



Bachelor in Political Sciences : General

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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

- › 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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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:

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

Take part in preparatory courses [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] or get help to succeed [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>], before or during your studies.

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 - Bloc1

DROI-D103	Introduction au droit, y compris les aspects sociologiques du droit Julien PIERET (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
HIST-B115	Histoire de l'Epoque contemporaine Pieter LAGROU (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 48h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
LANG-D103	Anglais I Christel VAN RANST (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [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 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
POLI-D103	Politique mondiale Julien JEANDESBOZ (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
POLI-D205	Questions d'actualité politique Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
SOCA-D102	Sociologie générale Pierre LANNOY (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
SOCA-D173	Formalisation pour les sciences sociales et politiques Matteo GAGLILOLO (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

Cours optionnels

Module Français - Anglais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

POLI-D101 (optional)	Introduction à la science politique Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [lecture: 30h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
POLI-D104 (optional)	Approches méthodiques de questions politiques Romain Weikmans (Coordinator) ⌚ 5 crédits [tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

or

POLI-D107
(optional)

Anglais

[Introduction to Political Science](#) | Luca TOMINI (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  English

POLI-D108
(optional)

[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

HIST-S101
(optional)

Français

[Introduction à l'histoire globale du capitalisme](#) | Kenneth BERTRAMS (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 36h]  second term  French

POLI-D102
(optional)

[Histoire de la pensée politique I](#) | Jean-Yves PRANCHERE (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

or

POLI-D106
(optional)

Néerlandais

[Geschiedenis van het politieke denken I](#) | Michel HUYSSSEUNE (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  Dutch

POLI-D109
(optional)

[Politieke, sociale en economische transformaties](#) | Michel HUYSSSEUNE (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
- 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

Module Français-Anglais

An alternative chosen from the two following

Français

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

Séminaire à choisir

One course chosen from the following

- POLI-D202 **Exercices de théorie politique** | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] second term French
- POLI-D310 **Questions de science politique interne** | François FORET (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] second term French
- POLI-D322 **Exercices de relations internationales** | Christophe WASINSKI (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] second term French

or

Anglais

POLI-D213
(optional)

Introduction to Research in Political Science | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator)

🕒 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)

🕒 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 English

POLI-D214
(optional)

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
(optional)

Histoire politique contemporaine de la Belgique | Serge JAUMAIN (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French

POLI-D201
(optional)

Histoire de la pensée politique II | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator) and Paul MAGNETTE

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French

or

Néerlandais

POLI-D209
(optional)

Geschiedenis van het politieke denken

🕒 5 credits [personal assignments: 144h] 📅 first term 🗨 Dutch

POLI-D212
(optional)

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
(optional)

Allemand I / Deutsch I | 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



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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)
 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**
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French
- POLI-D316 **Vie politique en Belgique** | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French

or

Néerlandais

- POLI-D317 **Belgisch federalisme**
 (optional) 5 credits [personal assignments: 144h] 📅 first term 🗨 Dutch
- POLI-D320 **Bestuur en beleid**
 (optional) 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)
 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 GAGLILOLO (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second 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, project: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French