Bachelor in Political Sciences: General

Programme mnemonic
BA-POLI

Studies level
Bachelor

Learning language
French

Schedule
Office hours

Studies category / subcategory
Human and social sciences / Political and social sciences

Campus
Solbosch

Programme objectives
The bachelor’s in political sciences aims at developing your knowledge in the field of political science and at expanding your skills in humanities in general (history, law, economics, etc.). At the end of the program, you will have acquired:

› A knowledge of the various sub-fields in political science;
› An opening to other fields that will allow you to analyze political and social issues from different angles and approaches;
› An analytical and university reasoning based on methodological rigor;
› Advanced writing and presentation skills in French;
› Additional linguistic skills that are essential in the professional world;
› An opening to the world.
› Overview of the program

Programme’s added value
Choosing the bachelor’s in political sciences, it is:

› To study in an internationally renowned department. For the fourth consecutive year, SciencePo ULB was ranked in the Top 100 worldwide. We ranked 1st in Belgium and Top 5 of French-speaking institutions worldwide in the field of political science and international relations (QS World University Ranking by Subject 2018);
› To follow courses taught by high-level researchers and practitioners;
› To benefit from a multilingual environment;
› To benefit from a learning support program;
› To have the possibility to experience an international exchange in Bloc 3, for 1 term or 1 year in one of our 90+ partner universities in 30+ countries in Europe and in the world (Canada, China, Brazil, United States, Japan, etc.).
› To choose for an international environment: among the faculty and researchers of the Department, there are more than 15 different nationalities, and almost 50% of our students are from outside of Belgium;
› To study political science in Brussels, the capital of Europe and second largest city worldwide in terms of international institutions;
› To open the doors of potential careers in national, European, international, regional or local institutions, as well as in the political, social, or economic world, associations, media, the private sector (consultancy, public relations), and education or research.

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Teaching methods
The curriculum includes in each year workshops, practicals and exercises, making learning a lot easier.

Succeed in your studies
ULB offers a number of activities and resources that can help you develop a successful strategy before or during your studies. You can make the transition to higher education easier by attending preparatory courses, summer classes, and information and orientation sessions, even before you start your studies at ULB.
During your studies, many people at ULB are there specifically to help you succeed: support staff in each faculty, (inter-)faculty guidance counsellors, tutors, and experts in academic methodology.

International/Openness

SciencePo ULB has a long tradition of international exchanges with 90+ partner universities in 30+ countries in the European Union and the world pays de l'Union européenne, ainsi que hors Union européenne (Canada, China, Brazil, United States, Japan, etc.).

Discover our partner universities [https://ulb.moveon4.com/publisher/7/fra]

At SciencePo ULB, internationalization also occurs in Brussels. Among the faculty, there are more than 15 nationalities, and almost half of our students are from outside Belgium.

You will study political science in Brussels, the capital of Europe and second largest city in the world in terms of international institutions. More than a third of Brussels residents are non-Belgian.

Job opportunities

With an additional master’s degree in political science, international relations, public administration, or European studies, graduates of this program will be able to orient their career path to a wide range of jobs in various sectors:

- **Career in the European sector** at the heart of Europe: European civil servant, European institutions or organizations;
- **Career in the international sector**: diplomacy, international institutions such as the U.N., OECD, WTO, etc.;
- **Career in the social and political sector**: political parties, unions, lobbies, ministerial or parliamentary assistant, etc.;
- Top civil servant in the **Belgian public administration**;
- **Career in the non-profit sector**: NGO, humanitarian, etc.;
- Analyst or consultant in the **private sector**;
- **Career in political communication or journalism**.

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Jean-Yves PRANCHERE

**Jury Secretary**
Nathalie BRACK
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The bachelor’s in political sciences offers:

- An introduction to the various sub-fields in political science: international relations, European studies, comparative politics, public administration and political theory;
- An opening to other fields in humanities: sociology, history, geography, law, economics, etc.;
- A solid training in methods: formalization, statistics, methods, and seminars;
- A strong emphasis on multilingual training: the program includes two mandatory language courses, readings in English in Blocs 1 and 2 and courses in English in Bloc 3. The program can be followed in its bilingual (FR/NL or FR/ANG) or trilingual (FR/NL/ANG) version;
- An international opening: international exchanges of 1 semester or 1 year in Bloc 3, and international profile of Faculty and students.

Bloc 1 | BA-POLI

Cours obligatoires - Bloc1

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<td>Introduction au droit, y compris les aspects sociologiques du droit</td>
<td>Anne LAGERWALL (Coordinator) and Julien PIERET</td>
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<td>Pieter LAGROU (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Introduction à la philosophie dans ses rapports avec les sciences politiques et sociales</td>
<td>Jean-Yves PRANCHERE (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Questions d’actualité politique</td>
<td>Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Pierre DESMAREZ (Coordinator) and Laurie HANQUINET</td>
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<td>Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques</td>
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<td>Éléments de statistique</td>
<td>Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>24h</td>
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Cours optionnels

Module Français - Anglais

An alternative chosen from the two following

- Français

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<td>POLI-D101</td>
<td>Introduction à la science politique</td>
<td>Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator) and Aurélie Tibbaut</td>
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<td>Enjeux politiques contemporains</td>
<td>Joël KOTEK (Coordinator)</td>
<td>5</td>
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Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

HIST-S101
Histoire économique : sociétés, industrie, organisations | Kenneth BERTRAMS (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 36h]  second term  French

POLI-D102
Histoire de la pensée politique | Jean-Yves PRANCHERE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

Néerlandais

POLI-D106
Geschiedenis van het politieke denken | Michel HUYSSEUNE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  Dutch

POLI-D109
Politieke, sociale en economische transformaties | Michel HUYSSEUNE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  Dutch
Cours obligatoires

DROI-D203  Droit public | Julien PIERET (Coordinator) and Thibault Gaudin
-  5 credits [lecture: 48h]
-  second term
-  French

ECON-D210  Economie politique et Chaire FGTB | Gani ALDASHEV (Coordinator), Esteban MARTINEZ-GARCIA and Muriel SACCO
-  10 credits [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 24h]
-  second term
-  French

HIST-D102  Critique historique appliquée aux sciences sociales | Didier VIVIERS (Coordinator) and Francine Bolle
-  5 credits [lecture: 24h]
-  second term
-  French

HIST-D202  Histoire des relations internationales | Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)
-  5 credits [lecture: 24h]
-  first term
-  French

LANG-D203  Anglais II | Andrew EDGEL (Coordinator)
-  5 credits [lecture: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]
-  first and second terms
-  English

POLI-D207  De l’Etat à l'Union européenne | François FORET (Coordinator)
-  5 credits [lecture: 24h]
-  second term
-  French

Modules de cours

Module Français - Anglais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

POLI-D202  Exercices sur des questions d’histoire de la pensée politique | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
-  5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]
-  second term
-  French

POLI-D208  Introduction à la recherche en sciences politiques | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator), Amandine CRESPY and Fanny Sbaraglia
-  5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]
-  first term
-  French

Anglais

POLI-D213  Introduction to Research in Political Science | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator)
-  5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
-  first term
-  English

POLI-D214  Exercices in Political Theory | Marc-Antoine Sabaté (Coordinator), Martin DELEIXHE and Justine LACROIX
-  5 credits [lecture: 24h]
-  second term
-  English

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<td>Geschiedenis van België</td>
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**Cours de deuxième langue - Niveau I**

A total of five credits chosen from the following

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Cours obligatoires

**LANG-D303**  
Anglais III | Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]  
first and second terms  
English

**POLI-D204**  
Introduction générale à l'étude des pays en développement | Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
French

**POLI-D301**  
Sociologie politique interne | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
French

**POLI-D302**  
Politique économique | Benoît BAYENET (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
second term  
French

**POLI-D305**  
Comparative Political Systems | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
second term  
English

**POLI-D306**  
Introduction to International Relations | Elisa LOPEZ LUCIA (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
second term  
English

**POLI-D323**  
Introduction to EU Politics | Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator) and Thibaud Deruelle  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
English

Cours à choisir

**An alternative chosen from the two following**

**Français**

**POLI-D311**  
Introduction à l'étude des politiques publiques | Fabrizio CANTELLI (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
second term  
French

**POLI-D316**  
Vie politique en Belgique | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator) and Caroline Van Wynsbergh  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
French

**Néerlandais**

**POLI-D317**  
Belgisch federalisme  
5 credits [personal assignments: 144h]  
first term  
Dutch

**POLI-D320**  
Bestuur en beleid  
5 credits [personal assignments: 144h]  
second term  
Dutch

Cours de deuxième langue - Niveau II

**A total of five credits chosen from the following**
Exercices en Sciences politiques

A total of five credits chosen from the following

- **POLI-D309** Lecture de textes de science politique | Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]
  - first term
  - French

- **POLI-D310** Questions de science politique interne | François FORET (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **POLI-D322** Exercices de relations internationales | Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

Cours optionnels

A total of five credits chosen from the following

- **GENR-D301** Genre : Histoire, Arts et représentations | Valérie PIETTE (Coordinator), Muriel ANDRIN and Anaëlle Prêtre
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **GEOG-F210** Géographie de l'Europe | Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **INFO-D203** Analyse exploratoire et visualisation de données | Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
  - second term
  - French

- **PHIL-B320** Philosophie politique | Thomas BERNS (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **SOCA-D209** Initiation aux méthodes quantitatives | Dirk JACOBS (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **SOCA-D304** Démographie | Jean-Michel DECROLY (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]
  - first term
  - French