

Sciences Po Strasbourg

École

de l'Université de Strasbourg

Study at Sciences Po Strasbourg

for a semester or a year



👋👋👋 Welcome to Sciences Po Strasbourg

Sciences Po Strasbourg is one of France's oldest Institutes of Political Studies, founded in 1945.

Located in the heart of Strasbourg — the European capital — our school offers a unique environment combining academic excellence and a vibrant international atmosphere. Each year, we are proud to host around 250 students from nearly 40 countries, contributing to the rich diversity that defines our community.

At Sciences Po Strasbourg, we offer a multidisciplinary education in political science, law, economics, international relations and more. Our strong connections with major European institutions, many of which are based here in Strasbourg, provide students with exceptional opportunities to deepen their understanding of European and international affairs right where decisions are made.

Beyond academics, our International Office is here to support exchange and international students, helping them settle in and make the most of their time in Strasbourg.

We hope that you will be inspired to join us for an experience that will help you grow academically and personally and will leave you with memories for a lifetime.

Caroline Lehni

Director of International Relations,
Sciences Po Strasbourg



Who are we ?

Sciences Po Strasbourg, also known as the Institut d'Études Politiques de Strasbourg (Strasbourg Institute of Political Studies), is an undergraduate and graduate school of public affairs and international relations. As one of the ten prestigious Instituts d'Études Politiques (IEP) in France, it upholds a nationally recognized standard of academic excellence. Its core programme is a five-year multidisciplinary curriculum combining a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. Admission is contingent upon success in a national competitive exam, with only the top 10–12% of applicants admitted. Sciences Po Strasbourg is also a school within the University of Strasbourg, one of the largest universities in France and a research-intensive university (5 active Nobel Prize winners among its teaching and research staff), with 55,000 students and 3,400 academics.

A global perspective

Located on the border with Germany, in the heart of Europe and just steps away from major European institutions, Sciences Po Strasbourg was the first of the ten IEPs to make a study-abroad year compulsory for all third-year students. Its international strategy has led to student exchange agreements with nearly 140 partner universities across five continents. The school also offers joint Master's programmes with institutions in Germany, Belgium, Poland, the Czech Republic, Canada, and Japan.

1,600 students

65 permanent faculty

380 part-time faculty

300 international students

**138 international partner
universities**

25 student clubs

11,000 alumni

Why study at Sciences Po Strasbourg ?



European Capital

Strasbourg hosts key European institutions like the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, giving you a front-row seat to European politics and diplomacy.



Academic Excellence

Sciences Po Strasbourg is renowned for high-quality teaching and research, offering a rich, multidisciplinary curriculum.



International Community

Each year, hundreds of international students come to Strasbourg, creating a diverse and vibrant community where you'll make friends from all over the world.



Strategic Location

Nestled on the French-German border, Strasbourg offers easy access to major European cities like Paris, Frankfurt, and Zurich for weekend trips and cultural discovery.



Cultural Heritage

With its stunning historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site, Strasbourg combines French and German influences in its architecture, gastronomy, and traditions.



Green and Bike-Friendly City

Strasbourg is one of France's most bike-friendly cities, with extensive cycling paths and beautiful parks like Parc de l'Orangerie, offering plenty of green spaces to relax, study, or enjoy outdoor activities.



Affordable Student Life

Compared to many other European cities, Strasbourg offers a good quality of life at a more affordable cost, with student discounts, housing options, and a great public transportation system.



Language Opportunities

French is spoken in over 40 countries and is the language of diplomacy. Learning French will increase job opportunities and salary potential: French oral and written skills can be a professional tool that allows participation in the global economy.



Dynamic Campus Life

Student associations, sports, cultural activities, and events ensure your experience will be academically enriching and personally unforgettable.



Dedicated Support

From your application through to the end of your stay, the team at the International Office is there to guide and support you at every step. Our two student assistants organise social events, day trips, and activities, and are always available to offer practical advice and help you settle in.

Our programme options for international students

1. The regular exchange programme

The regular exchange programme offers freedom and flexibility.

By giving access to a wide range of courses in both French and English, this programme reflects the multidisciplinary nature of the excellent education at Sciences Po Strasbourg. It also allows for specialisation in fields such as European Studies, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Contemporary History, and Law. Here are just a few of examples of the modules on offer :

Law

- Droit public
- Droit pénal
- Droit de l'Union Européenne
- Droit international
- Public International Law
- The European Court of Human Rights
- International Economic Law and Policy

Economics and Business

- Microéconomie
- Macroéconomie
- Politiques économiques
- Marketing
- Enjeux économiques de l'Union Européenne
- Microfinance
- Financial Investments
- Commerce international

History and International Relations

- Histoire globale du monde contemporain
- Histoire transnationale des sociétés européennes
- La France ingouvernable ? Histoire politique de la France contemporaine
- Cinéma, société et politique au 20ème siècle
- Guerre et conflictualité
- Diplomatie culturelle
- The Commonwealth
- Anglo-Irish Relations
- The Secret State
- Socio-history of the European Integration since the end of the 1980s

Politics and Sociology

- Politique comparée
- Action publique en Europe
- Communication politique
- Démocraties comparées
- Sociologie de l'international
- Politique et sociologie de la culture
- Cultural Policy in Europe
- India Today: Society, Politics and Economics
- Political Rhetoric in the USA
- The Evolution of the Media in the 21st century
- Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa

Learning French at Sciences Po Strasbourg

Each semester, visiting students have the possibility of taking a one-week free-of-charge French language intensive course. During the semester, students may take French language extensive modules at various levels, from beginners' to advanced. Visiting students with upper intermediate to advanced French language skills are also encouraged to take French-taught politics and/or history modules that are tailored for international students («Actualités françaises», «Histoire de la France et de l'Allemagne en Europe», etc.)

European Week

European Week is an annual event organised for second-year and visiting students of Sciences Po Strasbourg, held at the European Parliament in February. It features lectures by prominent figures in European integration and student-led debates on pressing European issues. For visiting students, this unique experience offers an exceptional opportunity to engage directly with European institutions, deepen their understanding of European politics, and exchange perspectives with peers from diverse backgrounds.

Internships

Like all students at Sciences Po Strasbourg, visiting students can seek support from the Careers & Partnerships Office for their internship search and obtain an internship agreement. These internships do not award ECTS credits from Sciences Po Strasbourg but are sometimes recognized by our partner universities toward the visiting students' academic studies. Former visiting students have worked as interns at a variety of institutions and companies, from primary schools to the European Parliament.

2. The Certificate of European Studies

The Certificate of European Studies (CES) is a semester-long programme that is taught exclusively in English and aims at enabling international students with little or no prior skills in the French language to gain access to the excellence of a French Grande Ecole's programme of study. By combining lectures, seminars, field trips and educational visits, the CES focuses on Europe in a global perspective, while also introducing students to the French language and culture. Thanks to Sciences Po Strasbourg's long-standing partnership with European institutions such as the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, international students will therefore have a unique opportunity to gain both theoretical and practical understanding of Europe from the very heart of its capital.

This programme is aimed at international students who have completed at least two semesters of higher education (60 ECTS credits) and have not studied in France more than a year.

- Students must demonstrate English language proficiency (min. B2-C1).
- No prior knowledge of French is required; the programme is tailored for students who are beginners or intermediate learners of French.



Study Programme

Autumn session - 1st semester

UNIT 1 : French as a Foreign Language (6 ECTS)

- Intensive French crash course (20 hours)
- French as a Foreign Language classes (20 hours)

UNIT 2 : Fundamental courses (12 ECTS)

Four compulsory modules (18 hours each):

- History, Institutions and Policies of the EU
- The EU and the World Economy
- The European Court of Human Rights
- Britain and Europe from 1945 to Brexit

UNIT 3 : Applied European studies (6 ECTS)

- Guided educational visits and field trip (the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights, Arte, etc.)
- Tutorial with presentations, debates and reports in relation to visits and fundamental courses

UNIT 4 : Optional courses (6 ECTS)

Two modules to be chosen from the following (18-24 hours each) :

- European Cultural History
- International Economic Law and Policy
- Microfinance
- Cultural Policy in Europe
- Environmental Politics in the United States
- Minorities, Immigrants and Cinema
- The Secret State
- The Commonwealth of Nations: From Empire Management to the Challenges of the 21st Century
- Financial Investments

Spring session -2nd semester

UNIT 1 : French as a Foreign Language (6 ECTS)

- Intensive French crash course (20 hours)
- French as a Foreign Language classes (20 hours)

UNIT 2 : Fundamental courses (12 ECTS)

Four compulsory modules (18 hours each):

- History of European integration
- The Challenge of Climate Change : Strategies of the European Union, the United States and China
- The EU and Africa
- Political Sociology of the EU

UNIT 3 : Applied European studies (6 ECTS)

- Guided educational visits and field trip (the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights, Arte, etc.)
- Tutorial with presentations, debates and reports in relation to visits and fundamental courses

UNIT 4 : Optional courses (6 ECTS)

Two modules to be chosen from the following (18-24 hours each) :

- The Council of Europe in International Relations
- Public International Law
- The Evolution of the Media in the 21st Century
- Euroscepticism
- Public Policy and Environmental Challenges
- Territorial Diplomacy

🎓 Life on Campus

Sciences Po Strasbourg is situated in a modern, newly constructed building right in the heart of Strasbourg's historic centre, called Le Cardo. It lies only a few minutes' walk from the Cathedral, numerous museums, a variety of cafés and restaurants, and the main shopping area.

Students have access to a wide range of facilities either at the Cardo or on the main Campus.

Libraries

The library at Le Cardo offers a bright and spacious environment ideal for studying and research. It provides students with extensive resources in political science, law, economics, and international relations, alongside quiet workspaces and digital facilities. Students have access to many other libraries in Strasbourg,

including the Bibliothèque nationale et universitaire (BNU), one of France's largest libraries, offering vast collections across all disciplines in a stunning historic building. Another excellent resource is Le Studium, which combines library services with collaborative spaces, technology hubs, and areas for relaxation, creating an ideal environment for both study and student life.



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Accommodation at Student dorms

Sciences Po Strasbourg offers around 50 rooms in CROUS student residences for its visiting students. Accommodation options vary, including single rooms with either private or shared bathrooms, as well as fully furnished studio apartments. There are even possibilities for family housing. Monthly rents range from 280€ to 500€.



The Gallia student dorm © Valentin Rocher

Clubs

At Sciences Po Strasbourg, there's truly something for everyone. A wide range of student clubs and societies creates a vibrant campus life, offering opportunities to organise key events, take part in cultural and sports activities, and join diverse initiatives. Getting involved is a great way to enrich your student experience, build new friendships, and develop valuable skills.



Bureau des élèves of Sciences Po Strasbourg

Sports

From soccer to ballet, basket ball and climbing, students can continue practising their favourite sports or explore new ones by enrolling in activities offered by the University of Strasbourg's sports service (SUAPS) or by joining sports clubs organised by Sciences Po Strasbourg's Sports Bureau.

Finances



A cup of coffee at a café : 2.50€



Public transport monthly pass : 28€



A baguette : 1.40€



A cinema ticket : 5-10€



A full meal at a University restaurant (CROUS) : 3.60-4.50€



🌍 Student Support

Sciences Po Strasbourg has a dedicated International Office team, who provide guidance and support to students from the initial application process onward. Their assistance continues at every stage throughout the students' stay.

The student assistants of the International Student Bureau organise a wide range of activities, tours, visits, games, and social events to help visiting students meet one another and connect with local students. These activities make it easier to get familiar with our academic system and to explore Strasbourg and the surrounding region. The student assistants also serve as a bridge between exchange students and the many student clubs and associations at Sciences Po Strasbourg, so everyone can discover opportunities to get involved and pursue their interests.



What visiting students say about studying at Sciences Po Strasbourg

« My academic year at Sciences Po Strasbourg has profoundly enriched my academic career. Thanks to the institution's multidisciplinary approach and the quality of the teaching provided, I was able to deepen my knowledge of international relations, international law, and politics.»



Nisan, Turkey

« I made lots of friends in Strasbourg and I took advantage of the Winter and Spring breaks to travel through France and Europe.»



Yuto, Japan

«I would definitely recommend studying at Sciences Po Strasbourg : I loved every bit of it !»



Daniel, Germany

«I am very grateful to the student assistants for helping us with our daily and academic life and for organizing so many interesting activities. The administrative staff were also very helpful in organizing my studies.»



Yifan, China

«I was lucky enough to participate in a class partly taught at the European Parliament : it was a powerful symbol and it helped transform abstract knowledge into practical understanding.»



Kate, United Kingdom

How to apply ?

Applying to Sciences Po Strasbourg as an exchange student or a free-mover is easy! The team at the International Office is available to guide and support students throughout the entire process. Applicants simply need to ensure they meet the requirements of their chosen programme and submit all required documents by the deadlines indicated here.

	Regular exchange programme	Certificate of European Studies
Duration	1 or 2 semesters	1 or 2 semesters
Language requirements	Students need <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a B2 level in French to take classes taught in French- a B2 level in English to take classes taught in English	B2-C1 in English required Programme tailored for French beginners or intermediate learners
Number of ECTS credits	Minimum 3 ECTS per semester Minimum 33 ECTS per semester	30 ECTS credits per semester (set programme)
Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guaranteed for students nominated by our partner universities- Contingent upon review of the application file for non-exchange students (free movers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contingent upon review of the application file
Tuition fees	Approximatively 1400€* per semester No tuition fees for exchange students	

* Amount subject to change

Academic Calendar

- Fall Semester: September to December (exams in December and/or January)
- Spring Semester: January to April (exams in May)

Application process for exchange students

- Make sure you have been nominated by your home university
- Our International Office will contact nominated students and invite them to apply
- Complete your online application form and send all supporting documents to [**iep-incomingstudents@unistra.fr**](mailto:iep-incomingstudents@unistra.fr)

Application process for non-exchange visitant students (free movers)

- You should make sure your home university allows you to study at Sciences Po Strasbourg for a semester or a year during your degree
- Contact our International Office
- Our International Office will send you all the necessary information and invite you to apply online
- Complete your online application form and send all supporting documents to [**iep-incomingstudents@unistra.fr**](mailto:iep-incomingstudents@unistra.fr)

Application Deadlines

- **Fall admission** (first semester or full academic year): **15 May**
- **Spring admission** (second semester): **31 October**



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