

At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **NO** - Internship : **NO**

Activities in English: **optional**

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.

SPOB1BA - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

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).

At the end of the programme, there is a workshop during which students work together in the field in small groups and present their work to a panel of experts, who assess the quality of the presentation and the relevance of the analysis.

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- 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

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o Content:

o Political Sciences

○ BESPO1162

Political science

Olivier Paye

o Other Human and Social Sciences

○ BESPO1160	Sociology	Benedikte Zitouni	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BPOLS1110	Communication science	Geoffroy Patriarche	FR [q1] [30h+6h] [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		
○ BPOLS1121	Contemporary History	Bérengère Piret	FR [q2] [30h+11h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BPOLS1124	Moral Philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
○ BPOLS1125	General and Social Psychology	Karine Dejean (coord.) Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [45h] [5 Credits]			X

o Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

○ BPOLS1150	Introduction to university work in social sciences	Karine Dejean (coord.) Marie Dufrasne	FR [q1] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q2] [22.5h+15h] [5 Credits]	X		
○ BSOCA1330	Field methods: observation and interviews	Emmanuelle Lenel	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		X	
○ BPOLS1330	Quantitative methods I: data production	Nathan Gurnet (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		X	
○ BPOLS1233	Quantitative methods II: statistics	Nathan Gurnet	FR [q2] [30h+22.5h] [5 Credits]		X	
○ BPOLS1331	Quantitative methods III: data analysis	Philippe Huynen (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]			X

o Group Project

○ BPOLS1352	Multidisciplinary workshop	Benjamin Denis Marie Dufrasne Sophie Jacquot Emmanuelle Lenel Renaud Maes (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
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o 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			
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Year



***BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCES [DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE
FOR THE HOLDER OF A BACHELOR IN HISTORY]***



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⌘ BESPO1162	Political science	Olivier Paye	PR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	x
⌘ BESPO1165	Political Science	Emmanuel Klimis	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	

- 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) BESPO1162 OU BPOLS1110
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BPOLS1110 - [Communication 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) 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 culture](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1211** "[Analyse des théories sociologiques](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1310** "[Sociologie de l'action collective](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1312** "[Socio-anthropologie du symbolique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1313** "[Sociologie historique de l'intégration européenne](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1160
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1314** "[Milieu en samenleving](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1315** "[Analyses et théories du pouvoir](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110 OU BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160
 - BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSOCA1330** "[Méthodes de terrain: Observation et entretiens](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
 - BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BSPOL1210** "[Sociologie politique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162 OU BESPO1160
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
 - BESPO1160 - [Sociology](#)
- BSPOL1214** "[Doctrines politiques](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BSPOL1215** "[International Organizations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1162
 - BESPO1162 - [Political science](#)
- BSPOL1310** "[Travail, emploi et protection sociale](#)" 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

SPOB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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

o Content:

o **Computer Science and Quantitative Methods**



○ BNEER1282

Dutch II 

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.

SPOB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

o Group Project

o BPOLS1352	Multidisciplinary workshop 🇯🇵	Benjamin Denis Marie Dufrasne Sophie Jacquot Emmanuelle Lenel Renaud Maes (compensates Abraham Franssen) Youri Vertongen	FB [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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o Languages

o Choose one course among the following :

⊗ BANGL1392	English III 🇯🇵	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Madeline Riordan	EN [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BNEER1382	Dutch III 🇯🇵	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	NL [q1] [0h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

⊗ Optional Courses

List of optional units to be chosen, in place of course units "Labour, employment and social protection" and/or "The European political system":

⊗ BHIST1312	Historical anthropology	Eric Bousmar	FB [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1321	Law, Governance and Sustainable development	Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.) Delphine Misonne	🌐

SPOB1BA - 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

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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 political science 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 the headquarters of 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 exam 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

Students in political science can take part in an ERASMUS exchange in 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 bachelor's degree in political science: general orientation gives direct access to the following master's programmes at UCLouvain's Louvain-la-Neuve, or at another university in the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, in Belgium (Flanders) or in Europe.

Master's degrees [120]

- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: General](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Political Sciences: International Relations](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Public Administration](#)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Population and Development Studies](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Labour sciences \(shift schedule\)](#)

