

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

Master of Science in Political Science -- National Politics

Language of instruction: Dutch

Programme version 17

1 General Courses 5 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001340 Foreign and Defence Policy in Belgium Sven Biscop -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:1	150

2 Courses Related to the Main Subject 50 credits

2.1 Courses Related to the Main Subject National Politics 30 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K000334 Comparative Local Politics Kristof Steyvers -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:2	150
2	K000080 Belgian Federalism Nicolas Bouteica -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:2	150
3	K001135 Politics and Media Sarah Van Leuven -- Department of Communication Sciences	5		1	A:1	150
4	K001136 Parties and Party Systems Kristof Steyvers -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:1	150
5	K001428 Elections and Political Representation Anna Kern -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:1	150
6	K001138 Democracy and Participation Anna Kern -- Department of Political Sciences	5		1	A:1	150

2.2 Mater's Dissertation National Politics 20 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001072 Master's Dissertation Seminar National Politics Kristof Steyvers -- Department of Political Sciences	3		1	A:J, B:1, C:2	90
2	K001075 Master's Dissertation Bram Wauters -- Department of Political Sciences	17		1	A:J	510

3 Elective Courses 5 credits

Subscribe to 5 credit units from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Students can also take courses from [the Ghent University Elective Courses](#).

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K001357 Community Service Learning: Seminar Political Sciences [nl, en] Tony Valcke -- Department of Political Sciences	7		1	A:J	210
2	K000270 Decision Making in the European Union Hendrik Vos -- Department of Political Sciences	6		1	A:1	180
3	K001193 Advanced Qualitative Techniques Peter Stevens -- Department of Sociology	5		1	A:2	150
4	K001039 Social Inequality Raf Vanderstraeten -- Department of Sociology	6		1	A:1	180
5	K000932 Advanced Study of Administrative Law Liesbeth Todts -- Department of European, Public and International Law	6		1	A:2	180
6	F000750 Labour and Employment Stijn Baert -- Department of Economics	6		1	A:1	180

7	K001231	National Security in Contemporary Perspective Dirk Debeaussiaert -- Department of Political Sciences	5	1	A:2	150
8	E084581	Sustainable Cities Michiel Dehaene -- Department of Architecture and Urban Planning	6	1	A:J	180

3.1 Ghent University Elective Courses

[Subscribe to no more than 5 credit units from the Ghent University Elective Courses.](#)

[List of Ghent University Elective Courses](#)

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