

## ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS BACHELOR SOCIAL SCIENCES 2025-2026

In order to be eligible to take a course, you usually have to meet certain enrolment requirements. These requirements can be both pre- and corequisites. The requirement may be blocking or advisory in nature. At the VUB, there are 4 types of enrolment requirements:

1. Binding prerequisite
2. Advisory prerequisite
3. Binding corequisite
4. Advisory corequisite

Below you will find the definition of the different types of enrolment requirements. Check out the specific enrolment requirements for your programme on the next page.

### BINDING PREREQUISITE

Due to certain risks and safety issues, you can only enrol in course X if you have passed, been exempted from or deliberated for course Y. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding prerequisite.

### ADVISORY PREREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you have taken course Y. Although this prerequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without having taken course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

### BINDING COREQUISITE

You can only enrol in course X if you are also simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. In order to achieve the learning results of course X in a safe/good way, a registration for course Y is necessary. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding corequisite.

### ADVISORY COREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you are simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. Although this corequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without simultaneously taking course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

**CHECK THE ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PROGRAMME**



## Enrolment requirements Bachelor Social Sciences (180 ECTS-credits)

### MODULE 1 (60 ECTS)

Course title	Sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Introduction to SPC Methodology	1	6					
Introduction to Political Science	1	6					
Introduction to Communication Studies	1	6					
Statistics for the Social Sciences	1	6					
Communicating Scientific Knowledge	1	6					
Introduction to the History of Political Ideologies	2	6					
European History	2	6					
Introduction to Belgian Society and Politics	2	6					
Introduction to Sociology	2	6					
Seminar Current Issues I	2	6					

### MODULE 2 (60 ECTS)

Course title	Sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Critical Thinking in Sociology	1	6		Introduction to Sociology			
Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	1	6		Introduction to Communication Studies			
History of International Relations	1	6		Introduction to Political Science			
Quantitative Research Methods	1	6		Statistics for the Social Sciences			
Qualitative Research Methods	1	6		Introduction to SPC Methodology			
Critical Thinking in Political Science	2	6		Introduction to Political Science			
Social Change and Inequality in Europe	2	6		Introduction to Sociology			
Political Economy	2	6		/			
Popular Media Culture and Diversity	2	6		Introduction to Communication Studies			
Seminar Current Issues II	2	6		Seminar Current Issues I			

**MODULE 3 (60 ECTS)**

Course title	Sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
<b>Orientation: Sociology</b>							
Key Thinkers in Social Theory	1	6		Critical Thinking in Sociology			
Health Sociology	1	6		Introduction to Sociology			
Social Demography	1	6		Statistics for the Social Sciences			
Multivariate Data Analysis	2	6		Quantitative Research Methods			
Sociology of Work and Employment	2	6		Critical Thinking in Sociology			
Sociology of Education	2	6		Critical Thinking in Sociology			
Sociological Perspectives	2	6		Critical Thinking in Sociology			
Elective course*	1 or 2	6		(see below)			
Bachelor paper	1+2	12		Seminar Current Issues II			
<b>Orientation: Political Science</b>							
Contemporary Politics of the Global South	1	6		Critical Thinking in Political Science			
Democratic Theory and Practice	1	6		Introduction to Political Science			
Contemporary Issues in International Politics	1	6		History of International Relations			
Political Ethnography	1	6		Qualitative Research Methods			
Political Structures and Processes of the EU	1	6		Introduction to Political Science			
International Relations Theory	2	6		History of International Relations			
History of Globalization	2	6		Critical Thinking in Political Science			
Elective course*	1 or 2	6		(see below)			
Bachelor paper	1+2	12		Seminar Current Issues II			
<b>Orientation: Communication Sciences</b>							
EU Media Policy	1	6		Introduction to Communication Studies			
Visual Culture	1	6		Media, Culture and Diversity			
Content and Textual Analysis	1	6		Qualitative Research Methods			
Historical Perspectives on Media & Communication	1	6		Critical Thinking in Communication Studies			
Digital Media Sociology	2	6		Critical Thinking in Communication Studies			
Online and Social Media Strategies	2	6		Introduction to Communication Studies			
International Communication	2	6		Introduction to Communication Studies			
Elective course*	1 or 2	6		(see below)			
Bachelor paper	1+2	12		Seminar Current Issues II			
<b>*Elective courses (choose 1)</b>							
Generalized Linear Techniques	1	6		Quantitative Research Methods			
Content and Textual Analysis	1	6		Qualitative Research Methods			
Political Ethnography	1	6		Qualitative Research Methods			
Multivariate Data Analysis	2	6		Quantitative Research Methods			
Policy Analysis	2	6		/			
Audience Research	2	6		Introduction to SPC Methodology			