

Study Programme

138 credits

Academic year 2025-2026

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Language of instruction: Dutch

Programme version 21

General Courses

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Nr 1	Course K000095	Introduction to Political Sciences	CRDT 6	Ref MT1	Session A:1	Study 180
1	K000095	Carl Devos Department of Political Sciences	0	ı	A. I	160
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	2 Genera	al 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 Frederik Verleden Department of Political Sciences	6	1	A:2	180
3	K001053	Current Political Problems Tim Haesebrouck 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 Mathieu Leloup 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 Tom Verhelst Department of Political Sciences	6	3	B:1	180
19 K000926	Methods in Political Science Ferdi De Ville Department of Political Sciences	6	3	A:J	180

2 Minors

Subscribe to 1 minor from the following list.
Students having taken the Minor Education are granted immediate admission to the educational master's programme.

2.1 Minor Administration and Public Management

Subscribe to 10 credit units from the following list.

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

Subscribe to 10 credit units from the following list.

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

Subscribe to 10 credit units from the following list.

Nr Course	To orealt units from the following list.	CRDT R	ef MT1	Session	Study
1 K0011	International Communication Eduard Cuelenaere Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150
2 K0011	75 Media Economy and Media Structures Tom Evens Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150
3 K0013	3 Mediapsychology Koen Ponnet Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150
4 K0011	Media Law and Copyright Katrien Van der Perre Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:1	150

5	K001437	Persuasive communication Marijke De Veirman Department of Communication Sciences	5	3	A:2	150		
6	K001174	Media History Liesbet Depauw 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		
2.	4 Minor I	Economy and Business Administration						
		credit units from the following list.	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Ctudy		
1	F001008	Markets and Prices Dirk Van de gaer Department of Economics	5	3	A:1	Study 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 Vennet 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								
		credit units from the following list.		D (NT)	o :	01. 1		
1	B001623	Introduction to criminology Charlotte Colman Department of Criminology, Criminal Law and Social Law	CRDT 6	Ref MT1	Session A:1	Study 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 I	History						
	bscribe to 10 Course	credit units from the following list.	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Study		
1	A000186	Historical Criticism	3	3	A:1	90		
2	A000455	Jan Dumolyn Department of History Introduction to World History	3	3	A:2	90		
2	F000798	Wouter Ryckbosch Department of History Introduction to Global Economic History [on]	5	2	A:2	150		
3 4	A002925	Introduction to Global Economic History [en] History of China	5 5	3 3	A.2 A:1	150		
		Ann Heirman Department of Languages and Cultures						
5	A002930	History of Japan [en] 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 A005455	Introduction to the History of Islamic West Asia (600-1800) Jo Van Steenbergen Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
8 A002197	History of South East Europe Pieter Troch Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
9 A005155	History of Russia Ben Dhooge Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
10 A006652	History of Africa [en] Gillian Mathys Department of History	5	3	A:1	150
11 A005531	History of the Americas	5	3		150
12 A004008	Gender History Gita Deneckere Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
13 A006726	Intellectual History [en] Steven Vanden Broecke Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
14 A006631	History of Central Asia and the Pontic-Caspian Steppe Bruno De Cordier Department of Conflict and Development Studies	5	3	A:1	150
2.7 Minor	Philosophy and Moral Science				
	0 credit units from the following list.				
Nr Course 1 A001703	Logic I	CRDT 5	Ref MT1	Session A:J	Study 150
1 A001703	Joke Meheus Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	3	3	Α.5	130
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 Annelies Lannoy Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences	5	3	A:2	150
2.8 Minor	Politics of the Global South				
	0 credit units from the following list.	CDDT	Dot MT4	Cassian	Childre
Nr Course 1 A002717	Cultural Anthropology	CRDT 5	Ref MT1	Session A:2	Study 150
	Koenraad Stroeken Department of Languages and Cultures				
2 K001370	Politics and Society in a Global World [en] Bart Klem 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				
Subscribe to 1 Nr Course	0 credit units from the following list.	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Studv
1 A004069	Environmental History	5	3	A:2	150
	Christophe Verbruggen Department of History				
2 E084581	Thomas Block Department of Political Sciences	6	3	A:J	180
3 F000933	Environmental Economics Johan Albrecht Department of Economics	4	3	A:1	120
4 G000922	2 Animal Welfare, Law and Ethics Sarne De Vliegher 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] Ines Keygnaert Department of Public Health and Primary Care	5	UKV 3	A:2	150
2.10 Mino	r Africa				
	0 credit units from the following list.	CDDT	Dof MT4	Cassian	Church
Nr Course 24-11-2025	01:10	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Study p 4
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1 A0	002630	Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
2 A0	006652	History of Africa [en] Gillian Mathys Department of History	5	3	A:1	150
3 A0	005327	Africa: Current Affairs, Discourse and Representation Inge Brinkman Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2ª	150
4 A0	005313	Anthropology and Ethnography in Africa Koenraad Stroeken Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
5 A0	005480	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				
<mark>Subscr</mark> Nr Cc		credit units from the following list.	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Study
		Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
2 A0	002925	History of China Ann Heirman Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
3 A0	002930	History of Japan [en] Christian Uhl Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
4 A0	005471	History of South Asia Tine Vekemans Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
5 A0	006631	History of Central Asia and the Pontic-Caspian Steppe Bruno De Cordier Department of Conflict and Development Studies	5	3	A:1	150
6 A0	05455	Introduction to the History of Islamic West Asia (600-1800) Jo Van Steenbergen Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
7 A0	003042	Society and Current Affairs: China [en] Bart Dessein Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
8 A0	002931	Society and Current Affairs: Japan [en] Andreas Niehaus Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
9 A0	005505	Society and Current Affairs: South Asia [en, nl] Tine Vekemans Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	(A:2) ^d	150
2.12	Minoir	Eastern Europe				
Subscr Nr Co		credit units from the following list.	CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Studv
1 A0	002630	Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
2 A0	002197	History of South East Europe Pieter Troch Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:2	150
3 A0	005155	History of Russia Ben Dhooge Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
4 A0	05448	Introduction to Eastern Europe Aleksey Yudin Department of Languages and Cultures	5	3	A:1	150
2.13	Minor	Education			15	credits
Nr Co	ourse		CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Study
1 HC	002476	Powerful Learning Environments Bram De Wever Department of Educational Studies	6	3	A:1	180
2 H0	002555	Teaching Methodology: Social Sciences I Tony Valcke Department of Political Sciences	9	3	J:J	270
2.14	Minor	Americas			10	credits
	ourse		CRDT	Ref MT1	Session	Study
		Global Developments in Historical Perspective [en, nl] Michael Limberger Department of History	5	3	A:2	150
		History of the Americas	5	3		150
3 Ma	ajors				32 (credits

3.1 Major National Politics

Nr	Course		CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	K000132	Local Politics Tony Valcke 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 one Internship from the following list. Students taking the Minor Education, are required to take the Internship of 10 ECTS. All other students are required to take the Intership of 15 ECTS. Subject to approval by the faculty.

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Nr			CRDT R		Session	Study			
1	K001094	Internship	15	3	A:J	450			
		Koenraad De Ceuninck Department of Political Sciences							
2	K001476	Internship	10	3	A:J	300			
		Knenraad De Ceuninck Denartment of Political Sciences							

3.2 Major European Politics and Word Politics

3.2.1 General Courses 23 credits

Nr	Course		CRDT	Ref N	/IT1	Session	Study
1	K000316	The Policies of the European Union Hendrik Vos Department of Political Sciences	6		3	A:1	180
2	K001467	Conflict Studies [en] Koen Vlassenroot Department of Conflict and Development Studies	6		3	A:2	180
3	K001233	European and Regional Integration Theories Petra Debusscher 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

Subscribe to one Research Paper from the following list. Students taking the Minor Education, are required to combine this with the Research Paper of 6 ECTS. All other students, are required to take one of the other Research Papers. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Ni	Course		CRDT Re	f 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 Ferdi De Ville 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

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 cours name, using the following ISO codes:

bg: Bulgarian de: German es: Spanish ja: Japanese pl: Polish sh: Kroatian/Serbian zh: Chinese cs: Czech el: Greek fr: French pl: Dutch pt: Portuguese sl: Slovene

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 in 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 2026-2027 f: annually, from 2027-2028 i: annually, from 2028-2029 g: bi-annually, from 2027-2028 g: bi-annually, from 2027-2028 j: bi-annually, from 2028-2029 e: tri-annually, from 2026-2027 h: tri-annually, from 2027-2028 k: tri-annually, from 2028-2029