

5.0 credits

30.0 h

Teacher(s) :	Reuchamps Min ; Legrand Vincent ; Baudewyns Pierre ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	This introduction to the discipline will refer to concrete questions a political science student is asking to himself, and more generally, any citizen who tries to understand how the political and the civil spheres are organized. What is political action, politics, a policy? What is the meaning of power? What is legitimate power? What is a political system? What is democracy? Which are the principal collective actors of the political system (political parties, special interest groups)? Which are the values, materialists and "post materialists", of the citizens? What about political participation of the citizens? Which are the principal determinants of the vote? Is there a citizenship's crisis?
Aims :	The course must allow the student to be familiarized with basic theoretical problems, orientations and conceptual apparatus of political science. <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i>
Content :	A. The concept of political power. Political science at the crossroads of the social sciences. Political action: violence and conflict, order and rule, the State or the institutionalization of power. Semantic field of the concept of power, materialist and praxiological paradigms of power, authority-dominance-sovereignty-legitimacy. Democracy: from anarchy to democracy, direct, representative, participative democracy. B. The civil society: political parties and interest groups. Parties and systems of parties. Special interest groups. The civil society: citizens. Political values. Political participation. Electoral behavior. Rebellions and revolutions. Method Lectures.
Other infos :	Other informations Evaluation: written exam (QCM). Support: syllabus.
Cycle and year of study :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Bachelor in Law > Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures > Bachelor in Information and Communication > Bachelor in Philosophy > Bachelor in Pharmacy > Bachelor in Engineering : Architecture > Bachelor in Ancient languages and Literatures : Classics > Bachelor in Psychology and Education: General > Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English > Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General > Bachelor in Economics and Management > Bachelor in Motor skills : General > Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences > Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General > Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology > Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General > Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies > Bachelor in Mathematics > Bachelor in History > Bachelor in Biomedicine > Bachelor in Religious Studies > Bachelor in Computer Science > Bachelor in Engineering > Bachelor in Business Engineering > Preparatory year fo Master in European Studies > Preparatory year for Master in Political Sciences (all orientations) and for Master in Public Administration > Preparatory year for Master in Population and Development Studies > Bachelor in Political Sciences: General

Faculty or entity in charge:	ESPO
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