Master in Political Sciences: General

Programme mnemonic
MA-POLI
- Focus Political Communication: M-POLIP
- Focus Democratic Challenges: M-POLIC

Studies level
Master 120 credits

Learning language
English and French

Schedule
Office hours

Studies category / subcategory
Human and social sciences / Political and social sciences

Campus
Solbosch

Programme objectives
More generally, the programme also gives students key skills for their future careers: coherent and well-structured oral and written expression, the ability to retrieve and manage information, and language skills—which are a key aspect to finding a job. Students are regularly encouraged to read English documents, and a number of courses are taught in English.

With skills tailored to the business world, graduates have great opportunities on the job market and can quickly find interesting work where they will make the most of their education.

Programme's added value

- An excellent academic programme with teachers of international renown: For the fourth year running, SciencePo-ULB was among the top 100 political science departments worldwide; it is the highest ranking in Belgium, and in the top 5 worldwide for French-speaking political science departments (QS World university Ranking by subject, 2017).
- Strong emphasis on linguistic and methodological skills.
- Preparation for the professional world.
- Immersion in an international environment.

Succeed in your studies

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

There is a great tradition of student exchanges in political science, involving numerous universities in the European Union and Central European countries, as well as with North American universities (Canada, Quebec, USA). Students can spend a term or a whole year abroad.

Job opportunities

Graduates are well equipped to work in a variety of sectors:
- political and social life (political parties, trade unions, employer organisations, lobbies, political cabinets, parliaments, etc.);
- civil service at the local, regional, national, and European levels;
international careers (diplomatic service, international organisations such as the UN, the OECD, or the Council of Europe);

political consulting and counselling;

executive positions in the non-market sector (e.g. non-profits, NGOs, humanitarian organisations, local missions, etc.);

analysis in the private sector (e.g. banking);

communication and journalism (press and audio-visual): spokesperson, reporter, communications officer;

teaching;

research, whether fundamental academic research, applied research, or research for think tanks, organisations, political parties, etc.

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**Tronc commun**

- **DROI-C5108**
  - *Droit public comparé* | Emmanuel SLAUTSKY (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French

- **ECON-S2001**
  - *Analysis of Contemporary Economic Issues* | Jean-Pierre DE LAET (Coordinator) and Filipp Ushchev
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] | second term | English

- **POLI-D303**
  - *Partis politiques* | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator) and Audrey VANDELEENE
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

- **POLI-D439**
  - *Elections and Political Participation* | Emilie VAN HAUTE (Coordinator) and Emilien PAULIS
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | English

- **POLI-D454**
  - *Séminaire de professionnalisation* | Pascal DELWIT (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [seminars: 24h] | second term | French

- **POLI-D511**
  - *Institutions and Political Representation* | Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator) and David Talukder
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | English

**Méthodes**

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- **POLI-D438** (optional)
  - *Méthodes d’enquête de terrain en relations internationales* | Isaline BERGAMASCHI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] | second term | French

- **POLI-D460** (optional)
  - *Méthodes qualitatives en science politique* | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator) and Tiago Moreira Ramalho
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] | second term | French

- **POLI-D463** (optional)
  - *Analyse des discours politiques et médiatiques* | Amandine CRESPY (Coordinator) and Jana Goyvaerts
  - 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] | second term | French

- **SOCA-D460** (optional)
  - *Social Network Analysis* | Matteo GAGLILO (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] | second term | English

- **STAT-D307** (optional)
  - *Méthodes d’enquête et de sondage* | Catherine VERMANDELE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French

**Préparation au mémoire**

- **POLI-D404**
  - *Etudes approfondies de science politique /Master Thesis Seminar* | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator), Julien Pomarède and Corinne TORREKENS
  - 5 credits [seminars: 24h] | first term | French

**Cours spécifiques**

- **POLI-D313**
  - *Communication politique* | François HEINDERCKX (Coordinator) and Nicolas BAYGERT
  - 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h] | first term | French
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- **ECON-S466 (optional)** Public management and communication | Vincent MABILLARD (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - second term  
  - English

- **POLI-D304 (optional)** Régimes politiques en Afrique | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - first term  
  - French

- **POLI-D312 (optional)** Le siècle de la Shoah et les génocides | Joël KOTEK (Coordinator)
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  - first term  
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- **POLI-D402 (optional)** Russian Politics | Aude MERLIN (Coordinator)
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- **POLI-D406 (optional)** Géographie politique | Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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  - French

- **POLI-D429 (optional)** Sport et politique | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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- **POLI-D436 (optional)** Identités, communautés et espaces publics en Europe | François FORET (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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- **POLI-D444** History of Central and Eastern Europe
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - first term  
  - English

- **POLI-D509 (optional)** Politique de l’Amérique latine | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)
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- **POLI-D547 (optional)** Le Brésil : puissance émergente | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)
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- **POLI-D552 (optional)** Questions politiques d'actualité en Chine | Thierry KELLNER (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
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- **POLI-D556 (optional)** Régimes politiques d’Europe centrale et orientale | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - second term  
  - French

- **RELATION-D400 (optional)** L’islam en Europe contemporaine | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator) and Malika Hamidi
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - first term  
  - French

- **SOCA-D4900 (optional)** Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics | Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
  - first term  
  - English
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Tronc commun

MEMO-D568  Mémoire
☐ 30 credits  ☐ first and second terms  ☐ French

One course chosen from the following

- POLI-D461 (optional)  Stage en science politique | Aude MERLIN (Coordinator)
  ☐ 15 credits [personal assignments: 180h]  ☐ first and second terms  ☐ French

- POLI-D546 (optional)  Mobilité internationale
  ☐ 15 credits  ☐ first term  ☐ French

Cours optionnels

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- ECON-S466 (optional)  Public management and communication | Vincent MABILLARD (Coordinator)
  ☐ 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  ☐ second term  ☐ English

- POLI-D304 (optional)  Régimes politiques en Afrique | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)
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5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French

Réformer la démocratie | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator) and Chloé Janssen  
5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

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Régimes politiques en Afrique | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)  
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Loi et religions | Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)  
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Ethnicité et nationalisme | Pierre PETIT (Coordinator)  
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MEMO-D567  Mémoire
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