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MINSPOL - Introduction

Introduction

MINSPOL - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

To give the student a better understanding of " politics ", through an introductory course covering the three core dimensions of politics (studied in greater depth in the baccalaureate in political science) :

- the way the state and its various institutions are run, the various actors and groups who compete to direct the running of public affairs, the attitudes and behavior of citizens, both in Belgium and in a comparative fashion;
- the major developments in international relations and institutions;
- public action : the role of public administration, public policy, relations between those in administration and citizens, the way public action is assessed

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

1. Maîtriser, avec la rigueur exigée par les sciences politiques, les fondements théoriques (connaissances, concepts, outils, ...) qui constituent les prérequis indispensables dans une perspective de (ré)orientation vers le master en sciences politiques.
2. S'appropriier et maîtriser les fondements de la démarche de recherche scientifique (méthodologie de recherche) spécifique aux sciences politiques, prérequis indispensables dans une perspective de (ré)orientation vers le master en sciences politiques.
3. Faire preuve d'une capacité d'un mode de raisonnement spécifique aux sciences politiques avec rigueur.
4. Appréhender, questionner, analyser, discuter et résoudre une problématique des sciences politiques, en mobilisant les fondements disciplinaires et méthodologiques pertinents.
5. Développer un angle de lecture et une analyse critique et réflexive spécifiques aux sciences économiques

Programme

DETAILED PROGRAMME BY SUBJECT

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2026-2027
- ⊙ Not offered in 2026-2027 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2026-2027 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

30 crédits

Year

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o Content:

✘ Pour les bacheliers en Sociologie et anthropologie, en Sciences humaines et sociales, ou en Information en communication (30 credits)

Choisir 1 bloc de 15 crédits en fonction du master visé et 15 crédits au choix parmi les deux autres blocs OU choisir 2 blocs complets.

✘ Si le master visé est le master en administration publique

✘ LSPOL1124	The Political and Administrative System in Belgium	Min Reuchamps Benoît Rihoux	[FR] [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
✘ LSPOL1223	Public Action	David Aubin	[FR] [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X	X
✘ LSPOL1301	Public policies <i>This course will be available from 2027-2028</i>		[FR] [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] △ 🌐	X	X

✘ Si le master visé est le master en sciences politiques, à orientation générale

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✘ LSPOL1121	Citizens and politics	Claire Dupuy Benoît Rihoux	FR [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1223	Public Action	David Aubin	FR [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1212	Contemporary political regimes for 2026-2027 <i>It's not possible to combine LPOLS1212 and LSPOL1213.</i>		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1312	Contemporary political regimes from 2027-2028 <i>It's not possible to combine LPOLS1212 and LSPOL1213.</i>		EN [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x

✘ Si le master visé est le master en sciences politiques, orientation relations internationales

✘ En 2026-2027 :

✘ LPOLS1319	Introduction to geopolitics	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1320	Introduction of the international relations	Michel Liegeois	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1323	European Institutions and Policies	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael	FR [q1] [40h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x

✘ À partir de 2027-2028 :

✘ LSPOL1319	Introduction to geopolitics		FR [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1320	Introduction of the international relations		FR [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1323	European Institutions and Policies		FR [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x

✘ Pour les bacheliers autres qu'en Sociologie et anthropologie, Sciences humaines et sociales, ou en information en communication (30 crédits)

En plus des deux activités imposées, choisir 1 bloc de 15 crédits en fonction du master visé.

○ LESPO1115	Political Science	Pierre Baudewyns	FR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	x	x
○ LESPO1214	Méthodes qualitatives et quantitatives pour les sciences sociales	Pierre Baudewyns Nathalie Burnay	FR [q1+q2] [30h+15h] [9 Credits] 🌐	x	x

✘ Si le master visé est le master en administration publique

✘ LSPOL1124	The Political and Administrative System in Belgium	Min Reuchamps Benoît Rihoux	FR [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1223	Public Action	David Aubin	FR [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1301	Public policies <i>This course will be available from 2027-2028</i>		EN [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x

✘ Si le master visé est le master en sciences politiques, à orientation générale

✘ LSPOL1121	Citizens and politics	Claire Dupuy Benoît Rihoux	FR [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1223	Public Action	David Aubin	FR [q1] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1212	Contemporary political regimes for 2026-2027 <i>It's not possible to combine LPOLS1212 and LSPOL1213.</i>		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x
✘ LSPOL1312	Contemporary political regimes from 2027-2028 <i>It's not possible to combine LPOLS1212 and LSPOL1213.</i>		EN [q2] [30h+5h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐	x	x

✘ Si le master visé est le master en sciences politiques, orientation relations internationales

✘ En 2026-2027 :

✘ LPOLS1319	Introduction to geopolitics	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael	FR [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1320	Introduction of the international relations	Michel Liegeois	FR [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x
✘ LPOLS1323	European Institutions and Policies	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael	FR [q1] [40h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x	x

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THE PROGRAMME'S COURSES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

MINSPOL - Information

Access Requirements

All baccalaureate students are admitted onto the course. The minor in political sciences is recommended to students who are looking for a course to complement their training in human science, hoping to gain an additional 'insight' into another subject or a course to enrich a baccalaureate program, by adding a rigorous analysis of current political phenomena and issues.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [Academic regulations and procedures](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Contacts

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