



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Sciences Po, France

Facts

- Language of instruction: English and French
- Number of students currently enrolled: 13,000
- Important information: **this exchange is not suitable for students of Economics**
- Campus information: this exchange covers all seven of Sciences Po's campuses. If you apply for this exchange, **you should be prepared to accept a place at any one of the campuses.**
- Website: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/international/en>
- Semester dates:

Campus	Semester	Start	End
Paris	Semester 1	Early September	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Dijon	Semester 1	Late August	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Le Havre	Semester 1	Late August	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Menton	Semester 1	Late August	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Nancy	Semester 1	Late August	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Poitiers	Semester 1	Late August	Late December
	Semester 2	Mid-January	Late May
Reims	Semester 1	Late August	Late December

	Semester 2	Tbc	Tbc
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About the University

The Paris Institute of Political Studies - more commonly referred to as Sciences Po – is one of the prestigious French Grandes Écoles. Founded in 1872, Sciences Po is widely regarded as France's leading university in the social sciences and is consistently ranked among the world's best institutions for Politics and International Studies. Sciences Po has approximately 13,000 students spread across seven multicultural campuses.

The Sciences Po University-wide exchange covers all seven of its campuses, each of which offers programmes focusing on different regions of the world:

Campus	Regional focus	Main teaching language	Language requirement
Dijon	Central and Eastern Europe	French	French B2
Le Havre	Europe-Asia	English	-
Menton	Mediterranean. Middle-East and Gulf	English	-
Nancy	Franco-German	French, German, English	French and/or German B2
Paris	General	French, English	French B2 (only needed if taking classes in French)
Poitiers	Europe-Latin America	French, English, Spanish	French B2
Reims	Europe-North America	English (North America programme)	-
Reims	Europe-Africa	French, English (Africa programme)	French B2

You can read more about each campus here: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/campus>

If selected to study at Sciences Po, you will be asked to select three campus preferences, and identify the courses you wish to take at each. **Please note that placement at one of your preferred campuses is not guaranteed, and students applying under the Sciences Po general agreement should be prepared to be allocated to any one of the campuses.**

The information immediately below is relevant to all campuses, unless stated otherwise.

What to expect

Application process

If you are allocated an exchange place at Sciences Po, you will be officially nominated by the Go Abroad Office and will then be provided with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply if officially nominated.**

Type of Application: The application is completed online.

Academics

Course/ credit load	One full year of study should equate to 60 ECTS. One semester of study should equate to 30 ECTS. Sciences Po students should ensure that at least one of their course choices is worth at least 5 ECTS. You also cannot choose more than 30 ECTS per semester.
Courses available	On the Paris and Reims campuses, there is a specific range of courses for exchange students that you must select from. You can find lists of these here: Paris campus: http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/academics/exchange/paris Reims campus: http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/academics/exchange/reims On all other campuses, all courses are open to exchange students. You can find the course catalogues here: Dijon campus : http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/campus/dijon Menton campus: http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/campus/menton Poitiers campus : http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/campus/poitiers Nancy campus: http://www.sciencespo.fr/college/en/campus/nancy
Course enrolment	Course registration is done online, in July for the first semester and in January for the second semester. To prepare your choice of courses, exchange students are invited to read the course descriptions provided on the website, taking careful

	note of pre-requisites (disciplinary and language requirements in particular).
Academic restrictions	This exchange agreement is only open to students studying in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. There are no Science and Engineering courses offered at Sciences Po. This exchange is not suitable for students of Economics. Students studying Politics, International Relations or Law should apply through the relevant subject-specific agreement with Sciences Po and NOT through this University-wide agreement. Undergraduate courses at Sciences Po cover six academic disciplines: Economics, History, Humanities (including Philosophy, Political Theory and Arts), International Relations, Law, and Political Science. Before applying for this exchange please make sure to check that there are sufficient courses available for your subject area(s) and discuss your choice with your School Exchange Coordinator.
Previous Students	Please research the suitability of Sciences Po for your degree programme. This is a relatively new exchange agreement and this will only be the second year of students studying there through the University-wide agreement. Last year, a number of History students studied successfully at Sciences Po through this agreement.

Your final course selection must be agreed and approved with your Exchange Coordinator and any course changes made whilst you are away must have their approval.

Accommodation

University accommodation	Universities in France do not have their own student residences; these are run either by governmental agencies, or by private businesses and are not specific to one university. Sciences Po has some accommodation on the private market which is reserved for their students, and is available to apply for via their official housing website. A useful overview of accommodation options for Sciences Po students can be found here: https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing/parents
Application process	Students can apply online, through the Sciences Po Housing Service: https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing/parents

Private accommodation	Off-campus housing: https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing/other-housing-options
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Costs

Estimated cost of living	Estimated 1,250 EUR per month for Paris, less for the regional campuses.
Insurance	Under the obligatory French social security system, you can be reimbursed 70% of your doctor's bills and either 30% or 65% of medicine costs (depending on your situation). In addition to the obligatory system, students can register for optional complementary or 'top-up' insurance (mutuelles) to complete the cover up to full insurance. Students must sign up to the social security system to have their costs reimbursed. Full information can be found here: http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/health
Banks	To open a bank account, you should make an appointment with the bank of your choice and bring along the following documents: Pièce d'identité - national ID, passport or residence permit (a driver's license is not acceptable) Justificatif de domicile (proof of residence: phone or electricity bill, rental receipt, etc.) Carte étudiante - Your student ID card or certificate of registration from Sciences Po, to benefit from our partner offers

Other

Employment	Those with EU passports should not face any barriers to employment. Non-EU/EEA students face restrictions on the hours they can work and will need to apply for a work permit.
Orientation	Orientation programmes are optional and vary by campus:

	<table><tr><th>Campus</th><th>Programme</th><th>Cost</th><th>Credit</th><th>Mandatory /optional</th></tr><tr><td>Paris</td><td>Available here</td><td>€250</td><td>2 ECTS</td><td>Optional</td></tr><tr><td>Reims</td><td>Available here</td><td>Free</td><td>5 ECTS</td><td>Optional</td></tr><tr><td>Other campuses</td><td colspan="4">Please contact your campus for information</td></tr></table>	Campus	Programme	Cost	Credit	Mandatory /optional	Paris	Available here	€250	2 ECTS	Optional	Reims	Available here	Free	5 ECTS	Optional	Other campuses	Please contact your campus for information			
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	Students on the Paris campus who do not attend the optional, fee-paying welcome week outlined above will have the opportunity to attend a free information session for exchange students upon arrival. More information about this will be provided by Sciences Po once you have been accepted by them.																				
Visas	EU students do not need a visa to study in France. However, you will need a valid passport or travel ID document and formal proof of acceptance onto your exchange. Non-EU students will need a visa to enter France. Short term 'Schengen' visas are available, but if you're studying in France for longer than six months you'll need to apply for a VLT-TS visa, which lasts for the duration of your course. You can find more information on visas and residence permits here: http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/get-started/international-students/apply-visa-residence-permit																				
Disability Statement	Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulty and you wish to study abroad please contact the Erasmus Outgoing team in the International Office (Erasmus.outgoing@ed.ac.uk). We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It might also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability Office as well.																				

The best part?



It was great to be surrounded by ambitious and pro-active students in an amazing city."

“ *Meeting new people and getting a brand new perspective on life.*”

The greatest challenge?

“ *The language and cultural barriers.*”

Advice for future exchange students

Accommodation

“ *Start looking far in advance.*”

General advice

“ *The French style of assessment is different, they write essays in different styles, and include a lot of oral presentations, participation is also graded.*”

“ *Make sure you save enough money for Paris.*”

“ *Online course enrolment is very competitive so make sure you enrol straight away.*”