

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Language of instruction: Dutch

Programme version 20

1 General Courses

138 credits

1.1 Master courses in political and social sciences

35 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K000095 Introduction to Political Sciences Carl Devos -- Department of Political Sciences	6		1	A:1	180
2	K000027 Communication Science Stijn Joye -- Department of Communication Sciences	6		1	A:1	180
3	K000459 Sociology Bart Van de Putte -- Department of Sociology	6		1	A:1	180
4	K000325 Research Methods in the Social Sciences Henk Roose -- Department of Sociology	6		1	A:2	180
5	K000441 Statistics John Lievens -- Department of Sociology	6		1	A:1	180
6	K001065 Social and Political Systems Sami Zemni -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	5		1	A:1	150

1.2 General Courses Bachelor of Political Science

103 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001368 History of International Politics Dries Lesage -- Department of Political Sciences	6		1	A:2	180
2	K001400 Belgian Politics Herwig Reynaert -- Department of Political Sciences	6		1	A:2	180
3	K001053 Current Political Problems Hendrik Vos -- Department of Political Sciences	4		1	A:J	120
4	K000871 Economics Stijn Baert -- Department of Economics	4		1	A:2	120
5	K001067 Social Psychology Arne Roets -- Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology	5		1	A:2	150
6	K000054 European Political Integration Hendrik Vos -- Department of Political Sciences	6		2	A:1	180
7	K000984 Structure and Conflict in the Global South Koenraad Bogaert -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		2	A:2	180
8	K001013 Politics of Sustainability Erik Paredis -- Department of Political Sciences	6		2	A:2	180
9	K001401 Comparative Politics Kristof Steyvers -- Department of Political Sciences	5		2	A:2	150
10	K001202 International Relations Theory [en] Dries Lesage -- Department of Political Sciences	6		2	A:2	180
11	A003401 Political Philosophy Patrick Loobuyck -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		2	A:2	150
12	K000214 Belgian Public Law Liesbeth Todts -- Department of European, Public and International Law	6		2	A:1	180
13	F710340 Public Administration. An Introduction Bram Verschuere -- Department of Public Governance and Management	6		2	A:1	180

14	K001402	Academic and Professional Skills Tom Verhelst -- Department of Political Sciences	6	2	A:J	180
15	K001395	Qualitative Research Design Peter Stevens -- Department of Sociology	3	2	A:1	90
16	K001362	Quantitative Analysis Jannick Demanet -- Department of Sociology	5	2	A:1	150
17	K001408	Comparative Political Economy Mattias Vermeiren -- Department of Political Sciences	6	3	A:2	180
18	K001434	Applied Policy Analysis Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde	6	3	A:2	180
19	K000926	Methods in Political Science Ferdi De Ville -- Department of Political Sciences	6	3	A:J	180

2 Minors

10 credits

Subscribe to 1 minor from the following list.

Students who have followed the Minor Education together with the Reference Internship from one of the majors can enter directly into the educational master's programme.

2.1 Minor Administration and Public Management

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	F700002 Public Policy [en] Bishoy Zaki -- Department of Public Governance and Management	6		3	B:1	180
2	F710350 Public Management [en] Ben Suykens -- Department of Public Governance and Management	5		3	A:2	150
3	F710348 Introduction to Accounting in the Not-for-Profit and Public Sector Johan Christiaens -- Department of Accounting, Corporate Finance and Taxation	5		3	B:2	150
4	F710361 Socio-Economic Policy Luc Van Ootegem -- Department of Economics	5		3	A:1	150

2.2 Minor Sociology

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001009 Sociological Perspectives Mieke Van Houtte -- Department of Sociology	4		3	A:2	120
2	K000595 Sociology of Modernity Raf Vanderstraeten -- Department of Sociology	5		3	A:1	150
3	K001036 Contemporary Sociological Theories Raf Vanderstraeten -- Department of Sociology	6		3	A:1	180
4	K000193 Demography John Lievens -- Department of Sociology	5		3	A:2	150
5	K001039 Social Inequality Raf Vanderstraeten -- Department of Sociology	6		3	A:1	180
6	K001038 Historical Sociology Bart Van de Putte -- Department of Sociology	6		3	A:2	180
7	K001360 Organisations Theory Jeroen Huisman -- Department of Sociology	5		3	A:2	150

2.3 Minor Communication Sciences

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001183 International Communication Stijn Joye -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
2	K001175 Media Economy and Media Structures Tom Evens -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
3	K001383 Mediapsychology Koen Ponnet -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
4	K001186 Media Law and Copyright Katrien Van der Perre -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:1	150
5	K001437 Persuasive communication Liselot Hudders -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
6	K001174 Media History Daniël Biltereyst -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		3	A:2	150

7	K001384	Media Technology and Innovation Lieven De Marez -- Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150
8	K001180	Interactive Media and Entertainment [en] Marieke Vanden Abeele -- Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150

2.4 Minor Economy and Business Administration

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	F001008	Markets and Prices Dirk Van de gaer -- Department of Economics	5	3	A:1	150
2	F001009	Business Cycles and Growth Freddy Heylen -- Department of Economics	5	3	A:1	150
3	F001010	Financial Markets and Institutions Rudi Vander Venet -- Department of Economics	5	3	A:2	150
4	F000845	Business Administration Mirjam Knockaert -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation	4	3	A:2	120
5	F000934	Development of Economic Thought Glenn Rayp -- Department of Economics	5	3	A:2	150
6	F710364	Public Finance Carine Smolders -- Department of Public Governance and Management	5	3	A:1	150
7	F000933	Environmental Economics Johan Albrecht -- Department of Economics	4	3	A:1	120
8	F000768	Marketing Management Maggie Geuens -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation	6	3	A:1	180

2.5 Minor Law and Criminology

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	B001623	Introduction to criminology Marc Cools -- Department of Criminology, Criminal Law and Social Law	6	3	A:1	180
2	B001641	Police and Judicial Organisation Antoinette Verhage -- Department of Criminology, Criminal Law and Social Law	6	3	A:2	180
3	B001312	Moral Philosophy and Philosophy of Law Jan Verplaetse -- Department of Interdisciplinary Study of Law, Private Law and Business Law	5	3	B:2	150
4	B001661	Administrative Law and Environmental Law Liesbeth Todts -- Department of European, Public and International Law	8	3	A:1	240
5	B001331	Fundamental Rights Yves Haeck -- Department of European, Public and International Law	6	3	B:1	180
6	K001066	General Introduction to Law Pieter Cannoot -- Department of Interdisciplinary Study of Law, Private Law and Business Law	5	3	A:2	150
7	B001425	Social Security Law Inger De Wilde -- Department of Criminology, Criminal Law and Social Law	4	3	A:2	120

2.6 Minor History

[Subscribe to 10 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A000186	Historical Criticism Jan Dumolyn -- Department of History	3	3	A:1	90
2	A000455	Introduction to World History N. N.	3	3	A:2	90
3	F000798	Introduction to Global Economic History [en] Frank Caestecker -- Department of Economics	5	3	A:2	150
4	A002925	History of China Ann Heirman -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
5	A002930	History of Japan Christian Uhl -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
6	A005471	History of South Asia Tine Vekemans -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
7	A005470	History of Central Asia Bruno De Cordier -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	5	3	A:1	150
8	A005455	Introduction to the History of Islamic West Asia (600-1800) Jo Van Steenberghe -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150

9	A002197	History of South East Europe Pieter Troch -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2	150
10	A005155	History of Russia Ben Dhooge -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
11	A005311	Introduction to the History of Africa [en] Gillian Mathys -- Department of History	5		3	A:1	150
12	A005531	History of the Americas [nl, en] Eva Willems -- Department of History	5		3	A:2	150
13	A004008	Gender History Gita Deneckere -- Department of History	5		3	A:2	150
14	A004010	Intellectual History [en] Steven Vanden Broecke -- Department of History	5		3	A:2	150

2.7 Minor Philosophy and Moral Science

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A001703 Logic I Joke Meheus -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		3	A:J	150
2	A000226 Philosophy of Science I Karim Zahidi -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
3	A000951 Moral Science Seppe Segers -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		3	A:2	150
4	A003400 History of Contemporary Philosophy Bart Vandenabeele -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		3	A:1	150
5	A000432 Philosophical Anthropology Farah Focquaert -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5		3	A:2	150

2.8 Minor Politics of the Global South

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A002717 Cultural Anthropology Koenraad Stroecken -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2	150
2	K001370 Politics and Society in a Global World [en] Christopher Parker -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		3	A:2	150
3	K001407 Development in the Global South [en] Tomas Van Acker -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		3	A:1	180
4	K001255 Political Ethnography [en] Karen Büscher -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		3	A:1	180

2.9 Minor Sustainability

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A004069 Environmental History Christophe Verbruggen -- Department of History	5		3	A:2	150
2	E084581 Sustainable Cities Michiel Dehaene -- Department of Architecture and Urban Planning	6		3	A:J	180
3	F000933 Environmental Economics Johan Albrecht -- Department of Economics	4		3	A:1	120
4	G000922 Animal Welfare, Law and Ethics Sanne De Vlieghe -- Department of Internal Medicine, Reproduction and Population Medicine	3	UKV	3	A:2	90
5	B001581 Human Rights: Multidisciplinary Perspectives [en] Eva Brems -- Department of European, Public and International Law	5	UKV	3	A:2	150
6	A005569 Global Minds [en] Amaury Frankl -- Department of Geography	5	UKV	3	A:2	150

2.10 Minor Africa

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A002630 Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger -- Department of History	5		3	B:2	150
2	A005311 Introduction to the History of Africa [en] Gillian Mathys -- Department of History	5		3	A:1	150
3	A005327 Africa: Current Affairs, Discourse and Representation Inge Brinkman -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	(A:2) ^d	150

4	A005313	Anthropology and Ethnography in Africa Koenraad Stroecken -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
5	A005480	Introduction to the Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa [en] Aymon Kreil -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150

2.11 Minor Asia

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A002630 Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger -- Department of History	5		3	B:2	150
2	A002925 History of China Ann Heirman -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
3	A002930 History of Japan Christian Uhl -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
4	A005471 History of South Asia Tine Vekemans -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
5	A005470 History of Central Asia Bruno De Cordier -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	5		3	A:1	150
6	A005455 Introduction to the History of Islamic West Asia (600-1800) Jo Van Steenberghe -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2	150
7	A003042 Society and Current Affairs: China [en] Bart Dessein -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2	150
8	A002931 Society and Current Affairs: Japan [en] Andreas Niehaus -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
9	A005505 Society and Current Affairs: South Asia [en, nl] Tine Vekemans -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2 ^a	150

2.12 Minor Eastern Europe

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A002630 Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger -- Department of History	5		3	B:2	150
2	A002197 History of South East Europe Pieter Troch -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:2	150
3	A005155 History of Russia Ben Dhooge -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150
4	A005448 Introduction to Eastern Europe [en, nl] Aleksey Yudin -- Department of Languages and Cultures	5		3	A:1	150

2.13 Minor Education

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	H002169 Powerful Learning Environments Bram De Wever -- Department of Educational Studies	6		3	A:1	180
2	H002176 Introduction to Teaching Methodology: Social Sciences Tony Valcke -- Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:J	180

2.14 Minor Americas

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	A002630 Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger -- Department of History	5		3	B:2	150
2	A005531 History of the Americas [nl, en] Eva Willems -- Department of History	5		3	A:2	150

3 Majors 32 credits

[Subscribe to 1 major from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.](#)

3.1 Major National Politics 32 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K000132 Local Politics Herwig Reynaert -- Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:1	180

2	K000431	Contemporary Issues in the Local Politics Koenraad De Ceuninck -- Department of Political Sciences	6	3	A:2	180
3	F710409	State Government Bram Wauters -- Department of Political Sciences	5	3	A:2	150

3.1.1 Internship 15 credits

Subscribe to 15 credit units from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Students who have followed the Minor Education together with the Reference Internship from one of the majors can enter directly into the educational master's programme.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001094 Internship Koenraad De Ceuninck -- Department of Political Sciences	15		3	A:J	450
2	K001278 Internship Koenraad De Ceuninck -- Department of Political Sciences	12		3	A:J	360
3	H002172 Reference Internship: Social Sciences Tony Valcke -- Department of Political Sciences	3		3	A:J	90

3.2 32 credits

3.2.1 General Courses 23 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K000316 The Policies of the European Union Hendrik Vos -- Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:1	180
2	K001404 Conflictstudies [en] Koen Vlassenroot -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		3	A:2	180
3	K001233 European and Regional Integration Theories Jan Orbie -- Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:1	180
4	K001259 International Public Law An Cliquet -- Department of European, Public and International Law	5		3	A:1	150

3.2.2 Research Paper and Reference Internship 9 credits

Subscribe to 9 credit units from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Students who have followed the Minor Education together with the Reference Internship from one of the majors can enter directly into the educational master's programme.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001058 Research Paper International Politics Dries Lesage -- Department of Political Sciences	9		3	A:J, B:1	270
2	K001059 Research Paper EU Studies Jan Orbie -- Department of Political Sciences	9		3	A:J, B:1	270
3	K001063 Research Paper Conflict and Development Koen Vlassenroot -- Department of Conflict and Development Studies	9		3	A:J, B:1	270
4	K001279 Research Paper Education Tony Valcke -- Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:J, B:1	180
5	H002172 Reference Internship: Social Sciences Tony Valcke -- Department of Political Sciences	3		3	A:J	90

Teaching

When a course is not taught (solely) in the programme's language of instruction, the effectively used languages are indicated in square brackets following the course name, using the following ISO codes:

bg: Bulgarian	de: German	es: Spanish	ja: Japanese	pl: Polish	sh: Croatian/Serbian	zh: Chinese
cs: Czech	el: Greek	fr: French	nl: Dutch	pt: Portuguese	sl: Slovene	
da: Danish	en: English	it: Italian	no: Norwegian	ru: Russian	sv: Swedish	

Semester

Semesters are indicated by their number (1 or 2); semester 3 represents the summer period and J indicates a course spanning semesters 1 and 2. When a capital letter precedes a semester number, the course has multiple offerings. The letter indicates the offering concerned.

When a semester is shown in brackets, the course is not offered this year in the specific offering.

The offering frequency and first year of offering are indicated by the following codes:

a: bi-annually	c: annually, from 2025-2026	f: annually, from 2026-2027	i: annually, from 2027-2028
b: tri-annually	d: bi-annually, from 2025-2026	g: bi-annually, from 2026-2027	j: bi-annually, from 2027-2028
	e: tri-annually, from 2025-2026	h: tri-annually, from 2026-2027	k: tri-annually, from 2027-2028