Political science teaching in Serbia began in 1960, with the foundation of the College of Political Science (1960), the first school in the field of political science in the former Yugoslavia and in the Balkans, and among the first ones in Eastern Europe. In 1968, the College of Political Science became the Faculty of Political Sciences, a school within the University of Belgrade.

The Faculty developed over nearly half a century into a leading institution in our discipline in this part of Europe, representing a modern and open school of democracy and democratic political culture, with intensive links with leading regional, European, American and global institutions in the fields of political

For over 40 years the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Sciences has been a leading institution of higher education and a modern and open school of democracy and democratic political culture. It has repeatedly proved capable of raising the quality of contemporary political debates and of shaping major political developments in our region and its international environment. It was established in 1968 as the first school in this field in the former Yugoslavia.
Teaching and research at the Faculty are based on best traditions of Anglo-Saxon and continental schools of political science, as well as on libertarian and democratic values in the political tradition of Serbia and former Yugoslavia. We actively participate in the development of modern political discourse and look for answers to the fundamental questions of democratic development of our country and its participation in contemporary trends of international academic, cultural and political cooperation.

This community of academics and students nurtures the spirit of an ancient, dignified and noble science of politics, which teaches us about the importance of the values and ideals of freedom, justice, tolerance, human rights, democracy and civil activism and provide us with knowledge of institutions, principles and procedures of a well regulated society and with skills to build such a society.

The Faculty focuses on education and research in the fields of political science, international relations, journalism and communication studies, and social policy and social work. There are over 90 full-time academics, while distinguished foreign and domestic experts regularly visit the school.

Since its foundation, 8,100 students have graduated from the Faculty, 975 have completed MA programmes and 464 have defended their PhD theses.

Today the Faculty is a well-known teaching and research centre which takes part in short- and long-term projects with leading regional and international academic institutions.
So far the Faculty has educated an enviable family of political science experts, MAs and PhDs in political science, consisting of more than 9,500 individuals. By enrolling in the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Sciences you are joining this large political science family.

It also publishes various materials in the area of expertise of its academic staff.

Nearly 3,500 students are now enrolled in the Faculty’s programmes in which students are encouraged to approach political phenomena from interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives. Lectures, classes, seminars and workshops, as well as practical training and internships in specialized fields are conducted in line with the standards of the Bologna Declaration and of European higher education.

The Faculty offers undergraduate, MA and PhD programmes, as well as advanced professional development programmes.

I wish you success in your studies and to enjoy friendship within our academic community.

Professor Ilija Vujačić, Dean
Undergraduate studies last for four years and their completion bears at least 240 ECTS. They are carried out within the following departments: Political Science, International Studies, Journalism and Communication Studies, and Social Policy and Social Work.

Teaching involves compulsory courses shared by all departments and specialized, departmental compulsory and elective courses.

The Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of the Republic of Serbia granted accreditation to the following undergraduate programmes (the ruling no. 612-00-1976/2008-04):

- BA in Political Science,
- BA in International Politics,
- BA in Journalism,
- BA in Social Policy and Social Work.
Department of Political Science

Title:
BA in Political Science

Duration of studies:
4 years

Number of students enrolled:
100 students

Head of Department:
Professor Nenad Kecmanović

Department of Political Science is the main department of political studies in the school. Modelled on comparable programmes in leading universities in Western Europe and North America, the undergraduate programme in political science in the Department provides students with an opportunity to learn widely about classical and contemporary political theory as well as contemporary political science and methodology.

By the end of the four-year programme, students will have acquired knowledge and skills that will enable them to perform successfully in decision-making and other positions in government, public administration, local government, political parties, civic groups and NGOs.
Ever since the foundation of the Faculty of Political Sciences, its Department of International Studies has been the country’s leading centre for the training of diplomats, international relations and foreign policy experts, including those involved in international relations divisions of political parties and large businesses. The Department of International Studies is a strong teaching and research centre in the fields of international political and economic relations, foreign policy, international law and international organizations, area studies (including European, Balkan, American, and Asian studies), security studies, peace studies and related disciplines.

Knowledge and skills that students gain in the course of their studies will enable them to perform successfully in the following positions: international relations analyst in government and large international corporations; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or a related ministry official; diplomat based in diplomatic and consular missions; expert for the issues of European integration and for related issues in international governmental and nongovernmental organizations.
Department of **Journalism and Communication Studies**

**Title:**
BA in Journalism

**Duration of studies:**
4 years

**Number of students enrolled:**
160 students

**Head of Department:**
Professor Čedomir Čupić

For over four decades, the Department of Journalism and Communication Studies has provided a unique undergraduate programme in Serbia and the wider region.

Graduates from this programme hold key positions in print and electronic media, public relations agencies and public opinion research institutions, often as editors, journalists, experts and researchers. By the end of their studies of journalism, students will have acquired knowledge and skills necessary to work as editors, managers, presenters, PR experts and to take other positions in contemporary media and communication industry. In addition, graduates will be highly competitive in the following positions: cultural and press attaches in diplomatic and consular missions; media planner; spokesperson in government, public administration, political parties and large corporations; professional associate in the cabinet of the Commissioner for Free Access to Information of Public Importance.
Social policy and social work training at university level involves a complex interdisciplinary study required for various demanding roles of social policy and social work in contemporary society. In the course of the four-year programme, students acquire diverse theoretical and methodological knowledge from the disciplines of sociology, political science, psychology, economics and law, with a particular focus on social policy and social work.

Social policy and social work provide a wide range of employment opportunities in the public and private sector, including self-employment. Most students find employment in social care institutions (social work centres; institutions for the care of psychologically and socially impaired children; youth, marriage and family counselors; institutions and services for the care of old and/or disabled, and for other specific and social problems), health care services, government and local government, primary and secondary education (as part of specialized teams in schools, particularly in special education), employment agencies, humanitarian organizations, institutions for children, youth and social care of children, etc.
The FPS has commenced the process of harmonization with the Bologna reform with respect to its graduate programmes:

- the new programmes meet highest academic and professional standards;
- the programmes respond to demands from our society and academia aiming to harmonise academic knowledge and practical skills;
- leading professors and experts from home and abroad are involved in teaching.

Students with background in disciplines other than political science are also welcome to apply to our graduate programmes.
MA Programmes

We offer a year-long MA programme (at least 60 ECTS providing that 240 ECTS had been obtained on undergraduate studies).

The Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of the Republic of Serbia granted accreditation to the following MA programmes (the ruling no. 612-00-1976/2008-04):

- Graduate Academic Studies of Political Science – MA in Political Studies
  Module: Political Theory, Political Sociology and Institutions
  Module: Political Violence and State
- Graduate Academic Studies of Political Science – MA in International Studies
  Module: European Integration
  Module: International Security
  Module: International Politics
  Module: Peace Studies
- Graduate Academic Studies of Political Science – MA in Social Policy and Social Work
  Module: Social Policy
  Module: Social Work
- Graduate Academic Studies of Journalism
- Graduate Academic Communication Studies
- Graduate Academic Studies of Political Science – MA in Regional Studies
  Module: Studies of the USA
  Module: Regional Asian Studies
- Graduate Academic Cultural Studies – MA in Theory of Culture and Gender Studies
  Options: Theory of Culture or Gender Studies

We strongly encourage interdisciplinary approach in the study of social phenomena as well as interactive teaching methods.
We also offer three-year-long PhD programmes. The Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of the Republic of Serbia granted accreditation to the following PhD programmes (the ruling no. 612-00-1976/2008-04):

- PhD in Political Science,
- PhD in International and European Studies,
- PhD in Cultural and Media Studies,
- PhD in Social Policy and Social Work.

We are developing joint academic programmes with leading international universities, aiming to extend opportunities for our students even further. Being sensitive to demands coming from society and academia, we keep our programmes always under review.
Research also unfolds within ten research centres of the FPS

**Key aims**

behind research at the FPS are development of scholarship, improvement in the quality of teaching, training of young scholars and students, as well as financial contribution to the development of the FPS.

**Research is carried out through:**

- large collaborative long-term research projects funded by the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia,
- other collaborative research projects and consulting work,
- individual research.
Research unfolds within the research centres of the FPS, namely: Media Research Centre, Centre for International Humanitarian Law and International Organizations, Centre for Democracy, Centre for Asian and Far Eastern Studies, Centre for Gender and Politics Studies, Centre for Studies of the United States of America, Centre for Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development (CEPOR), Centre for Research in Social Policy and Social Work, Centre for Peace Studies and Centre for Public Administration, Local Self-Governance and Public Policies.

**Media Research Centre**

The Media Research Centre is involved in teaching, that is, *training of students in the Department of Journalism, advanced training of media professionals* – focusing on journalism in general as well as on specialized areas in this field – *training for radio/TV production and publishing*. The centre’s department for media research conducts research in public and political communication and focuses on the role of mass media in contemporary society and the raising of standards and quality of academic research in these fields. Also, the centre aims to improve the quality of teaching and of theoretical, empirical and applied research, organizes research workshops and carries out research for third parties.

**Centre for International Humanitarian Law and International Organizations**

This centre is an intellectual hub for *research of contemporary developments in international humanitarian law and international organizations*. The centre focuses on research in the field of international organizations to support teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels. In the last two years, the centre has organized the regional programme in International Humanitarian Law, as well as seminars and roundtables. The centre also runs training programmes for various target groups interested in issues and problems of international humanitarian law and international organizations.
Centre for **Democracy**

**Coordinators:**
Professor Zoran Stojiljković  
and Professor Slaviša Orlović

Although democracy is studied in various programmes and courses at the FPS, there were additional reasons for the creation of the Centre for Democracy. The Centre is involved in:

- research projects in the field of democracy and democratic politics;
- outreach projects with other institutions and organizations in the fields of democracy and political participation;
- civic education projects to support the new curriculum developed along the lines of the Bologna process;
- research in the field of human rights;
- activities aimed to support democratic political culture.

The Centre is also involved in cooperation with various academic and research centres and institutions that focus on education for democracy in the country and abroad.

**Centre for Asian and Far Eastern Studies**

**Head of the Centre:**
Professor Dragana Mitrović

Economic, political, social, cultural and other aspects of development of the Asian countries, together with regional institutions and cooperation mechanisms, problems and issues which define the present and future of this, the most dynamic, part of the world, are the subject matter of scientific-research activity of the Centre. The Centre also launches a journal, creates a data base and library, and presents the work of its member to the public. The Centre creates a network of partner institutions from Asia and other parts of the world, and attempts to establish itself as a recognizable address for Asian issues in scientific and broader public in Serbia, in the same time becoming a bridge between scientific, educational and business institutions and peoples of our country and the Asian region.
Centre for **Gender and Politics Studies**

**Head of the Centre:**
Professor Daša Duhaček

Gender studies – starting from the *issue of the position of women in society* – *explore the issues of identity, relations between political theory and practice, human rights, power relations, ideological blueprints*, etc. The axis of the centre’s work is the development and implementation of gender studies, as well as of various research projects. The centre conducts theoretical and empirical research aimed at stimulating cooperation at national, regional and international levels.

Centre for **Studies of the United States of America**

**Head of the Centre:**
Professor Dragan Simić

The Centre for Studies of the United States of America, established in 2004, organizes MA studies of the USA and related professional training programmes. The programmes focus on *history of the USA, liberal political tradition and contemporary liberal thought in the USA, economic and legal systems, American values and popular culture, history of the US foreign policy, contemporary foreign and security policy* and *the Serbian-American relations*. The centre organizes visits, panel discussions and lectures of foreign lecturers and high officials. It is also involved in research and publishing. The centre has developed an extensive library.

Centre for **Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development (CEPOR)**

**Head of the Centre:**
Professor Vukašin Pavlović

Environmental policy has become one of the most important fields of public policies for present and future generations. Therefore the Centre is mainly aimed at being the *research-project basis for the master programme in the field of environmental policy*. The Centre for Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development performs research, educational, analytical, cultural and publishing activities.
Centre for *Research in Social Policy and Social Work*

**Head of the Centre:** Professor Petar Nastasić

*Changes in society, which originated in transition and globalization,* impose new research projects and are the source of themes the Centre for Research in Social Policy and Social Work deals with. The centre engages in research on the issues of theory, presentation of research, publishing, organization of various professional training programmes in the field of social policy and social work as well as cooperation with related institutions.

Centre for *Peace Studies*

**Head of the Centre:** Professor Radmila Nakarada

Centre for Peace Studies, established recently, focuses on a *broad scope of issues related to war and peace.* The centre strives to *promote the values of peace and nonviolence,* but also *examines conflicts,* regional and global. Undergraduate and graduate students participate in the work of the centre. Having in mind its research focus, the centre is the unique institution in our country.

Centre for *Public Administration,*  
*Local Self-Governance and Public Policies*

**Head of the Centre:** Professor Snežana Đorđević

The Centre for Public Administration, Local Self-Governance and Public Policies has been founded with an aim to *contribute the improvement of theoretical and practical work of professors, teaching staff and students* within the three interrelated fields: *public administration, local self-governance and public policies.* The Centre shall establish a path for empirical research, analyses and studies that will have a practical dimension, as well as for gaining new knowledge and skills.
Learning of **Foreign Languages**

Foreign languages programmes at the FPS follow the *Common European Framework of Reference for Language Learning and Teaching (CEF)* and requirements of educational reform within the Bologna process.

Students learn one of the following languages: *English, Russian, French, Italian* or *German*, depending on their previous education. The beginners level of language competence is CEF/B1, in line with the new standards of productive and receptive language skills, where the *highest importance is assigned to communication*.

Foreign language teaching unfolds in two-semester modules which are taught one after another, depending on a department in which students are studying.

Students may attend classes of *an additional foreign language as well*. Learning two foreign languages at the FPS reflects dynamic reforms, which fit into new European language policy, in line with the Council of Europe recommendation that each EU citizen should speak two European languages in addition to his/her mother tongue.

German and French language teaching is carried out in cooperation with lectors from Germany and France, respectively. Within the agreement with the DAAD (German service for academic exchange), a German lector is involved in teaching of German, whereas a French lector is involved in teaching of French, based on cooperation with the Embassy of France in Belgrade.
ACTIVITIES & ACTIONS OF THE FACULTY

Permanent Education

The FPS recently started its adult education programmes for which there is a growing demand in our country. This form of education is conducted at the Centre for Permanent Education. Adult education offers an opportunity to those who want to acquire additional education and training to meet new needs – demand for new working profiles, programmes and skills. That the FPS already attracts a large number of undergraduate and graduate students as well as students involved in professional development programmes provides some indication about its credibility and attractiveness of this academic field. Building upon this broad appeal, the FPS organizes academic programmes and professional development training adjusted to the people who are committed to their studies, but face severe time constraints.

Faculty's Publishing Activities

Publishing activity and the expansion of cooperation with leading publishing companies, together with creation of conditions for the establishment of the FPS information centre, support development of academic and research core of the FPS. Independently or as a co-publisher, the Faculty publishes books, mostly by its academics, as well as academic journals "Godišnjak FPN" (The FPS Yearbook) and "Student godišnjak" (Student Yearbook).
International Cooperation

Intensive cooperation with domestic and international organizations and higher education institutions is a priority of the FPS. The renewal of regional and international cooperation and the establishment of normal relations with foreign institutions, joint research projects, exchange of academic staff and students, participation in international academic and professional conferences and other modes of university cooperation are the basis for the comprehensive improvement of teaching and research at the FPS. The Faculty has made a substantial effort to catch up with contemporary developments in political science, and results are already visible in redesigned curricula and research which aim to meet highest standards in our discipline.

Various modes of university and international cooperation support improvement of teaching and research standards at the FPS.

International cooperation involves several dimensions:

- **Cooperation with related academic institutions**, with the emphasis on the establishment and maintenance of regular connections with institutions from other countries, through exchange of teachers, staff and students, joint research projects, organization of academic and professional conferences and development of joint graduate programmes. The FPS partners in these tasks are Grady College, University of Atlanta (Department of Journalism and Communication Studies), University of Trondheim, Norway (Department of Social Work and Social Policy), School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London (joint graduate programme in the field of Cultural Studies), Sciences Po, Paris (within the framework of a multidisciplinary research project), University of Trento (Erasmus Mundus programme). In addition to this, since 2007 the Faculty has intensively been working with the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), as well as with the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) from Paris and University of Rome La Sapienza. Cooperation with faculties of political sciences in Sarajevo, Podgorica, Zagreb and Ljubljana has also been established.
Cooperation with international organizations, which provides our students access to their various resources. Our cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Belgrade, UNDP, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Committee of the Red Cross (in the field of international humanitarian law) and Friedrich Ebert Foundation stands out.

Cooperation with embassies and foreign cultural centres, which involves visiting lecturer series. Since 2003 the Faculty has been organizing debates "Dialogue on Europe". The monthly debates aim at the improvement of public dialogue on European integration and the position of Serbia therein. Within the "Dialogue on Europe" series, a representative of the EU member-country embassy or of a European organization, delivers an introductory speech followed by a discussion. So far, the FPS hosted ambassadors of Italy, Germany, Finland, Poland, Austria, Great Britain, Spain, Russia, Hungary, Slovakia, Turkey, as well as heads of delegations of the European Commission, OSCE and the Council of Europe.

Participation in internationally funded projects in the fields of higher education and research, such as Tempus project with the University of Graz (three-year Tempus IV Joint Project "Example of Excellence for Joint (Degree) Programme Development in South-Eastern Europe"; Professor Jovan Teokarević). The project is coordinated by the University of Graz, and, apart from the FPS, partners are universities from Munich, Bamberg, Leuven, Bologna, Groningen, Ljubljana, Barcelona, Poitiers, Clug, Shkodra, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Zadar, Skopje and Novi Sad. The aim of the project is the creation of common standards for joint MA programmes through 5 task forces and start up of 4 MA programmes (the FPS in involved in work of all task forces and in interdisciplinary master programme on South Eastern Europe).

Mr. Olli Rehn, EU Commissioner for Enlargement, Mr. Gerhard Schroeder, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus, have also been the guests of the Faculty of Political Sciences.
During the modernization and reform of teaching, **student life at the FPS is lively**. Students participate in the Student Parliament and numerous non-governmental organizations, as well as in the student journal "Politikolog".

Apart from these student organizations, the **quality of student life is further improved by enhanced conditions for work and leisure**: refurbished classrooms (air-conditioned, with state-of-art equipment), well-equipped library and reading rooms, computer centre with Internet access, students’ club-restaurant "Politikolog" with summer garden, as well as appropriate premises for student organizations.
Student *Parliament*

As a *link between students and the FPS Dean and administration*, Student Parliament primarily deals with *students’ rights and improvement of conditions of study*. The Student Parliament sends its representatives to the Student Parliament of the University.

Election for the Student Parliament is organized in early spring every year.

The *PR Team* of the Faculty

The PR service of the FPS has operated since 2007 as an organized team of students aiming at a *successful communication with relevant institutions, domestic and international universities and at establishing and maintaining cooperation with media, government, non-governmental organizations and broader public*.

The PR Team cooperates with media and professional associations of journalists in its monitoring work. It pays special attention to students and youth, encouraging student organizations of the University of Belgrade and actively cooperating with them.

The work of the PR Team is multidisciplinary and implies positioning of the FPS in relation to various target publics, the creation of communication strategy and accompanying projects of student volunteers. The PR Service prepares and implements public discussions and debates, organizes promotion meetings and thematic public lectures, presentations of professional literature, journals, etc.
The following student organizations are active at the FPS:

- APEM – Action for Political Emancipation of Youth,
- Debate Club,
- Diplomatic Club,
- European Students’ Forum,
- The UN Club FPS,
- Laocratic Student Association “Plus”,
- The FPS Student Association,
- Sports Association “Politikolog”,
- Serbian Political Forum,
- Students’ Liberal Club,

- SUPRA,
- SUFPN – The Students Union of the FPS,
- TIM – Team Initiative of Youth,
- Union of Students of Social Work.
Refurbishment of the FPS premises is an important feature of its overall modernization. Refurbished classrooms are air-conditioned and equipped with video projectors and electronic boards.

All entrances to the building are refurbished, video surveillance has been installed, while reception desk, student services, library, reading room, foreign language facilities, computer classrooms, the premises for student organizations, leisure time spaces – all have been refurbished.
**IT Centre**

The Faculty has **around 200 PC stations**. Computers installed in the recently renovated and modernized **Internet classroom** are at students’ disposal every day. Students can use the newest networked computers with Internet access. Almost all **classrooms are equipped with PC stations and overhead projectors** which facilitates learning.

The FPS has a **modern IT centre and information system** with search options pertaining to the curricula and class schedules.

**Internet pages of the FPS** are regularly updated and used as an efficient means for external and internal communication: teaching materials, examination schedules, various announcements, reports on daily events, visits, academic and administrative staff, as well as of teaching and non-teaching activities – everything important for the FPS is under public scrutiny via our web site.

On the Internet, there is the **"Student Forum"**, useful for exchange of teaching materials, multimedia contents, and communication of our students.

**Library and Reading Room**

The FPS Library features **103,000 bibliographic units** (with more than 60,000 books and numerous journals, documents, master dissertations and doctoral theses) from the fields studied at the Faculty.

Students have a **reading room with 115 seats** at their disposal, in which, apart from books, they can also use datasets and archives of other organizations and institutions the FPS cooperates with: e. g. COBISS, University Library, National Library of Serbia, "Archive" database. The electronic search of the library fund is also available.
The Media Centre – located on the 2nd floor of the old part of the building – hosts the students "BU Radio", PR team, student journal "Politikolog", as well as the equipment for video and audio editing. Here students gain important hands-on experience, which will be invaluable in their subsequent professional lives.

Students’ and Professors’ Restaurants "Politikolog"

The premises for students’ club-restaurant have also been refurbished, enabling students to enjoy pleasant surroundings, low prices and fun.

There is also a special restaurant for the employees of the Faculty, where they can refresh and rest and where they receive numerous official delegations and guests from the country and abroad. The restaurant is a place for informal contacts and friendship of the employees of the Faculty.
The FPS carries out the project "Upgrading of the Building of the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Sciences" with financial support of the National Investment Plan of the Republic of Serbia and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia.

The goal of the project is building of 2,680 m² of space, including new classrooms, reading room and library, academics’ offices and media centre.
Posters that were announcing some of numerous events which took place at the FPS in last few years