

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AT SCIENCES PO

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<p>Academic Year</p>	<p>Autumn Semester: 4 months (first week of September to December 22 approx.)</p> <p>Spring Semester: 4 months (3rd week of January to end of May)</p> <p>Vacations: Summer: 3 months approximately (from beginning of June to the end of August)</p> <p>Christmas break 1 month (3rd week of December to 3rd week of January)</p>	<p>Welcome Programme:</p> <p>Autumn Semester: last week of August</p> <p>Spring Semester: 3rd week of January</p> <p>Classes begin / end:</p> <p>Autumn Semester: 1st week of September to 3rd week of December (including exam period)</p> <p>Spring Semester : last week of January to last week of May (including exam period)</p>
<p>Application Process</p>	<p>Students who wish to study at Sciences Po as exchange students must be nominated by their home university. Partner universities will be contacted by Sciences Po and asked to nominate their students online.</p> <p>Students are then required to complete their online application before the indicated deadline and attach the required supporting documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV • Motivational letter • Photo ID • University transcripts (<u>kindly note</u> that students do not need to provide a translation of their transcripts: Spanish and Portuguese transcripts are accepted) • Evidence of French/English language levels (please see below for more details). 	
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p><u>Online nominations and applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the Autumn semester: from beginning of March until beginning of May - for the Spring semester: from mid-September until mid-October 	

Eligibility

Students from partner universities can study at Sciences Po through the exchange programme at the **undergraduate** or **graduate** level.

- **Undergraduate students** must have completed at least four semesters of undergraduate studies in order to be eligible for the undergraduate exchange programme.
- **Graduate students** must have obtained a Bachelor's degree or have completed at least six semesters of undergraduate studies in order to be eligible for the graduate exchange programme.

Academic System

Exchange students must enrol in **at least one course of 5 ECTS credits and cannot choose more than 30 ECTS credits per semester**

Course selection in the exchange programme

Students in the undergraduate exchange programme can choose from a wide range of courses taught in French or in English in the humanities and social sciences: law, economics, history, humanities, political science, sociology and international relations. They can also take culture courses which include learning French methodology, and language classes.

Choosing courses

Course registration is done online, in July for the Autumn semester and in January for the Spring semester. To prepare their choice of courses, exchange students are invited to read the course descriptions provided on the website, taking careful note of pre-requisites (academic and language requirements in particular).

To be eligible for the **Certificate of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities**, they must validate 20 ECTS credits in one semester (out of 30 ECTS credits attempted) and 45 ECTS credits for one academic year (out of 60 ECTS credits attempted).

Note: Exchange students have to request this Certificate in their online application.

Each type of course is worth a specific number of ECTS credits:

- Lecture course: 10 ECTS
- Seminar course: 5 ECTS
- Elective course: 5 ECTS
- Language course: 5 ECTS
- Artistic workshop: 5 ECTS

Please see [this link](#) to access **the list of course for the Autumn and Spring semesters**. Kindly note that these lists are published one month and a half before the beginning of classes and that only 20% of courses vary from one year to the other.

Academic Programme

Undergraduate students

Courses at Sciences Po at the undergraduate level cover six academic disciplines: Economics, History, Humanities, International Relations, Law and Political Science.

The 7 campuses of the undergraduate college are open to exchange students : <http://college.sciences-po.fr/en/node/23>

Students are highly encouraged to take a French language class. Students wishing to take a language class in another foreign language must have previously studied the language. There are no imposed majors or degree programmes specifically associated with the exchange program. Therefore, incoming students can enrol in

any of the numerous classes offered at Sciences Po, according to their personal interests and their home university's requirements.

Graduate students

Please be aware that graduate exchange students must be attached to a specific Masters programme and may not take courses in different Masters programmes. Also, some graduate courses are not open to exchange students and some others may have academic or language prerequisites.

Language of Instruction

Undergraduate and graduate exchange students can take courses in French, English or in both languages.

To ensure that every exchange student is fluent in at least one of these languages of instruction, exchange students whose native language or language of instruction at their home university is neither English nor French must provide results of an official English or French test with their application.

Accepted language tests are:

Please note that Sciences Po does not accept English language tests taken within more than 5 years of the date of applying to its exchange programme

French language requirements for undergraduate exchange students

TCF minimum score 400 or DELF/DALF minimum score B2

English language requirements for undergraduate exchange students

- IELTS minimum score 6 or TOEFL minimum score 87
- Cambridge tests: First Certificate (FCE) B minimum, or Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) C minimum, or Certificate of Proficiency (CPE) C minimum

French language requirements for graduate exchange students

TCF minimum score 500 or DELF/DALF minimum score C1

English language requirements for graduate exchange students

- IELTS minimum score 6,5
- TOEFL minimum score 100
- Cambridge tests: Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) C minimum or Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) C minimum

Language requirements

Language test exemptions:

The following students do not need to submit English language test results:

- Students who have a school leaving qualification from an English-language secondary school system (e.g. A-Levels or High School Diploma).
- Students who have obtained an IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) within the last 6 years of the date of applying to our exchange programme
- Students who have obtained an International Baccalaureate (IB) who chose English as their language of instruction (level A1 / A2) within the last 6 years of the date of applying to our exchange programme

Obtaining French student healthcare

Obtaining French healthcare for students is compulsory for students under the age of 28.

During online registration, students need to choose a French national healthcare reimbursement agency, either SMEREP (center 617) or LMDE (center 601).

Cost

To benefit from the student healthcare system, students pay an annual and one time fixed rate which was 217€ for the 2017-2018 academic year. Complementary health insurance is optional. However, students should be aware that it can guarantee a better refund of their standard medical expenses.

Any questions?

Please consult our "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" section for further information

Student Healthcare

Your contact at Sciences Po

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