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.

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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Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn: @SciencePoULB

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.

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**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.

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**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**
Martin DELEIXHE
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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>Introduction au droit, y compris les aspects sociologiques du droit</td>
<td>Anne LAGERWALL, Julien PIERET</td>
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<td>Introduction à la philosophie dans ses rapports avec les sciences politiques et sociales</td>
<td>Jean-Yves PRANCHERE</td>
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<td>POLI-D103</td>
<td>Politique mondiale</td>
<td>Julien JEANDESBOZ</td>
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<td>POLI-D205</td>
<td>Questions d’actualité politique</td>
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<td>Pierre LANNOY</td>
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<td>SOCA-D173</td>
<td>Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques</td>
<td>Matteo GAGLIOLO</td>
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Cours optionnels

Module Français - Anglais

An alternative chosen from the following

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<td>POLI-D101</td>
<td>Introduction à la science politique</td>
<td>Pascal DELWIT</td>
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<td>POLI-D104</td>
<td>Approches méthodiques de questions politiques</td>
<td>Romain Weikmans</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

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 HUYSEUNE (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
- Second term
- Dutch

**Politieke, sociale en economische transformaties** | Michel HUYSEUNE (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)
5 credits [lecture: 48h, personal assignments: 12h] | first and second terms | English

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

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 following

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

Séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following
Exercices de théorie politique | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
- 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 David Talukder
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
- First term
- English

Un séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following

Exercices 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 two 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) 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)  
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)  
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** (optional)  
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** (optional)  
Vie politique en Belgique | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
First term  
French

**Néerlandais**

**POLI-D317** (optional)  
Belgisch federalisme  
5 credits [personal assignments: 144h]  
First term  
Dutch

**POLI-D320** (optional)  
Bestuur en beleid  
5 credits [personal assignments: 144h]  
Second term  
Dutch
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 Muriel ANDRIN
  - 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 GAGLIOLI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
  - second term  
  - French

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

**SOCA-D303** (optional)
- Durabilité et transition socio-écologique | Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) and Chiara ARMENI
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - first and second terms  
  - 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
  - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
  - first and second terms  
  - French