



## 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

- > 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 [<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.

## 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

Our aim is to provide high-level academic training while preparing students for their professional career. ULB's political science programme also benefits from the pooling of a significant number of courses with the Institute of European Studies, one of the best in Europe.

- > A very wide offering of courses in political science, and many more in related areas of human sciences (law, economics, history, sociology, psychology, statistics). Recent results from a student survey as part of our evaluation process are very encouraging, with 84% of courses given positive marks.

## 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  
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- 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 CRESPIY (Coordinator) and Jana Goyvaerts  
 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French
- SOCA-D460** (optional) [Social Network Analysis](#) | Matteo GAGLILOLO (Coordinator)  
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- 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 HEINDERYCKX (Coordinator) and Nicolas BAYGERT  
 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h]  first term  French

POLI-D505 **Digital Politics** | Pietro Castelli Gattinara (Coordinator) and Florian Tixier  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] second term English

POLI-D506 **Political Marketing and Communication** | Pietro Castelli Gattinara (Coordinator) and Karolin Soontjens  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] second term English

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ECON-S466 **Public management and communication** | Vincent MABILLARD (Coordinator)  
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POLI-D304 **Régimes politiques en Afrique** | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)  
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French

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

POLI-D429 **Sport et politique** | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)  
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POLI-D436 **Identités, communautés et espaces publics en Europe** | François FORET (Coordinator)  
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] second term French

POLI-D444 **History of Central and Eastern Europe**  
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term English

POLI-D509 **Politique de l'Amérique latine** | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)  
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POLI-D547 **Le Brésil : puissance émergente** | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)  
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POLI-D556 **Régimes politiques d'Europe centrale et orientale** | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)  
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RELA-D400 **L'islam en Europe contemporaine** | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator) and Malika Hamidi  
 (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h] first term French

SOCA-D4900 **Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics** | Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)  
 (optional) 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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POLI-D406 (optional) **Géographie politique** | Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)  
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- POLI-D464** [Democratisation and autocratisation](#) | Luca TOMINI (Coordinator)  
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ English

- POLI-D515 **Théories de la démocratie et des droits humains** | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator) and Elisabeth LEFORT  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- POLI-D554 **Réformer la démocratie** | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator) and Chloé Janssen  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

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- POLI-D304 (optional) **Régimes politiques en Afrique** | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)  
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- POLI-D403 (optional) **L'Europe et la nation** | Jean-Yves PRANCHERE (Coordinator)  
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- POLI-O503 (optional) **Elections, représentations et partis politiques dans l'UE** | Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator)  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- RELA-D400 (optional) **L'islam en Europe contemporaine** | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator) and Malika Hamidi  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- RELA-D502 (optional) **Loi et religions** | Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- SOCA-D408 (optional) **Ethnicité et nationalisme** | Pierre PETIT (Coordinator)  
 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French





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MEMO-D567

**Mémoire**

🕒 30 credits 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

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POLI-D461  
(optional)

**Stage en science politique** | Aude MERLIN (Coordinator)

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POLI-D546  
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POLI-D556  
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**Régimes politiques d'Europe centrale et orientale** | Jean-Michel DE WAELE (Coordinator)

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

- POLI-0503  
(optional) **Elections, représentations et partis politiques dans l'UE** | Nathalie BRACK (Coordinator)  
🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
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