



Master in Political Sciences : General

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

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

- > 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.
- > 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.

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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⌚ 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- POLI-D460**
(optional) **Méthodes qualitatives en science politique** | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- POLI-D463**
(optional) **Analyse des discours politiques et médiatiques** | Amandine CRESPIY (Coordinator)
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- SOCA-D460**
(optional) **Social Network Analysis** | Matteo GAGLILOLO (Coordinator)
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- STAT-D307**
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- POLI-D404** **Etudes approfondies de science politique /Master Thesis Seminar** | Frédéric LOUAULT (Coordinator), Julien JEANDESBOZ and Corinne TORREKENS
⌚ 5 credits [seminars: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

Cours spécifiques

- POLI-D313** **Communication politique** | François HEINDERYCKX (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

- 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

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- ECON-S466 **Public management and communication** | Vincent MABILLARD (Coordinator)
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- RELA-D400 **L'islam en Europe contemporaine** | Corinne TORREKENS (Coordinator)
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- SOCA-D4900 **Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics** | Giacomo ORSINI (Coordinator)
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- POLI-D464** [Democratisation and autocratisation](#) | Luca TOMINI (Coordinator)
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POLI-D515 **Théories de la démocratie et des droits humains** | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨 French

POLI-D554 **Réformer la démocratie** | Jean-Benoît PILET (Coordinator)
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