

# INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

## HISTORY

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Teaching political science has a long-standing tradition at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut. The first courses date back to 1920 under the initiative of the Governor of Greater Lebanon. These courses were designed to train personnel for the new administration. In 1944, the Faculty of Law reorganized the program by establishing the Institute of Political Science. The Institute's mission is to train a proactive and influential elite in both the public and private sectors, as well as in civil society.

The political science program aims for the same excellence and rigor that have long been associated with USJ, particularly the Faculty of Law and Political Science. Its courses and programs are constantly updated in line with current events and professional expectations.

## MISSION

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Political science aims to understand the mechanisms of power and influence and the workings of political systems. It involves analyzing the functioning of state institutions and the competing groups that seek to influence their actions, and decoding citizen attitudes. The relationships between the Administration and the citizen are studied to evaluate sectoral public policies. International life is studied through the analysis of states' foreign policies, the geopolitics of crises and conflicts, globalization phenomena, and the role of international organizations.

Political science offers a wide range of career opportunities in both the public and private sectors, nationally and internationally. The multidisciplinary nature of political science graduates and their commitment are particularly appreciated by employers.

The graduates integrate fields in:

- Civil service (diplomacy, public administration)
- The political world (parliamentary assistant, project manager, communication officer)
- Specialized advice (security, elections, public policies, etc.)
- The non-profit sector (NGOs, associations, trade unions)
- Journalism
- International organizations (UN, IMF, World Bank, etc.)
- Embassies
- Teaching and research
- Companies/multinationals.

## ADMINISTRATION

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**Director:** Sami NADER

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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**Administrative Coordinator for Academic Affairs :** Michèle SALHA AFTIMOS

## FACULTY

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### Professors

Carole ALSHARABATI, Fadia KIWAN, Pascal MONIN

Associate Professors

Carine ABOU LAHOUD TATAR

### Assistant Professors

Wissam LAHHAM

### Lecturers

Karim BITAR, Sami NADER, Wissam SAADÉ

## Instructors

Charles ABDALLAH, Ziad ABDELSAMAD, Verena (EL) AMIL, Naziha (EL) AMINE, Nicolas BADAOU, Ziyad BAROUD, Elias BOU ASSI, Iskandar BOUSTANY, Rita (EL) CHÉMALY, Dominic CHIKHANI, Karim DAHER, Marc GEARA, Marie GHANTOUS, Robert GHOSN, Rana HABIB, Rabih HADDAD, Hoda HAGE, Khaled HAMADAHEH, Fadi HAYEK, Khalil HÉLOU, Amine ISSA, Ibrahim JOUHARI, Yara (EL) KHOURY, Saleh (EL) MACHNOUK, Charbel MAROUN, Youssef MOUWAD, Ali MOURAD, Mahmoud NASSREDDINE, Stéphanie RAAD, Lamia (EL) SAAD, Reina SFEIR, Ahyaf SINNO, Tala SINNO BADREDDINE, Judith (EL) TINI.

## DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

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- Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences
- Master in Political Science, Concentrations:
  - Communication and Political Marketing
  - Comparative Politics - Arab World
  - Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Master in Human Rights and Democratization
- University Diploma in Migration, in partnership with ELFS - USJ
- PhD in Political Science

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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- Public service (diplomacy, public administration)
- The political world (parliamentary assistant, mission officer, communication officer)
- Specialized consulting (security, elections, public policies, etc.)
- The non-profit sector (NGOs, associations, unions)
- Communication and political marketing (media, social networks, culture, polling institutes)
- Journalism
- International organizations (UN, IMF, World Bank, etc.)
- Embassies
- Teaching and research.

## TUITION FEES

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- Bachelor: 139\$ (or 112\$ + 2,640,000 LL) · Master in Political Science: 82\$ (or 65\$ + 1,550,000 LL)
- Master in Human Rights and Democratization: 72\$
- PhD: 82\$ (or 65\$ + 1,550,000 LL)

## SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY


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Conditions and modalities for enrolling in the Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences:

- To enroll in the Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences, the student must hold a Lebanese baccalaureate or its equivalent and have passed the French placement test (TALF) at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, ranking in category A.
- To enroll in the Master Political Science, the student must hold a Lebanese baccalaureate or its equivalent and a Bachelor in Political Science or Law. Students with a Bachelor's degree in one of the social and human sciences disciplines can also apply, provided, for non-Lebanese diplomas or those issued by unofficially recognized Lebanese universities, they have obtained equivalence from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- The admission conditions for the PhD are stipulated in the Bylaws of the Doctoral School of Law and Political Science.

The study regime in the Bachelor's and Master's programs at the Institute of Political Science follows the ECTS system.

Courses are organized in credits and semesters. The academic year consists of two semesters, and enrollment for each semester is based on the number of credits.



The academic calendar (holidays, public holidays, exams) is annually set by the University Board. The credit system means that students must pass the exams for each course. Students are required to take the exams for all the courses they have enrolled in.

A student who obtains the passing grade in a course validates the credits assigned to that course. These credits are permanently acquired.

The Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences is awarded to a student who has validated the 180 credits required by this degree. A candidate applying for the Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences who already holds a Bachelor's degree in another social or human sciences discipline may be granted an equivalency for part of their prior studies (up to 90 credits).

A candidate applying for the Master in Political Science who already holds a Master's degree in another social or human sciences discipline may be granted an equivalency for part of their prior studies (up to 60 credits).

Students in the Bachelor in Administrative and Political Sciences or the Master in Political Science may participate in a scientific exchange program as part of an agreement between the Institute of Political Science and another university offering similar programs.

