



SPOL2M1

2024 - 2025

SPOL2M1 - Introduction

SPOL2M1 - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

This Master is designed to build on the initial foundations of a political science training by consolidating knowledge of the three main fields of the subject : political science/comparative politics, international relations and public policy. With this in mind, the programme :

- offers a series of courses as well as a seminar which build on what has already been covered at undergraduate level in the main areas of political science ;
- allows students to choose both courses with different perspectives (e.g. political science/comparative politics, international relations and public administration) and a first introduction to 'area studies' ;
- allows students to produce a final piece of work supported by innovative teaching methods .

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

Comme tout diplômé d'un Master [60] en sciences politiques, orientation générale :

CG1. Développer un sens et une action politique : développer un sens et une éthique du et dans le service à la collectivité.

CG1.1. Identifier, comprendre et analyser les enjeux politiques d'une situation donnée.

CG1.2. Se positionner dans les débats et les négociations pour défendre les intérêts des institutions et des organismes qu'il représente.

CG1.3. Intégrer la dimension éthique et la dimension « service à la collectivité et du bien commun » dans les débats et actions politiques.

CG2. Inscrire son analyse et/ou action dans une perspective multiniveaux.

CG2.1. Identifier les différents niveaux institutionnels.

CG2.2. Démontrer une maîtrise de différents systèmes politiques et institutionnels et des enjeux politiques aux niveaux internationale, européenne et belge.

CG2.3. Comparer les différents systèmes politiques et institutionnels, nationaux et internationaux.

CG2.4. Identifier les différents acteurs gouvernementaux et non-gouvernementaux (mouvements sociaux, groupes d'intérêt, citoyens) et démontrer une connaissance de leurs positionnements.

CG2.5. Analyser les interactions entre les différents acteurs allant des relations entre partis politiques, entre états au rôle des organisations non-gouvernementales.

CG3. Analyser selon une démarche rigoureuse des situations politiques, économiques et sociales dans toute leur complexité.

CG3.1. Démontrer une maîtrise d'un socle de savoirs approfondis (théories, fondements, phénomènes) dans les différents domaines des sciences politiques (politique comparée, relations internationales, études européennes, politiques et administration publiques).

CG3.2. Démontrer une maîtrise des connaissances fondamentales les plus significatives des disciplines des sciences humaines et sociales liées aux sciences politiques (connaissances juridiques, géopolitiques, économiques, sociologiques et historiques).

CG3.3. Mobiliser de manière pertinente et rigoureuse certains outils d'analyse de données (qualitative et quantitative) et de diagnostic en sciences sociales et politiques afin de mieux décoder la complexité de la « vie politique ».

- au champ politique national ainsi qu'eupéen et international,
- à la mondialisation économique et financière et à la globalisation des enjeux politiques internationaux,
- au processus d'intégration européenne.

Programme structure

Students must follow all the core subjects totalling 45 credits (15 of which are for the dissertation) and make up the rest of their programme with optional courses focused on regional subjects (e.g. Belgium, Europe or Asia) and language classes to reach the required 60 credits.

The core subjects concentrate on the different fields in political science (comparative politics, international relations, European studies, public policy and administration).

SPOL2M1 Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [45.0]

- 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...)

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15 [] [] [15 Credits] 🌐

Cours au choix [15.0]

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- Mandatory
 - ⌘ Optional
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● Mandatory

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.

SPOL2M1 - Information

Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

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University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
Titre inconnu:lsol1ba		Direct access	
Titre inconnu:lhuso1ba Titre inconnu:lsoca1ba	Si ils ont suivi la mineure en sciences politiques	Direct access	In some cases, the UCLouvain Enrolment Office, after reviewing your online enrolment or re-enrolment application, will ask you to provide an enrolment

BA en commerce et développement - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60
BA en communication - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60
BA en coopération internationale - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60
BA en droit - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60
BA en écologie sociale - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60
BA en sciences administratives et gestion publique - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
Licence en sciences politiques		Direct access	

Teaching method

o Methods which reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the course :

there is interdisciplinarity in both the courses on the different fields of political science as well as the area studies

o Variety of teaching strategies (including e-learning) :

- Most of the teaching staff are familiar with new multi-media technology and innovations introduced by the University Teaching Institute (l'Institut de pédagogie universitaire) . The overall rhythm and workload of the programme is carefully coordinated each year.

- The seminars are primarily designed to help students with the methodological structure of their final piece of work.

o Different learning situations :

- the seminars bring together cross-disciplinary elements. The tutoring system helps students to combine the different subjects in order to produce their dissertation.

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".

It is up to each member of the teaching staff to decide on the most appropriate method(s) of assessment according to the objectives of the course : oral or written examinations, work to be done throughout the year (e.g. reviews of literature, case studies or essays) or exercises.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Students are able to take advantage of various international elements of the course :

- Each year, UCL students can attend lectures given by the Chair of Political, Administrative and International Reform. Given by internationally renowned researchers, these lectures are given in French or English ;

- area studies courses.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

120 credit Masters:

- 120 credit Master 120 in Political Science (general)

- 120 credit Master 120 in Political Science (international relations)

- 120 credit Master 120 in Public Administration

Students who successfully complete the programme will be able to enter the world of work. During the first semester, they may also decide to take advantage of the opportunity open to them to go on to the 120 credit Master in Political Science (either general or international relations) or the 120 credit Master in Public Administration.

Contacts

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