



Study Plan Double Degree in International Relations with Université libre de Bruxelles

1st year at Luiss – a.y. 2025-2026

During the first year 2025-2026, students will complete courses and activities as per Luiss study plan of the Master's Degree in International Relations.

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Students are required to provide ULB with the official transcript of records at the end of the first year for due checks.

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2nd year at ULB – a.y. 2026-2027

Study Plan Abroad

Courses attended at ULB	ECTS	Recognition in Luiss study plan	ECTS Credits
3 Core Courses to choose among:	5	Core Abroad 1	5
• International Actors	5	Core Abroad 2	5
• Migrant Integration Policies in Europe	5	Core Abroad 3	5
• Institutions and Political Representation			
• Elections and Political Participation			
• Interest Representation in the EU			
• Evaluation of European Public Policies			
• Decision-making in the EU			
• Democratisation and Autocratisation			
• Political Marketing and Communication			
• European Integration and Public Policy			
3 Elective courses to choose from a list	5	Elective Abroad 1	5
	5	Elective Abroad 2	5
	5	Elective Abroad 3	5
French course	5	Language Course (French)	5
Études Approfondies de Science Politique (optional)	5	Other Activities	4
Thesis and Thesis defense	30	Final Thesis	16
Total	70	Total	52

Important Rules

- This study plan is designed for students taking part in the mentioned Double Degree Program and spending the academic year 2026-2027 at ULB.
- Selected students are required to read and understand the study plan and its rules. These are to be considered binding to the successful completion of the double degree program.
- The list of courses to be taken abroad may be subject to changes should the academic offer at ULB be amended.
- During the mobility, students will be subject to the rules of the partner university.
- The French language course and exam will be taken during the mobility year, as part of the Double Degree program. The course will be recognized in Luiss as the compulsory second language of the Master's Degree in International Relations.
- In order to be successfully admitted to the ULB language course, selected students are required to reach a minimum level of B1 CEFR in the French language by the day of their arrival at ULB.
- At the end of the program, if compliant with both Luiss and ULB academic requirements, students will obtain both the Master in Relations Internationales - finalité Monde (issued by ULB) and the Master's Degree in International Relations (issued by Luiss).

Thesis and Graduation

- Students will complete a joint thesis during their mobility year, under the supervision of two advisors – one from each university.
- Both supervisors must approve the proposal, which must meet the standards of both institutions.
- Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards.
- Students must respect the thesis procedures and deadlines from both institutions.
- Students are reminded that they are required to comply with the Luiss regular procedure regarding the thesis assignment, registration for the degree exam and upload of the thesis. For further information, please check the [following page](#).
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- At ULB, students must submit their thesis in Spring or Autumn 2027, in line with ULB's procedures and deadlines.
- At Luiss, students must submit and discuss their thesis in one of the following sessions: Autumn session (October/November 2027) or Extraordinary session (March/April 2028), as per Luiss procedures and deadlines. Please note that graduation in the Summer session (June/July 2027) at Luiss will not be possible, as ULB Transcripts of Records are usually not available in time for Luiss graduation procedures.
- If Luiss students fail to submit their theses to ULB in Autumn session 2027, they will be required to enroll to ULB for the following academic year (as per ULB regulations) and pay ULB tuition fees (approximately €900 for the academic year).

Grade Conversion

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Non superato	F

ULB Electives list¹

MNEMO	INTITULÉ FR ²	CREDITS
SOCA-D461	Development and globalization: theories and practices	5
GENR-D401	Migration and Gender	5
MEMO-D402	Final Dissertation	20
POLI-D409	Decision-making in the EU	5
POLI-D434	Globalization Studies	5
POLI-D439	Elections and Political Participation	5
POLI-D446	International actors	5
POLI-D456	Interest Representation in the EU	5
POLI-D500	Evaluation of European Public Policies	5
POLI-D511	Institutions and Political Representation	5
SOCA-D435	Migrant Integration Policies in Europe	5
SOCA-D460	Social Network Analysis	5
SOCA-D4900	Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics	5
SOCA-D496	Sociology of Inequality	5

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SOCA-D4990	Materiality and Social Life	5
ETHI-D501	Ethics of Migration Policies	5
GENR-D504	Gender and Globalisation	5
POLI-D401	EU's Eastern Neighborhood	5
POLI-D402	Russian Politics	5
POLI-D445	International Political Economy	5
POLI-D464	Democratisation and autocratisation	5
POLI-D466	International Environmental Politics	5
POLI-D505	Digital Politics	5
POLI-D506	Political Marketing and Communication	5
POLI-D508	Global Health Governance	5
POLI-D520	Security Practices and Political Violence	5
POLI-D553	Comparative Regionalism	5
POLI-D557	Innovations in policy evaluation	5
POLI-O409	Simuler la codécision	5
POLI-O410	European integration and Public Policy	5
POLI-O412	Gender and Social Movements	5
POLI-O417	Energy and Environment Policies of the EU	5
POLI-O419	External Action of the EU	5
SOCA-D468	Anthropology of Globalization	5
SOCA-D476	Anthropology of Food	5
SOCA-D491	Culture, History and Society of East Asia	5
SOCA-D558	State and Society in East Asia	5

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Double Degree in Governo, Amministrazione e Politica (Italian track) **Université libre de Bruxelles** **LuiSS Guido Carli University** **Mobility 2026-2027**

1st year at LuiSS – a.y. 2025-2026

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2nd year at ULB – a.y. 2026-2027

ULB Master « Relations Internationales - finalité Monde	ECTS	LuiSS Master Degree in Governo, Amministrazione e Politica, major in Governo e Amministrazione	ECTS Credits
Institutions and Political Representation	5	Core Abroad: Institutions and Political Representation	6
Elections and Political Participation	5	Open Government	6
3 Elective courses to choose from a list	5	Elective Abroad 1	6
	5	Elective Abroad 2	6
	5	Elective Abroad 3	6
French course	5	Free Course: French Language	0
Études Approfondies de Science Politique (mandatory)	5	Other activities	4
		Come scrivere una tesi di laurea	2
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2nd year at ULB – a.y. 2026-2027

ULB Master « Relations Internationales - finalité Monde	ECTS	Luiss Master Degree in Governo, Amministrazione e Politica, major in Politica e Comunicazione	ECTS Credits
Elections and Political Participation	5	Core Abroad: Elections and Political Participation	6
Decision Making in the EU	5	Diritto dell'Informazione e della Comunicazione	6
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