

## **Programme Changes: Bachelor in Social Sciences 2023-2024**

This document gives an overview of the programme changes that will apply to the programme of Social Sciences starting from academic year 2023-2024. It concerns two changes:

- 1) Change of subjects in the Sociology orientation
- 2) Semester change of two subject in the second year

Find out all the details on the next pages. If you have questions regarding your study path, contact your study path counsellor: [Study path counselor Social Sciences, Solvay Business School | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](#)

### Third year: Sociology orientation

Starting from academic year 2023-2024 there will be a minor curriculum change in the Sociology orientation. More specifically, the mandatory course Generalized Linear Techniques (GLT) will be substituted by the elective course Multivariate Data Analysis (MDA). MDA will become a mandatory course, whereas Generalized Linear Techniques will be offered as an elective course.

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SOCIOLOGY ORIENTATION 2022-2023	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (54 ects credits)		
Key Thinkers in Social Theory	6	1
Health Sociology	6	1
Social Demography	6	1
Generalized Linear Techniques	6	1
Sociology of Work and Employment	6	2
Sociological Perspectives	6	2
Sociology of Education	6	2
Bachelor Paper	12	1+2
Electives (choose 1)		
Content and Textual Analysis	6	1
Political Ethnography	6	1
Policy Analysis	6	1
Digital Methods	6	2
Multivariate Data Analysis	6	2

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SOCIOLOGY ORIENTATION 2022-2023	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (24 ects credits)		
Key Thinkers in Social Theory	6	1
Health Sociology	6	1
Social Demography	6	1
Multivariate Data Analysis	6	2
Sociology of Work and Employment	6	2
Sociological Perspectives	6	2
Sociology of Education	6	2
Bachelor Paper	12	1+2
Electives (choose 1)		
Generalized Linear Techniques	6	1
Content and Textual Analysis	6	1
Political Ethnography	6	1
Policy Analysis	6	1
Digital Methods	6	2



**How does this modification affect your study path?**

**On the following page you can check the transition measures that will apply from next year 2023-2024.**

### Transition measures

Starting from academic year 2023-2024 there will be a minor curriculum change in the Sociology orientation. More specifically, the mandatory course Generalized Linear Techniques (GLT) will be substituted by the elective course Multivariate Data Analysis (MDA). MDA will become a mandatory course, whereas Generalized Linear Techniques will be offered as an elective course. How does this modification affect your study path?

#### Students who started the Sociology orientation in 2022-2023 and have not graduated:

- Students who took GLT as part of their compulsory courses but did not pass the course, will be allowed to enroll again in GLT as part of their compulsory courses in 2023-2024. If you wish to enroll for MDA instead of GLT, contact your study path counsellor via [studypath.es@vub.be](mailto:studypath.es@vub.be) before October 15.

#### Students who start in the Sociology orientation in 2023-2024:

- You will have MDA as a compulsory course. GLT will be available as an elective course.

#### Students of the Political Science and Communication Studies orientations:

- Nothing changes for you. Both courses, GLT and MDA, will continue to be offered as elective courses.

## Second year

Two subjects of the second year will change semester starting in academic year 2023-2024 two subject will change semester. 'Critical Thinking in Political Sciences' will become a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester course, whereas 'Qualitative Research Methods' will become a 1<sup>st</sup> semester course.

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SECOND YEAR 2022-2023	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (54 ects credits)		
Quantitative Research Methods	6	1
History of International Relations	6	1
Critical Thinking in Sociology	6	1
Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	6	1
Qualitative Research Methods	6	2
Qualitative Research Methods	6	2
Economy and Society	6	2
Media, Culture and Diversity	6	2
Social Change and Inequality in Europe	6	2
Seminar Current Issues II	6	2

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SECOND YEAR 2023-2024	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (24 ects credits)		
Quantitative Research Methods	6	1
History of International Relations	6	1
Critical Thinking in Sociology	6	1
Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	6	1
Qualitative Research Methods	6	1
Critical Thinking in Political Science	6	2
Economy and Society	6	2
Media, Culture and Diversity	6	2
Social Change and Inequality in Europe	6	2
Seminar Current Issues II	6	2

**No transition measures are put in place. The courses must be taken in the semester in which they are offered, if you are required to take one or both.**