



Prerequisites Bachelor of Social Sciences 2026-2027

Students who did not pass all their registered courses at the end of the academic year have to put together an Individual Study Path (ISP). Please check the following page for more information and advice on the ISP:
<https://student.vub.be/en/es#study-path>

BA1 (60 ECTS credits)

Course	Sem	Ects	Prerequisite
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	
Introduction to Belgian Society and Politics Scientific Knowledge	1	6	
Introduction to the History of Political Ideologies	2	6	
European History	2	6	
Communicating Scientific Knowledge	2	6	
Introduction to Sociology	2	6	
Seminar Current Issues I	2	6	

BA2 (60 ECTS credits)

Course	Sem	Ects	Prerequisite
Additional requirement for all BA2 & BA3-courses: you need to have obtained at least 30 credits on BA1-level in order to be able to add higher-year courses.			
Critical Thinking in Sociology	1	6	Introduction to Sociology
Critical Thinking in Political Science	1	6	Introduction to Political Science
Qualitative Research Methods	1	6	Introduction to SPC Methodology
History of International Relations	1	6	Introduction to Political Science
Quantitative Research Methods	1	6	Statistics for the Social Sciences
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
Critical Thinking in Communication Studies	2	6	Introduction to Communication Studies
Seminar Current Issues II	2	6	Seminar Current Issues I

BA3 (60 ECTS credits)

Course	Sem	Ects	Prerequisite
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The bachelor paper can only be registered in the academic year that you will be graduating. It is not allowed to register the bachelor paper while postponing your other courses.

Orientation: Sociology

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 I

Orientation: Political Science

Contemporary Politics of the Global South	1	6	Critical Thinking in Political Science
Democratic Theory and Practice	1	6	Introduction to Political Science
Political Ecology	1	6	Introduction to Political Science
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 I

** New course since AY 2026-2027 (previously 'Contemporary Issues in International Politics'). Students who did not pass 'Contemporary Issues in International Politics' in the academic year 2025-2026, will be required to take the new course in the following academic year. Students who don't see this course listed in their study requirements in Student SelfService are advised to contact the study path counselor at studypath.es@vub.be to have it added to their programme.*

Orientation: Communication Sciences

Historical Perspectives on Media and Communication	1	6	Critical Thinking in Communication Studies
EU Media Policy	1	6	Introduction to Communication Studies
Visual Culture	1	6	/
Content and Textual Analysis	1	6	Qualitative Research Methods
International Communication	2	6	Introduction to Communication Studies
Online and Social Media Strategies	2	6	Introduction to Communication Studies
Digital Media Sociology	2	6	Introduction to Communication Studies
Elective course*	1 or 2	6	(see below)
Bachelor paper	1+2	12	Seminar Current Issues I

***Elective courses (choose 1)**

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