Bachelor in Political Sciences: General

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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.

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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Jury Secretary
Nathalie BRACK
Bachelor in Political Sciences: General

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 - Bloc 1

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<td>DROI-D103</td>
<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>HIST-B115</td>
<td>Histoire de l’Epoque contemporaine</td>
<td>Pieter LAGROU (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>PHIL-D101</td>
<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>POLI-D205</td>
<td>Questions d’actualité politique</td>
<td>Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>SOCA-D102</td>
<td>Sociologie générale</td>
<td>Pierre DESMAREZ (Coordinator) and Laurie HANQUINET</td>
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<td>Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques</td>
<td>Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>STAT-D103</td>
<td>Eléments de statistique</td>
<td>Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)</td>
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Cours optionnels

Module Français - Anglais

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<td>POLI-D104</td>
<td>Enjeux politiques contemporains</td>
<td>Joël KOTEK (Coordinator)</td>
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Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

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

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

or

Néerlandais

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

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

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

**ECON-D210** | Économie politique et Chaire FGTB | Gani ALDASHEV and Esteban MARTINEZ-GARCIA  
10 credits [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 24h]  
second term  
French

**HIST-D102** | Critique historique appliquée aux sciences sociales | Didier VIVIERS (Coordinator)  
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 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) and Amandine CRESPY  
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 | Martin DELEIXHE (Coordinator)  
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  
second term  
English

Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the two following
Français

HIST-D201  Histoire politique contemporaine de la Belgique | Serge JAUMAIN (Coordinator)
☐ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] ☐ second term ☐ French

POLI-D201  Histoire de la pensée politique II | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator) and Paul MAGNETTE
☐ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] ☐ first term ☐ French

or

Néerlandais

POLI-D209  Geschiedenis van het politieke denken
☐ 5 credits [personal assignments: 144h] ☐ first term ☐ Dutch

POLI-D212  Geschiedenis van België
☐ 5 credits [personal assignments: 144h] ☐ second term ☐ Dutch

Cours de deuxième langue - Niveau I

A total of five credits chosen from the following

GERM-B260  Allemand I / Deutsch I | Barbara OBST
☐ 5 credits [language practice: 36h] ☐ first term ☐ German

LANG-D213  Néerlandais I | Eva DE MESMAEKER (Coordinator), Elke SMETS and Evie TOPS
☐ 5 credits [lecture: 48h, practical work: 12h] ☐ first and second terms ☐ Dutch

LANG-D230  Espagnol I | Emilie RIKIR (Coordinator)
☐ 5 credits [lecture: 48h, practical work: 12h] ☐ first and second terms ☐ Spanish
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<td>Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D204</td>
<td><strong>Introduction générale à l'étude des pays en développement</strong></td>
<td>Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Frédéric LOUALT (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D302</td>
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<td>Benoît BAYENET (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D305</td>
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<td>Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D306</td>
<td><strong>Introduction to International Relations</strong></td>
<td>Elisa LOPEZ LUCIA (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D323</td>
<td><strong>Introduction to EU Politics</strong></td>
<td>Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator)</td>
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## Cours à choisir

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### Français

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<td>Fabrizio CANTELLI (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D316</td>
<td><strong>Vie politique en Belgique</strong></td>
<td>Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)</td>
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## Cours de deuxième langue - Niveau II

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### Exercices en Sciences politiques

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<td>Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)</td>
<td>5 (tutorial classes: 24h)</td>
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<td>POLI-D310</td>
<td>Questions de science politique interne</td>
<td>François FORET (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D322</td>
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<td>Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Genre : Histoire, Arts et représentations</td>
<td>Valérie PIETTE (Coordinator) and Muriel ANDRIN</td>
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<td>GEOG-F210</td>
<td>Géographie de l’Europe</td>
<td>Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>INFO-D203</td>
<td>Analyse exploratoire et visualisation de données</td>
<td>Matteo GAGLIOLI (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Thomas BERNIS (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Dirk JACOBS (Coordinator)</td>
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