

SPOL2M

2013 - 2014

Master [120] in Political Sciences: General

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In french
 Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **optional**
 Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **NO**
 Activities on other sites : **NO**
 Main study domain : **Sciences politiques et sociales**
 Organized by: **Faculté des sciences économiques, sociales, politiques et de communication (ESPO)**
 Programme code: **spol2m** - European Qualifications Framework (EQF): 7

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SPOL2M - Introduction

SPOL2M - Admission

For the specific conditions of this program : refer to the French version

General and specific admission requirements for this program must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university..

SPOL2M - Information

Learning outcomes

The objective of the course is to develop comprehensive skills to deepen understanding of the complex socio-political situation and to be better equipped to take action in this area. The course is therefore aimed at students who wish to develop both basic and applied research skills in the field of political science, especially comparative politics, and theoretical and practical skills in the field of public policy making, since students are required to select a main area of study (focus). A teaching focus is also available.

At the end of this course, students will have acquired both theoretical and practical knowledge of how political systems function and the various players in the political decision-making process. By making particular use of rigorous comparative strategies, they will be able to understand specific contexts more clearly (for example at the level of a particular country or region) and therefore become better equipped to play a part in such situations.

Students must attend teaching sessions and also do projects in both French and English. They should also be prepared to be geographically mobile throughout the course.

Teaching method

- methods which reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the programme: interdisciplinarity in both in the core subjects as well as the area studies
- variety of teaching strategies (including e-learning):
 - most of the teaching staff are familiar with new multi-media technology and innovations introduced by the University Teaching Institute (l'Institut de pédagogie universitaire). The overall rhythm and workload of the programme is carefully coordinated each year.
 - the seminars are designed to help students with the methodological structure of their final piece of work (either research focus or professional focus)
- different learning situations :
 - possibility of a period of work experience (professional focus and research focus)
 - seminar work (core subjects as well as professional focus and research focus)
 - help to prepare for the entrance examinations for the civil service (professional focus)
 - possibility of joining a research team (research focus)

Evaluation

It is up to each member of the teaching staff to decide on the most appropriate methods of assessment according to the objectives of the course: oral or written examinations, work to be done throughout the year (e.g. reviews of literature, case studies or essays) or exercises.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Students are able to take advantage of various international elements of the course:

- each year, UCL students can attend lectures given by the **Chair of Political, Administrative and International Reform**. Given by internationally renowned researchers, these lectures are either in French or English.
- **area studies** courses
- **study visits abroad** lasting one semester are available under the Erasmus scheme and, to a lesser extent, the Mercator scheme. For the research focus, discussions are ongoing to establish special agreements with a limited number of partners (established research centres) to organize targeted student exchanges for research, worth 10 of the 30 mobility credits.
- becoming part of the international networks (Europe, North America, Japan and North East Asia) of the Centre for Comparative Politics (Centre de Politique Comparée - CPC), the research group COMPASSS, and the University Research Association for Public Policy (Association Universitaire de Recherche sur l'Action Publique – AURAP).

Special partners :

- KULeuven : (**ongoing discussions) Discussions with a view to reaching an agreement which would enable: 1/ special access to specific courses up to 15 credits ; 2/ special access to courses which together form a natural group (for example groups of area studies or different seminars on methodology)
- Political Science Lille (**ongoing discussions) Discussions with a view to reaching an agreement which would, ideally, enable the award of a double degree (by spending one year in Lille and one at UCL), or failing that, the award of a joint degree

- Marie Haps (see above)
- the Socrates European network for comparative politics (intensive module)

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Doctoral programme: post-graduate research school in Political Science (FNRS), or other schools approved by the Graduate College in Political and Social Science

SPOL2M - Contacts

Curriculum Managment

Entite de la structure PSAD

Acronyme	PSAD
Dénomination	Ecole des Sciences politiques et sociales / Louvain School of Political and Social Sciences
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Secteur	Secteur des sciences humaines (SSH)
Faculté	Faculté des sciences économiques, sociales, politiques et de communication (ESPO)
Commission de programme	Ecole des Sciences politiques et sociales / Louvain School of Political and Social Sciences (PSAD)

Academic Supervisor : [Benoit Rihoux](#)

Jury

Président du Jury : **Christian de Visscher**

Secrétaire du Jury : **Amine Ait-Chaalal**

Usefull Contacts

Responsable administrative : **Chantal Herman**

SPOL2M - Detailed programme

Programme structure

The first year programme of the 120 credit Master in Political Science (general) is made up of wide-ranging core subjects (45 credits), a choice of courses (13 credits) and the writing of a dissertation (2 credits). The different focuses form half (30 credits) of the second year: research focus, teaching focus, professional focus in policy and administration. The production of the dissertation represents 25 credits. Finally, students may choose either regional studies or language courses (7 credits) in addition to those taken in the first year.

The research focus aims to develop research skills in the field of political science using different established forms of research, including comparative politics. Special emphasis is placed on using in-depth methodologies, becoming part of research teams and being able to work independently during the training period.

The teaching focus is intended for teachers and therefore concentrates on improving teaching skills, communicating knowledge and managing groups during lesson time. Against this background, this focus includes vital teaching practice which includes practical experience, observation and teaching strategies.

The research focus in policy and administration prepares the student for a professional career. Through a series of cross-disciplinary courses which bring together comparative politics, the analysis of public policy and related disciplines (law, communication, sociology, ethics), students develop practical skills in the field of public policy, in the widest possible sense. This focus also includes a period of compulsory work placement supervised by a lecturer from the Department.

The Erasmus scheme and, to a lesser extent, the Mercator scheme provide finance for study visits abroad for a semester.

In the context of the "Louvain Academy", UCL and FUCAM (Facultés Universitaires Catholiques de Mons à Mons – Catholic University Faculties of Mons in Mons) offer jointly Masters' programmes (120 credits) in Political Science either as a general subject or with the emphasis on international relations or public administration. Students may choose to study the focus at a partner institution and gain a degree issued jointly by the two institutions. These exchanges are made possible by specially coordinated courses and timetables.

Whatever the focus or the options chosen, the programme of this master shall totalize 120 credits, spread over two years of studies each of 60 credits.

Core study

> [Tronc commun](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200t.html]

Focuses

> [Research focus](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200a]

> [Finalité spécialisée: conseil politique: marketing, lobbying et opinion publique](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200s]

> [Teaching focus](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200d]

> [Cours au choix](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200o.html]

Programme by subject

Core courses [65.0]

● Mandatory

△ Courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2013-2014

⊗ Optional

⊖ Periodic courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊞ Two years course

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

Year

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o Mémoire (25 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Year 1	Year 2	Credits	Other
● LSPOL2900A	Mémoire - 1ère partie	N.		2 Credits	x
● LSPOL2900B	Mémoire - 2ème partie	N.		23 Credits	x

Year

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o **Cours approfondis de sciences politiques et de politique comparée (40 credits)**

○ LSPRI2000	Public Policy Analysis	David Aubin, Claire Dupuy	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	
○ LSPRI2050	Comparative Politics of Western States	Lieven De Winter	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	
○ LSPRI2021	Geopolitics and the International contemporary System	Claude Roosens	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	
○ LSPRI2005	International Administrativ and Political Reforms Andre Molitor Chair	Wolfgang Drechsler, Christophe Wasinski	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	
○ LSPRI2045	International Organizations	Amine Ait-Chaalal	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	
○ LSPRI2085	Decision Making Theories and Methods	Min Reuchamps	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	
○ LEUSL2010	Political Theories and Regime of the European Union	Tom Delreux	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	
○ LEUSL2011	Actors of the European political system	Denis Duez	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	

List of focuses

- > [Research focus](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200a]
- > [Finalité spécialisée:conseil politique: marketing, lobbying et opinion publique](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200s]
- > [Teaching focus](#) [en-prog-2013-spol2m-lspol200d]

RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]

- Mandatory
- △ Courses not taught during 2013-2014
- ⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2013-2014
- ⊗ Optional
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○ Stage de recherche (10 credits)

● LSPOL2960	Stage de recherche	N.		10 Credits	1+2q		X
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○ Méthodologies au choix (10 credits)

choix d'un cours ou d'un séminaire parmi les suivants ou tout autre cours ou séminaire méthodologique utile pour le projet de l'étudiant (avec l'accord du responsable de programme)

⊗ LANTR2000	Qualitative methodology : comprehensive interview and life interview (epistemology, methods and techniques)	Pierre-Joseph Laurent, Jacinthe Mazzocchi	30h	3 Credits	1+2q		X
⊗ LSOC2085	Qualitative Methodology : Comprehensive Interview and Life history Accounts (Epistemology, Methods and Techniques)	Marie Verhoeven	30h	5 Credits	2q		X
⊗ LANTR2120	Audio-visual anthropology course (theory and workshop)	Olivier Servais	15h	5 Credits	1q		X
⊗ LSOC2081	Analyse qualitative approfondie : épistémologie et méthode. Partie I : analyse du discours	Mathieu Berger	15h	5 Credits	⊕		X
⊗ LSOC2082	Analyse qualitative approfondie : épistémologie et méthode. Partie II : analyse structurale	N.	15h	5 Credits	⊖		X
⊗ LSPED2047	Méthodes quantitatives en sciences sociales : analyses causales, factorielles et typologies	Thomas Baudin	20h+20h	5 Credits	1q		X

○ Approfondissements thématiques (10 credits)

parmi :

⊗ LSPRI2225	Publics policies of Sustainability in the European Union	David Aubin	30h	5 Credits	2q		X
⊗ LSPRI2325	Séminaire approfondi de relations internationales : questions théoriques	Michel Liegeois	15h	5 Credits	2q		X
⊗ LSPRI2105	Political behaviour : citizens and elites in Europe	Pierre Baudewyns	15h+15h	5 Credits	2q		X

FINALITÉ SPÉCIALISÉE: CONSEIL POLITIQUE: MARKETING, LOBBYING ET OPINION PUBLIQUE [30.0]

A l'exception du stage, l'étudiant peut suivre tout ou partie des activités de la finalité à l'étranger dans le cadre d'un séjour de mobilité externe de type Erasmus.

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○ Analyse et conseil stratégique (10 credits)

○ LSPRI2200	Lobbying, Communication and Political Marketing	Theodoros Koutroubas, Marc Lits	30h	5 Credits	1q		x
○ LSPRI2210	Political Engineering and Elections	Lieven De Winter, François Maniquet	15h+15h	5 Credits	1q		x

○ Analyse et diagnostic (10 credits)

En fonction du projet personnel de l'étudiant, et en particulier de l'objet qu'il souhaite appréhender de manière comparative dans son mémoire, d'autres cours ou séminaires (hors finalités approfondie et didactique) pourraient être suivis dans cette enveloppe de 10 crédits, moyennant accord préalable du responsable de programme

⊗ LSPRI2250	Advanced comparative politics (II) : political parties, interest groups, social movements and protest politics	Benoît Rihoux	15h	5 Credits			x
⊗ LSPRI2105	Political behaviour : citizens and elites in Europe	Pierre Baudewyns	15h+15h	5 Credits	2q		x
⊗ LSPRI2075	Political Science and Comparative politics Seminar	Benoît Rihoux	15h	5 Credits	1+2q		x

○ Domaines d'application (10 credits)

⊗ LSPOL2920	Stage en lien avec le mémoire	N.		5 Credits			x x
⊗ LSPOL2930	Lectures dirigées	N.		5 Credits			x x
⊗ LSPOL2950	Préparation au concours d'accès à la fonction publique	Christian de Visscher	15h	5 Credits			x x
⊗ LLSMG2002	Marketing	Chantal de Moerloose	30h	5 Credits			x
⊗ LSPRI2055	Compared Public Policies	David Aubin, Marleen Brans	30h	5 Credits	2q		x
⊗ LSPRI2220	Public Policy Assessment Methods	David Aubin	30h	5 Credits	1q		x
⊗ LDEMO2401	Théorie et pratique des sondages	Bruno Schoumaker	20h	3 Credits	2q		x
⊗ LEUSL2013	Europeanisation of national political systems and European policies of the Member States	Tom Delreux, Denis Duez	30h	5 Credits	1q		x
⊗ LSPRI2015	Public Organization Law	Philippe Bouvier	30h	5 Credits	1q		x

TEACHING FOCUS [30.0]

● Mandatory

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⊗ Optional

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● LAGRE2020	To understand the adolescent in school situation, to manage the interpersonal relationship and to animate the class group	Ann d'Alcantara, James Day, Xavier Dejemepe, Bernard Demuyser, Jean Goossens, Christian Lannoye, Pierre Meurens, Pascale Steyns (coord.), Pascal Vekeman	22.5h +22.5h	4 Credits		x	
● LAGRE2220	General didactics and education to interdisciplinarity	Ghislain Carlier, Myriam De Kesel, Jean-Louis Dufays, Anne Ghysseleinckx, Philippe Parmentier, Marc Romainville, Bernadette Wiame	22.5h +15h	4 Credits		x	
● LAGRE2400	See specifications in french	Anne Ghysseleinckx (coord.)	20h	2 Credits			x
● LAGES2530	Communication des savoirs scientifiques	Philippe Verhaegen	30h	4 Credits			x
● LAGES2802	Didactique des sciences sociales et réflexion sur le contenu des programmes	Annick Detry, Nathalie Monier	45h	4 Credits			x
● LAGES2801	Exercices de micro-enseignement et accompagnement des stages en sciences sociales	Serge de Patoul, Annick Detry	30h	4 Credits			x

● Stage d'enseignement (8 credits)**⊗ Stage en un an (8 credits)**

destiné aux étudiants effectuant l'agrégation post-master en une année

● LAGES9009	Stage d'enseignement	Annick Detry (coord.)	60h	8 Credits		x	x
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⊗ Stage sur deux ans (8 credits)

destiné aux étudiants inscrits en master en sociologie ou en master en anthropologie ou en master en sciences politiques à finalité didactique ou aux étudiants effectuant l'agrégation post-master en étalement sur deux années

● LAGES9010	Stage d'enseignement, première partie	Annick Detry (coord.)		2 Credits		x	x
● LAGES9011	Stage d'enseignement, deuxième partie	Annick Detry (coord.)		6 Credits		x	x

Cours au choix [25.0]

○ Mandatory

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⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2013-2014

⊗ Optional

⊖ Periodic courses not taught during 2013-2014

‡ Two years course

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⊗ Aires régionales

⊗ Belgique

⊗ LSPRI2630	Federalism and Local Administration	Christian de Visscher, Kris Wauters	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LSPRI2670	Economic structures of Belgium	Guillaume Pierre Wunsch	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LSPRI2640	Regional Development	Alain Schoon	30h	5 Credits	1q △	x	x

⊗ Asie

⊗ LSPRI2660	China and World Politics	Tanguy Struye de Swielande	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LSPRI2650	Strategic and Economic Analysis of the Pacific Basin	Elena Atanassova	15h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LASI2301	Chair Chiang Ching-Kuo II	N.	15h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LASI2302	Analysis of contemporary Chinese society	N.	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x
⊗ LASI2303	Analysis of contemporary Japanese society	Kanako Goto	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LASI2304	Analysis of contemporary Indian Society	Robert Deliège	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LASI1302	Chair Chiang Ching-Kuo I	N.	15h	3 Credits	1q ⊖	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2839	Satsuma Chair	N.	15h	5 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2849	Satsuma Chair	N.	15h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2543	Culture and Civilization of India and the Far East II	Robert Deliège	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2544	History and society of India and the Far East II	Paul Servais	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊖	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2942	Questions of Indian and Far Eastern Philosophy and Spirituality	Philippe Cornu	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊖	x	x

⊗ Afrique

⊗ LDVLP2625	Socio-economic analysis of Africa	Philippe De Leener	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LDVLP2626	Socio-political analysis of Africa	Philippe De Leener	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x

⊗ Amérique Latine

⊗ LDVLP2630	Socio-economic analysis of Latin America	Isabel Yépez Del Castillo	30h	5 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LDVLP2631	Socio-political analysis of Latin America	Isabel Yépez Del Castillo	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x

⊗ Monde Arabe

⊗ LDVLP2640	Socio-economic analysis of the Arab world	Vincent Legrand	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LDVLP2641	Socio-political analysis of the Arab World	Vincent Legrand	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2534	Culture and Civilization of Islam and the Arab World II	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x
⊗ LGLOR2533	History and Society of Islam and the Arab World II	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x

⊗ Grande Europe

⊗ LEUSL2020	Institutional Law of the European Union	Hugues Dumont	45h	6 Credits	1q	x	x
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⊗ LEUSL2021	Substantive Law of the European Union	Marc Fallon, Anne-Lise Sibony (compensates Marc Fallon)	45h	6 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2011	Actors of the European political system	Denis Duez	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2030	Economic and social integration in Europe	Jean-Christophe Defraigne	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2012	External Action of the European Union	Tom Delreux	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2105	Social model and employment	N.	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2308	IBL Chair: The Euro-Russian partnership: challenges and processes	Laetitia Spetschinsky	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LEUSL2310	IBL Chair - Seminar - Conflict and cooperation between the EU and Russia in the Former Soviet Union	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael (coord.), Xavier Follebouck (coord.)	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LSPRI2700	Central and Eastern European Countries Political Analysis	Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael	15h	5 Credits	1q	x	x

⊗ Perfectionnements linguistiques ciblés

⊗ LMULT2412	Oral business communication techniques in German	Hedwig Reuter	30h+30h	6 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2422	Oral business communication techniques in English	Sylvie De Cock (coord.)	30h+30h	6 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2432	Oral business communication techniques in Dutch	Anne Goedgezelschap	30h+30h	6 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2411	Economic, legal, social and political issues in German-speaking countries	Henri Bouillon (coord.)	30h+15h	5 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2421	Economic, legal, social and political issues in English-speaking countries	Guido Latre	30h+15h	5 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2431	Economic, legal, social and political issues in Dutch-speaking countries	Philippe Hiligsmann, Matthieu Sergier (compensates Philippe Hiligsmann)	30h+15h	5 Credits	1+2q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2213	Reading comprehension and vocabulary extension: economic and commercial texts in German	Marie-Luce Collard	30h	4 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2233	Reading comprehension and vocabulary extension: economic and commercial texts in Dutch	Jean-Pierre Colson	30h	4 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LMULT2223	Reading comprehension and vocabulary extension: economic and commercial texts in English	Sylvie De Cock	30h	4 Credits	1q	x	x

⊗ Sciences religieuses

⊗ LSREL2110	Religions and interculturality	Henri Derroite, Olivier Servais	30h	3 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LTHEO1242	Religions and Media	Walter Lesch	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LTHEO1251	Questions of Christian Anthropology	Olivier Riaudel	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LTHEO2261	Christian Social Ethics : politics and economics questions I	Walter Lesch	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LTHEO2262	Christian Social Ethics : politics and economics questions II	Walter Lesch	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
⊗ LTECO2202	Questions of religious sciences: reflections about christian faith	Benoît Bourgine	15h	2 Credits	1q	x	x
⊗ LTECO2201	Questions of religious sciences: biblical readings	Hans Ausloos	15h	2 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LTECO2203	Questions of religious sciences: questions about ethics	Serge Mauqc	15h	2 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LTHEO1362	Art and Religion	Ralph Dekoninck	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x

⊗ Law of international globalization

⊗ LDROP2181	World Trade Organization Law	Colin Brown, Isabelle Van Damme	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
⊗ LDROP2182	International Organizations and World Governance	Frédéric Dopagne, Philippe Gautier	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x

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LDROP2164	International Protection of the Environment	Nicolas de Sadeleer, Philippe Gautier	30h	5 Credits	2q	x	x
