are either written 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

The bachelor's degree in political science (evening programme) does not allow students the possibility to study abroad for one or more terms.

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