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
Choose
The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études [https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1] service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed
Get help
Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support [https://www.ulb.be/fr/aides-services-et-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1] for your specific needs.

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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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>Julien PIERET (Coordinator)</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>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 LANNOY (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>SOCA-D173</td>
<td>Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques</td>
<td>Matteo GAGLIOLO (Coordinator)</td>
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Cours optionnels

Module Français - Anglais

An alternative chosen from the following

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<td>Introduction à la science politique</td>
<td>Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)</td>
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<td>POLI-D104 (Optionnal)</td>
<td>Approches méthodiques de questions politiques</td>
<td>Romain Weikmans (Coordinator)</td>
<td>5</td>
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**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

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**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  Economie 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), David Albert BEST and Christel VAN RANST
  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 LOUAUT (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

Cours de deuxième langue - Niveau I

A total of five credits chosen from the following

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

LANG-D213  (optional)  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  (optional)  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 two following

Français

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

Séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following
Exercices de théorie politique | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator) and Elisabeth LEFORT
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French

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

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

Anglais

Introduction to Research in Political Science | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator) and Alena PROKOP SOBOTOVA
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  first term  English

An alternative chosen from the following

Exercises in international relations | Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  English

Exercises in Political Theory | Martin DELEIXHE (Coordinator)
5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  English

Module Français - Néerlandais

An alternative chosen from the following

Français

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

Histoire de la pensée politique II | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator), Juliette Lafosse and Paul MAGNETTE
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

Néerlandais

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

Geschiedenis van België
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), David Albert BEST and Andrew EDGEL
5 credits [lecture: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]  first and second terms  English

POLI-D204  Introduction à l'Etude 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) and Pauline Pirlot
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  English

STAT-D204  Analyse quantitative | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second 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 | Giovanni ESPOSITO (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

A total of five credits chosen from the following

**GERM-B132** (optional)
- **Allemand II** | Barbara OBST (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [language practice: 36h]
  - second term
  - German

**LANG-D315** (optional)
- **Néerlandais II** | Eva DE MESMAEKER (Coordinator), Elke SMETS and Evie TOPS
  - 5 credits [lecture: 48h, practical work: 12h]
  - first and second terms
  - Dutch

**LANG-D330** (optional)
- **Espagnol II** | Emilie RIKIR (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 48h, practical work: 12h]
  - first and second terms
  - Spanish

Cours optionnels

A total of five credits chosen from the following

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

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

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

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

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

**SOCA-D313** (optional)
- **Sociologie du travail et Chaire FGTB** | Meike Brodersen (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
  - first and second terms
  - French

**TRAN-F201** (optional)
- **Introduction aux enjeux de la durabilité** | Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) and Chiara ARMENI
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - second term
  - French