

## Exchange Programme

# SciencesPo

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[www.sciencespo.fr/international/en/content/exchange-programme.html](http://www.sciencespo.fr/international/en/content/exchange-programme.html)

## Academic Calendar 2025-2026

### SEMESTER 1

WELCOME PROGRAMME

**25 - 30 August 2025 (tbc)**

CLASSES INCLUDING EXAMS

**1 September - 19 December 2025 (tbc)**

### SEMESTER 2

WELCOME PROGRAMME

**19 - 24 January 2026 (tbc)**

CLASSES INCLUDING EXAMS

**24 January - 22 May 2026 (tbc)**

**5 January - 24 April 2026 (2nd year - Law School only) (tbc)**

Students are required to be present at Sciences Po until the last day of exams per the published academic calendar.

### VACATION

SUMMER BREAK

**June - August**

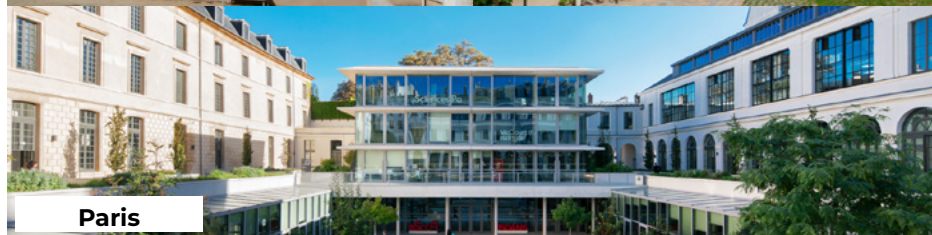
INTER-SEMESTER

**One-week break each semester**

<https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/study/academic-affairs/university-calendar/>

### Application Procedure

Students who wish to study on exchange at Sciences Po must be nominated to do so by their home university. Upon nomination, students are invited to complete an online application and to transmit required supporting documentation (CV, personal statement, photo ID, university transcripts, and French and/or English language test results). Application dates are indicated to students by email.



### Application Deadline

Online nominations by the partner and submission of the applications by the students:

- **for the Autumn semester:**  
online nomination by the partner: **4 to 26 March 2025** and submission of the applications by the students: **until 2 April 2025.**
- **for the Spring semester:**  
online nomination by the partner: **23 September to 7 October 2025** and submission of the applications by the students: **until 9 October 2025.**

### Eligibility

Both the undergraduate and graduate programmes at Sciences Po welcome exchange students.

- **Undergraduate exchange:**  
students having completed 4 or more semesters of undergraduate study.
- **Graduate exchange:**  
students with a Bachelor's degree, or 6 semesters or more of undergraduate study.

# Academic Programme

Exchange students may register for between **5 ECTS** credits (minimum) and **30 ECTS** credits (maximum) per semester. Students can attempt up to **60 ECTS** credits per academic year.

## Undergraduate students

**A Certificate of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities is available for undergraduate exchange students.**

In addition to the certificate, students may select a regional specialization if they apply for a campus outside Paris. They may study the geographical minors:

- Asia-Pacific
- Mediterranean and Middle East
- European Union, Central and Eastern Europe
- European Union, Franco-German partnership
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- North America
- Africa

<https://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/academics/exchange/>

**REMINDER:** Please note that students have the opportunity to:

- Indicate 2 campuses to be considered for
- Choose 1 or 2 academic disciplines of study
- Select either a French or an English programme on the Paris campus, given that the bilingual one is no longer offered

## Graduate students

Exchange students in our graduate programmes must be attached to a specific Masters programme and are restricted to classes in that programme only. Not all graduate courses are open to exchange students, and some may impose academic or linguistic prerequisites.

In addition to the courses offered by the programme, the **Common Academic Curriculum** offers graduate students a variety of discipline-based and interdisciplinary courses rooted in Sciences Po's academic project. They expose students to fundamental concepts and knowledge from across the social sciences, in close connection with the research work of our permanent faculty members, so that our students can apprehend the key issues of contemporary societies. Exchange students are allowed to enroll in up to two Common Academic Curriculum courses per semester.

## Academic Rules and Regulations

Students are invited to read the **Academic Rules and Regulations** and to familiarize themselves with Sciences Po's **attendance policy** (not more than 2 absences allowed per class).



## Language of instruction

Undergraduate and graduate exchange students may study exclusively in French or English, or in both languages simultaneously for those programmes offering this option.

Students can also follow language classes (Foreign language charters: [www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/study/languages/charters](http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/study/languages/charters))

## Language requirements

Exchange students must provide documented justification of their level in studies while at Sciences Po (French and/or English). Exceptions can be made for students for whom the mother tongue is French or English.

### **French language requirements - minimum scores required:**

Undergraduate studies: TCF 400 or DELF/DALF B2.

Graduate studies: TCF 500 or DELF/DALF C1.

**For Erasmus + partners, please refer to the language level mentioned in the existing agreement**

### **English language requirements - minimum scores required:**

Undergraduate and Graduate studies: IELTS 6.5, TOEFL/TOEFL IBT Home Edition 100, Duolingo English Test 130.

Cambridge tests: C1 (Cambridge English First, CAE and CPE).

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## Accommodation, Visa procedures and Health center

The Sciences Po Students website lists all the relevant information about the first steps and the contacts on campus for incoming students, especially regarding accommodation, Visa procedures and the health center.

For students who have a temporary or permanent disability or disabling health condition, our disability support service is available to offer specific adjustments.

Non-European Union, European Economic Area or Swiss students, **must apply for a student visa** before coming to France, even if they are already enrolled in a university within the EU. More information available **here**.

[www.sciencespo.fr/students/en.html](http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en.html)

## Contacts

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sciences Po Student Exchanges Team at: [candidature.echange@sciencespo.fr](mailto:candidature.echange@sciencespo.fr) or consult the International Affairs pages on Sciences Po's website:

<https://www.sciencespo.fr/en/international/international-vision/>