Master in Political Sciences : General

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

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.

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

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

A total of five credits chosen from the following

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

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

- Le siècle de la Shoah et les génocides | Joël KOTEK (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

- Russian Politics | Aude MERLIN (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  English

- Géographie politique | Gilles VAN HAMME (Coordinator)
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- Le Brésil : puissance émergente | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator)
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- L’islam en Europe contemporaine | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

- Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics | Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  English
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MEMO-D567  Mémoire
- 30 credits
- academic year
- 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

A total of 15 credits chosen from the following

- 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]
  - second term
  - French

- POLI-D312  (optional)  Le siècle de la Shoah et les génocides  Joël KOTEK (Coordinator)
  - 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
  - first term
  - French

- 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]
  - second term
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- 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-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)
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RELAD400 (optional)  
L'islam en Europe contemporaine  |  Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)  
Ø 5 credits  [lecture: 24h]  ☑  first term  ☑  French

SOCA-D4900 (optional)  
Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics  |  Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)  
Ø 5 credits  [lecture: 24h]  ☑  first term  ☑  English
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**Etudes approfondies de science politique /Master Thesis Seminar** | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator), Julien JEANDESBOZ and Corinne TORREKENS | 5 credits (seminars: 24h) | first | 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)
☐ 15 credits [personal assignments: 180h] ☐ first and second terms ☐ French

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

Cours spécifiques

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POLI-D304 (optional)
Régimes politiques en Afrique | Véronique DIMIER (Coordinator)
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REL-D502  
Loi et religions  |  Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)
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SOCA-D408  
Ethnicité et nationalisme  |  Pierre PETIT (Coordinator) and Julie METAIS
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