

Programme Changes: Bachelor in Social Sciences 2024-2025

This document gives an overview of the programme changes that will apply to the programme of Social Sciences starting from academic year 2024-2025. It concerns two changes:

- 1) Title change of a BA2 subject
- 2) New course in the orientation Communication Studies (BA3)

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 \(vub.be\)](#)

Second year (BA2)

Starting from academic year 2024-2025 the compulsory BA2 course 'Media, Culture and Diversity' will undergo a title change to 'Popular Media Culture and Diversity'. The course content will remain unchanged; therefore this title change will have no impact on your study path. If you have not passed 'Media, Culture and Diversity', you will be taking the course with the new title 'Popular Media Culture and Diversity' as of academic year 2024-2025.

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SECOND YEAR 2023-2024	ECTS	SEM		BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: SECOND YEAR 2024-2025	ECTS	SEM
Critical thinking in Sociology	6	1		Critical thinking in Sociology	6	1
Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	6	1		Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	6	1
History of International Relations	6	1		History of International Relations	6	1
Qualitative Research Methods	6	1		Qualitative Research Methods	6	1
Quantitative Research Methods	6	1		Quantitative Research Methods	6	1
Social Change and Inequality in Europe	6	2		Social Change and Inequality in Europe	6	2
Economy and Society	6	2		Economy and Society	6	2
Media, Culture and Diversity	6	2	→	Popular Media Culture and Diversity	6	2
Critical thinking in Political Science	6	2		Critical thinking in Political Science	6	2
Seminar Current Issues II	6	2		Seminar Current Issues II	6	2

Third year (BA3): Communication studies

Starting from the academic year 2024-2025, the compulsory first semester course 'Media Psychology and Sociology' in the Communication Studies orientation will be substituted with a new second semester course titled 'Digital Media Sociology'.

1. Students who are currently enrolled in 'Media Psychology and Sociology' for the academic year 2023-2024 and do not successfully complete the course will be required to take the new course in the following academic year.
2. Students who are currently enrolled in 'Media Psychology and Sociology' for the academic year 2023-2024 and do successfully complete the course will not experience any adjustments.
3. Students who are not yet enrolled in 'Media Psychology and Sociology' will be required to take the new course in the following academic year.

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: COMMNUCATION STUDIES 2023-2024	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (54 ects credits)		
EU Media Policy	6	1
Cultural Media Studies	6	1
Content and Textual Analysis	6	1
Media Psychology and Sociology	6	1
Historical Perspectives on Media and Communication	6	2
Online and Social Media Strategies	6	2
International Communication	6	2
Bachelor Paper Social Sciences	12	1+2

BACHELOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: COMMNUCATION STUDIES 2024-2025	ECTS	SEM
Compulsory courses (24 ects credits)		
EU Media Policy	6	1
Cultural Media Studies	6	1
Content and Textual Analysis	6	1
Digital Media Sociology	6	2
Historical Perspectives on Media and Communication	6	2
Online and Social Media Strategies	6	2
International Communication	6	2
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