Exchange Students at Sciences Po

Our Campuses outside Paris

Since its creation in 1871, Sciences Po has been France’s leading university for the social sciences.

Today we are open to the world: some 40% of our 10,000 students are international, from 130 countries, and our education is emphatically outward looking.

While many people still associate Sciences Po with Paris, we have over the past few years opened six other campuses elsewhere in France that could be of particular interest to exchange students. Each has a distinct geographical focus: The Middle East, Asia, Europe, North and South America.

These campuses are located in towns with lower cost of living, a high quality of life, tailor-made student services and readily available affordable housing. All have a lively mix of culture and language, as many of the students come from the region being studied. The small campuses, with fewer than 150 students per class year, have a distinct community feel and also offer sports, arts and other activities.

Three of the six have an English-only track for students with little or no French.

| Middle East and Mediterranean campus in Menton          | Fluency in French or other languages is required for the other three. |
| Europe-North America campus in Reims                     | Europe-Latin America campus in Poitiers                           |
| Europe-Asia campus in Le Havre                            | Central and Eastern Europe campus in Dijon                        |
| European Franco-German campus in Nancy                   | European Franco-German campus in Nancy                             |

As with the Paris campus, students can spend either the fall or spring semesters or a full year at these regional campuses.
Middle East and Mediterranean Campus Menton

Presentation

Menton is a resort town on the French Riviera, famed for its beautiful vistas, lush vegetation and mild climate. Our campus, situated on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean, focuses on the Middle East, the Maghreb and the Gulf states.

Given the current political volatility in the greater Middle East, Menton provides a unique opportunity to pursue rigorous studies of the region from the comfort of a French resort town.

About one third of the students on campus come from the region under study, so exchange students in Menton will live in a rich immersion with Egyptians, Saudis, Moroccans, Lebanese, Syrians, Yemenis and many others from Middle Eastern and Mediterranean countries. Most students are housed in Sciences Po residences.

The curriculum includes a focus on regional geopolitical issues including energy, migration and security.

Language

An English-only track is available, along with the possibility to take classes taught in French.

Regional language instruction is available in

- Arabic (beginners, intermediate and advanced)
- Turkish
- Hebrew.

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- Arab Political Thought
- The Middle East: Crises and Hope
- Introduction to the Study of Islam
- Gender Issues in the Middle East
- Sociology of the Arab State

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Europe-Asia Campus
Le Havre

Presentation

Le Havre, on the Normandy coast, was home to many leading Impressionists in the 19th century and its city centre, designed by Auguste Perret, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 1517 by François I, Le Havre is France’s largest commercial port, and has long cultivated links with Asia. It is less than two hours from Paris by train.

Sciences Po’s campus, which is conveniently located in the centre of the city, near the train station, welcomes students from around the world to study and promote relations between Europe and Asia.

In a world where Asia is increasingly central to the operation of the global economy, graduates of this program will be highly sought-after by recruiters. We also welcome exchange students for one or two semesters.

Language

Le Havre is an Anglophone campus. Students can receive intensive French language training.

Other languages taught in Le Havre include

- Chinese
- Korean
- Japanese
- Hindi
- Indonesian.

About one third of the students come from Asia, ensuring a lively multicultural community.

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- Comparative History of Europe and Asia (1815-1910)
- Economic Models in Asia
- India and the World
- Politics and societies in Asia

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Europe-North America Campus
Reims

Presentation

Reims is the medieval city where French kings were crowned, starting in the year 816. Situated east of Paris in the heart of Champagne country, it is just a 45-minute train ride from Paris by the TGV high-speed rail line. The Sciences Po campus is housed in a restored 17th century Jesuit college in town.

Reims is Sciences Po’s most recent campus, opened in September 2010. Its focus is on Europe and North America, a comparative approach that places particular emphasis on transatlantic relations.

Language

The principal language of instruction is English, with some class offerings in French.

Students who are not native French speakers receive intensive French-language instruction. They may also study German and Spanish.

About one third of the students come from the U.S. and Canada.

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- Law in a World of Multiple Legal Orders
- The History of the West 1776-1877
- US Security and Defense Policy

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Central and Eastern Europe Campus
Dijon

Presentation

Dijon, the regional capital of Burgundy, is a dynamic city with a rich cultural history. The Dijon campus is housed in a handsome 19th century building near Place Darcy.

Sciences Po’s Dijon campus is a Europe in miniature, with students of more than twenty nationalities. They come to Dijon to study the European Union, with a particular focus on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

This programme illustrates Sciences Po’s continuing interest in studying European Affairs and democratic transition in Central Europe, which was initiated by researchers at CERI, our Centre of International Research.

Language

The campus offers a French-language curriculum that includes some classes in English, and intensive French instruction for those who aren’t yet completely fluent.

There is a wide range of other language instruction including:

- Polish
- Czech
- Hungarian
- Russian
- Rumanian
- German
- Italian
- Spanish

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- 1989: A Moment of Global Change
- Religion and European Contemporary Society
- Les minorités en Europe centrale et orientale
- A Foreign Policy Actor: External Relations of the EU
- Frontières et voisinage de l’Union Européenne

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Europe-Latin America Campus
Poitiers

Presentation

A charming university town with a famous Romanesque cathedral, Poitiers has long been a staging post for the Iberian peninsula. Students make up about one third of its population.

Sciences Po’s Poitiers campus focuses on Latin America, a window onto the reconfiguration of the international order and on the rising power of emerging nations.

The programme familiarizes students with the debates over past, present and future that are currently taking place in Latin America and in the Iberian region, and offers an opportunity to immerse themselves in four languages. In the Fall, students spend a week at the university of Salamanca or at Nova university in Lisbon.

Language

- A French language curriculum for students who also speak Spanish or Portuguese
- An alternative curriculum for non-French speakers, in English and either Spanish or Portuguese
- Intensive French language classes for those not proficient

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- Gender studies
- Geopolítica del Caribe
- Everyday life in England at the end of medieval period
- Arte e política: olhares sobre a construção da democracia portuguesa no século XX
- Pensamiento político latino-americano en el siglo XX

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European Franco-German Campus
Nancy

Presentation

Nancy, the historic seat of the Dukes of Lorraine, has a long tradition as a college town. The Sciences Po campus is located in the historic “Hôtel des Mission Royales,” built in the 18th century.

The campus is trilingual: French, German and English. Its focus is on the European Union and the relationship between France and Germany that is at its heart. The programme examines the dynamics of Europe following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Language

- A trilingual curriculum in French, German and English
- Intensive French language tuition for students who are not native speakers
- A German-English curriculum is also available
- Other languages taught are:
  - Arabic
  - Spanish
  - Italian
  - Russian
  - Swedish

Curriculum

Specialized classes open to exchange students include:

- Politische Vertragstheorien
- Does Turkey compete or cooperate with Russia in the New Energy Game?
- Erzählende Literatur in der Weimarer Republik
- German Foreign Policy: Sources, History and Tendencies since 2003

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