Master in Political Sciences : General

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Programme mnemonic
MA-POLI
- Focus Political Communication : M-POLIP
- Focus Democratic Challenges : M-POLIC

Studies level
Master 120 credits

Learning language
English and French

Schedule
Office hours

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

Campus
Solbosch

Programme objectives

More generally, the programme also gives students key skills for their future careers: coherent and well-structured oral and written expression, the ability to retrieve and manage information, and language skills—which are a key aspect to finding a job. Students are regularly encouraged to read English documents, and a number of courses are taught in English.

With skills tailored to the business world, graduates have great opportunities on the job market and can quickly find interesting work where they will make the most of their education.

Programme's added value

- A very wide offering of courses in political science, and many more in related areas of human sciences (law, economics, history, sociology, psychology, statistics). Recent results from a student survey as part of our evaluation process are very encouraging, with 84% of courses given positive marks.
- An excellent academic programme with teachers of international renown: For the fourth year running, SciencePo-ULB was among the top 100 political science departments worldwide; it is the highest ranking in Belgium, and in the top 5 worldwide for French-speaking political science departments (QS World university Ranking by subject, 2017).
- Strong emphasis on linguistic and methodological skills.
- Preparation for the professional world.
- Immersion in an international environment.

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

There is a great tradition of student exchanges in political science, involving numerous universities in the European Union and Central European countries, as well as with North American universities (Canada, Quebec, USA). Students can spend a term or a whole year abroad.
Job opportunities

Graduates are well equipped to work in a variety of sectors:

- political and social life (political parties, trade unions, employer organisations, lobbies), political cabinets, parliaments, etc.;
- civil service at the local, regional, national, and European levels;
- international careers (diplomatic service, international organisations such as the UN, the OECD, or the Council of Europe);
- political consulting and counselling;
- executive positions in the non-market sector (e.g. non-profits, NGOs, humanitarian organisations, local missions, etc.);
- analysis in the private sector (e.g. banking);
- communication and journalism (press and audio-visual): spokesperson, reporter, communications officer;
- teaching;
- research, whether fundamental academic research, applied research, or research for think tanks, organisations, political parties, etc.

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**Tronc commun**

**DROI-C5108**  
Droit public comparé | Emmanuel SLAUTSKY (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

**ECON-S2001**  
Analysis of Contemporary Economic Issues | Jean-Pierre DE LAET (Coordinator) and Chrissopighi BRAILA  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  
- second term  
- English

**POLI-D303**  
Partis politiques | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- first term  
- French

**POLI-D439**  
Elections and Political Participation | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- first term  
- English

**POLI-D454**  
Séminaire de professionnalisation | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [seminars: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

**POLI-D511**  
Institutions and Political Representation | Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- first term  
- English

**Méthodes**

*A total of five credits chosen from the following*

**POLI-D438**  
Méthodes d’enquête de terrain en relations internationales | Isaline BERGAMASCHI (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

**POLI-D460**  
Méthodes qualitatives en science politique | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

**POLI-D463**  
Analyse des discours politiques et médiatiques  
- 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

**SOCA-D403**  
Analyse quantitative II | Dirk JACOBS (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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Social Network Analysis | Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)  
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Analyse quantitative I | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)  
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**STAT-D307**  
Méthodes d’enquête et de sondage | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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**Préparation au mémoire**

**POLI-D404**  
Etudes approfondies de science politique /Master Thesis Seminar | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator), Julien JEANDESBOZ and Corinne TORREKENS  
- 10 credits [tutorial classes: 48h]  
- first term  
- French
Cours spécifiques

POLI-D313  Communication politique | François HEINDERYCKX (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h]  first term  French

POLI-D505  Digital Politics | Pietro Castelli Gattinara (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  English

POLI-D506  Political Marketing and Communication | Pietro Castelli Gattinara (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  English
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**Tronc commun**

MEMO-D528  
**Mémoire**  
- 30 credits  
- academic year  
- French

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One course chosen from the following

- POLI-D461  
  **Stage en science politique**  
  - Aude MERLIN (Coordinator)  
  - 15 credits [personal assignments: 180h]  
  - first and second terms  
  - French

- POLI-D546  
  **Mobilité internationale**  
  - 15 credits  
  - first term  
  - French

**Cours optionnels**

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- ECON-S466  
  **Public management and communication**  
  - Vincent MABILLARD (Coordinator)  
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - second term  
  - English

- ENVI-F531  
  - unknown term

- POLI-D304  
  **Régimes politiques en Afrique**  
  - Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)  
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - second term  
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- POLI-D312  
  **Le siècle de la Shoah et les génocides**  
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- POLI-D406  
  **Géographie politique**  
  - Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)  
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- POLI-D429  
  **Sport et politique**  
  - Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)  
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - second term  
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- POLI-D436  
  **Identités, communautés et espaces publics en Europe**  
  - François FORET (Coordinator)  
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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- POLI-D444  
  **History of Central and Eastern Europe**  
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  **Politique de l'Amérique latine**  
  - Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)  
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- POLI-D547  
  **Le Brésil : puissance émergente**  
  - Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)  
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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POLI-D552 Questions politiques d'actualité en Chine | Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator)
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POLI-D556 Régimes politiques d'Europe centrale et orientale | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)
5 credits (lecture: 24h)  second term  French

RELA-D400 L'islam en Europe contemporaine | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)
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SOCA-D4900 Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics | Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)
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