

## French for Political Scientists (K001373)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 2)                      French                      Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

Crible, Ludivine	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
Christiaen, Nina	LW06	co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
<a href="#">Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Political Science)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Political Science(main subject International Politics)</a>	5	A

**Teaching languages**

French

**Keywords**

French, LSP (Language for Specific Purposes), Political Sciences

**Position of the course**

This course aims to improve the students' written and oral proficiency in French, with a focus on politically and socially-oriented vocabulary and professional skills. The students work with authentic subject-oriented French texts, video/audio fragments and guest lectures. They also develop their workplace communication practices, in order to facilitate their (international) career in politics and diplomacy.

**Contents**

The course is organized across five thematic modules : 1) general politics, 2) asking questions and writing professional emails in French, 3) geopolitics and international relations, 4) Defense in Belgium and 5) diplomacy. Throughout each of these themes, students complete several activities that aim to enrich their vocabulary and improve their mastery of written and spoken French, always on texts and assignments related to political science. Language assignments are both individual (self-study, online and in the classroom) and in group work. In addition to language development, the course offers a number of guest lectures in French by academics and political professionals.

**Initial competences**

You have a good knowledge of the French language, in accordance with the final objectives of secondary school.

**Final competences**

- 1 To understand and summarize written and spoken texts/fragments in French related to Political Sciences.
- 2 To produce texts and oral presentations related to Political Sciences in French at professional standards.
- 3 To prepare and participate in group debates in French related to Political Sciences.
- 4 To exhibit a good command of specialized vocabulary in French related to Political and Social Sciences.
- 5 To collect, use and report on sources in French related to Political and Social Sciences.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

### **Teaching methods**

Group work, Seminar, Independent work

### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

Interactive classroom sessions in groups of maximum 30 students theory is integrated in the exercises. Vocabulary and grammar are actively integrated into writing, reading and speaking activities on relevant topics. Grammar and vocabulary are also developed in self-study (online exercises on Ufora, preparatory readings). A number of guest lectures are provided by internal or external professionals.

### **Study material**

None

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

- Ufora
- Mail
- Classroom feedback

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Oral assessment, Skills test, Written assessment, Assignment

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Non-periodic : oral assignments (such as self-introduction, presentation of a press article, group debate, for instance) and written assignments (grammar tests ; professional writing skills such as writing an email in French, for instance).

Periodic : written exam and listening test

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

50% non-periodic

50% periodic

To pass this course, students must obtain at least 10/20 for both the periodic and non-periodic evaluation. When students get less than 10/20 for one of the two evaluation forms, then they can no longer pass the whole course unit. If the final score still reaches 10 or more, it is then brought down to the highest non-passing grade (viz. 9/20).

### **Facilities for Working Students**

1. Absence is allowed
2. Lectures will not be recorded but sufficient online learning material will be provided
3. It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period
4. Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment