Bachelor in Political Sciences : General

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

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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Martin DELEIXHE
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

- **DROI-D103**
  - *Introduction au droit, y compris les aspects sociologiques du droit* | Anne LAGERWALL (Coordinator) and Julien PIERET
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

- **HIST-B115**
  - *Histoire de l’Epoque contemporaine* | Pieter LAGROU (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 48h]  first term  French

- **LANG-D103**
  - *Anglais* | Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]  first and second terms  English

- **PHIL-D101**
  - *Introduction à la philosophie dans ses rapports avec les sciences politiques et sociales* | Jean-Yves PRANCHERE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

- **POLI-D103**
  - *Politique mondiale* | Julien JEANDESBOZ (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

- **POLI-D205**
  - *Questions d’actualité politique* | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [practical work: 24h]  second term  French

- **SOCA-D102**
  - *Sociologie générale* | Pierre LANNOY (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  first term  French

- **SOCA-D173**
  - *Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques* | Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  first term  French

#### Cours optionnels

**Module Français - Anglais**

*An alternative chosen from the following*

- **Français**
  - **POLI-D101** *(optional)*
    - *Introduction à la science politique* | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)
    - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

  - **POLI-D104** *(optional)*
    - *Approches méthodiques de questions politiques* | Romain Weikmans (Coordinator)
    - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French
Anglais

Introduction to Political Science | Luca TOMINI (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  English

Methodical approaches of political issues | Martin DELEIXHE (Coordinator)
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  English

Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

Introduction à l'histoire globale du capitalisme | 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

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
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Bloc 2 | BA-POLI

Cours obligatoires

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

ECON-D210  Économie politique générale | Gani ALDASHEV (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 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

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

STAT-D103  Eléments de statistique | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French

A total of five credits chosen from the following

GERM-B260  Allemand I / Deutsch | 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

Module Français-Anglais

An alternative chosen from the following

POLI-D208  Introduction à la recherche en sciences politiques | Jean-Benoit PILET (Coordinator)
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  first term  French

Séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following
POLI-D202 (optional)
Exercices de théorie politique | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
Ø 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] ☑ second term ☐ French

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

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

Anglais

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

Un séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following

POLI-D203 (optional)
Exercices in international relations | Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)
Ø 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] ☑ second term ☐ English

POLI-D214 (optional)
Exercises in Political Theory | Martin DELEIXHE (Coordinator)
Ø 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] ☑ second term ☐ English

Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

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

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

Néerlandais

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

POLI-D212 (optional)
Geschiedenis van België
Ø 5 credits [personal assignments: 144h] ☑ second term ☐ Dutch
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Bloc 3 | BA-POLI

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 à l'Étude de la Mondialisation et du développement | Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

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

- **POLI-D305** | Régimes politiques comparés | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator) and David Talukder
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - first term
  - French

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

- **POLI-D307** | Introduction to Political Communication | Pietro Castelli Gattinara (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - first term
  - English

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

- **STAT-D204** | Analyse quantitative | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
  - first term
  - French

Cours à choisir

An alternative chosen from the two following

**Français**

- **POLI-D311** | Introduction à l’étude des politiques publiques et aux enjeux de l’administration publique | Fabrizio CANTELLI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French

- **POLI-D316** | Vie politique en Belgique | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)
  - 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

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