

Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



SPOL2122 Economic structures of Belgium

[30h] 3.5 credits

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Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

Part I

To study the basic structures of Belgian political society in religious, socio-economic and community terms.

Part II

This aims to analyse the political system, and the recent institutional reforms that the political system in Belgium has recently experienced (i.e. the shift towards a federal state).

There are also references to key national and regional features of the Belgian administration.

Content and teaching methods

Part I

Content

1. The three cleavages (religious, socio-economic and community). 2. The three "sociological worlds" and "consensualism". 3. Pressure groups. 4. Parties and party systems. 5. Elections: results and analysis of the electorates. 6. Parliament and government: a sociological approach.

Methodology

This is a lecture course based on a corpus of recommended reading.

Part II

Content

The following issues will be examined: growth in public services since 1830; legislative power, its organisation and operation; the royal function; the government and the Office of the Prime Minister; political decision-making at national level; and institutional reforms from 1970 to the present day.

Methodology

This lecture course will be complemented by compulsory reading. Particular aspects of the subject may be studied in the framework of the DEA's Seminar on political science and public affairs.

Programmes in which this activity is taught

POLS2M1/AP Master en sciences politiques, orientation générale (option affaires publiques)
TRAV2M1 Master en sciences du travail

Other credits in programs

DROI22/HD	Deuxième licence en droit (horaire décalé)	(3.5 credits)	
POL22/AP	Deuxième licence en sciences politiques (Affaires publiques)	(3.5 credits)	Mandatory
POLS2M1/AP	Master en sciences politiques, orientation générale (option affaires publiques)	(3 credits)	
TRAV22	Deuxième licence en sciences du travail	(3.5 credits)	
TRAV2M1/GE	Master en sciences du travail (option générale)	(3.5 credits)	