Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology

The 2024–2025 programme is subject to change. It is provided for information purposes only.

Programme objectives

To provide students with the necessary background for taking a master programme based on the discipline traditions of sociology and anthropology. Students will learn ways of analysing various complex social situations using appropriate research methods.

Programme's added value

The bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology provides students with quite an in-depth education in each of these two sister disciplines. The bachelor as a whole provides a good background in languages.

The possibility of exchanges is a priority aspect of any programme. The Department has agreements with more than a hundred partners throughout the world enabling students to spend a semester or a whole year.

The opportunity to do a work placement or fieldwork is provided as of master.

Throughout the year we offer:

- Coaching: the department has introduced a coaching programme targeting all students enrolled in the first bachelor year. It is run by a team of assistants. The aim of this coaching is to support students in their first steps at the University and to help them pass their exams:
  - exercise sessions;
  - guidance;
  - the possibility to consult your exam scripts;
  - and our teachers are available at certain times to speak to you and answer your questions.

You will have at your disposal:

- the human sciences library;
- several specialist libraries; the Faculty’s computer rooms.
- Website: www.philoscsoc.ulb.be

Choose

The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed

Take part in preparatory courses or get help to succeed, before or during your studies.

Get help

Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support for your specific needs.

International/Openness

The department has exchange agreements with more than a hundred partner universities in Europe and throughout the world.
Job opportunities

A whole range of professional careers in various sectors:

- Social services (social security organisations, family planning centres, welfare centres, etc.)
- Health, safety, education
- The civil service in general
- Training
- Public relations
- Voluntary organisations
- Trade unions
- Consultancy
- National and international project-funding institutions (European Commission, World Bank, etc.)
- Polling organisations
- Teaching
- Research centres

Finally, you can also go into research.

By adding a master in sociology or anthropology to their bachelier, the following occupations are open to students:

- University-level social worker
- International aid / development work
- Team leader/organiser in the non-profit sector or in an NGO
- Secondary school teacher / university lecturer
- Journalist
- Civil service occupations
- Consultant
- Manager in the private sector (communications, public relations, etc.)
- Researcher in anthropology or sociology

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Joëlle Noret

Jury Secretary
Matteo GAGLIOLI
As indicated by its title, the bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology provides basic education in these two disciplines. However, given the complexity of the subject matter of these disciplines, we also provide a good background in a range of related disciplines providing complementary perspectives: philosophy, history, human geography, demography, statistics, law, psychology, etc. These disciplines are systematically looked at with regard to their relationships to the social sciences.

During the bachelor period, students follow units progressively building up their knowledge of the theory and methodologies used in sociology and anthropology and specific subjects belonging to these two disciplines. Exercises associated with theoretical thinking and fieldwork are organised during the first year. The intention of this programme is to give priority to learning the use of both quantitative and qualitative methodologies in social sciences.

Last but not least, language lessons are provided throughout the programme.

**Bloc 1 | BA-SOCA**

### Cours obligatoires

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

- **GEOG-F103**  
  *Fondements de la géographie humaine*  
  Jean-Michel DECROLY (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 36h, project: 20h)  
  second term  
  French

- **HIST-D102**  
  *Critique historique appliquée aux sciences sociales*  
  Didier VIVIERS (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h)  
  second term  
  French

- **HIST-S101**  
  *Introduction à l’histoire globale du capitalisme*  
  Kenneth BERTRAMS (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 36h)  
  second term  
  French

- **LANG-D104**  
  *Anglais I*  
  Alexander Hugh RAYMOND (Coordinator) and Zsofia GYORI  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h, personal assignments: 36h)  
  academic year  
  French

- **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

- **SOCA-D101**  
  *Anthropologie sociale et culturelle I*  
  Joël Noret (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 24h)  
  first and second terms  
  French

- **SOCA-D106**  
  *Introduction à la démarche sociologique et initiation à la recherche documentaire*  
  Meike Brodersen (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h)  
  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

- **SOCA-D209**  
  *Initiation aux méthodes quantitatives*  
  Dirk JACOBS (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h)  
  second term  
  French

### Module Bilingue

**Psychologie**

* A total of five credits chosen from the following

- **PSYC-D102** (optional)  
  *Psychologie dans ses rapports avec les sciences sociales*  
  Philippe BERNARD (Coordinator)  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h)  
  second term  
  French

- **PSYC-Y100** (optional)  
  *Algemene psychologie*  
  5 credits (lecture: 24h)  
  first term  
  Dutch
A total of five credits chosen from the following

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

- **SOCA-Y100 (optional)**
  - Sociologie I
    - 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
    - first term  
    - Dutch
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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

**LANG-D204**  Anglais II | Frédéric Grün (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]
- first and second terms
- English

**SOCA-D200**  Méthodologie de l'entretien de recherche | Abdellali HAJJAT (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
- first term
- French

**SOCA-D201**  Anthropologie sociale et culturelle II | David BERLINER (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
- second term
- French

**SOCA-D204**  Méthodologie de l'anthropologie sociale et culturelle | Maité Maskens (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h]
- second term
- French

**STAT-D207**  Eléments de statistique pour les sciences sociales | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
- first term
- French

Module bilingue - Sociologie II

A total of five credits chosen from the following

**SOCA-D202**  Sociologie II | Andrea REA (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
- first term
- French

**SOCA-Y200**  Sociologie II
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
- second term
- Dutch

Cours optionnels

A total of ten credits chosen from the following

**HIST-B100**  Histoire de l'Antiquité | Didier VIVIERS (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
- second term
- French

**HIST-B105**  Histoire du Moyen Age | Nicolas SCHROEDER (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]
- first term
- French

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

**HIST-D201**  Histoire politique contemporaine de la Belgique | Serge JAUMAIN (Coordinator)
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
- second term
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Cours obligatoires

LANG-D304  Anglais III | Alexander Hugh RAYMOND (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 48h, practical work: 12h]  first and second terms  English

SOCA-D203  Eléments d'épistémologie des sciences sociales | Meike Brodersen (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

SOCA-D323  Anthropologie du proche | Alexander NEWELL (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

SOCA-D324  Travail de recherche | Dirk JACOBS (Coordinator) and Carla MASCIA
5 credits [tutorial classes: 36h]  first term  French

Module Bilingue - Démographie

A total of five credits chosen from the following

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

SOCA-Y301 (optional)  Social demography
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  English

An option chosen from (the same in bloc 2 and bloc 3):

B-SOCA-S  Option sociologie

B-SOCA-A  Option anthropologie
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Cours obligatoires

INFO-D203 | Analyse exploratoire et visualisation de données | Matteo GAGLIOLI (Coordinator) | 5 | first | French |

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