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5 credits	30.0 h	Q1 or Q2
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Teacher(s)	Baudewyns Pierre ;Reuchamps Min ;
Language :	English
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	<p>1 The course must allow the student to be familiarized with basic theoretical problems, orientations and conceptual apparatus of political science.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><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></p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</p> <p>The evaluation is twofold: on the one hand, a multiple-choice questions exam and, on the other hand, individual works during the semester. Practical information about the course will be delivered and explained by each professor in class.</p>
Content	This introduction to the discipline will refer to concrete questions a political science student is asking herself/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?
Other infos	Depending on the evolution of sanitary conditions and consequently of the sanitary code, the teaching and evaluation mode will possibly change, in whole or in part, to remote mode via one or several computer tools provided by the University. Students enrolled in the course will be informed by e-mail.
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	PPE1BA	5		
Minor in Human and Social Sciences	MINHUSO	5		
Bachelor in Economics and Management	ECGE1BA	5		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA1BA	5		
Minor in Political Sciences	MINSPOL	5		
Bachelor in Information and Communication	COMU1BA	5		
Bachelor in Political Sciences: General	SPOL1BA	5		
Bachelor : Business Engineering	INGE1BA	5		
Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences	HUSO1BA	5		
Approfondissement 'Principes de maîtrise de l'actualité'	APPMONDE	5		