

SciencesPo

**SCHOOL
OF RESEARCH**
DEGREES IN
SOCIAL SCIENCES



At the heart of knowledge creation and dissemination

The Shool of Research, one of Sciences Po's seven graduate schools, brings together all Sciences Po's research degrees under one roof. We offer Master's and PhD programmes that equip students with the concepts, analytical techniques, and methods of social science research.

Underpinned by a faculty of 200 academics with highly international backgrounds, our programmes are structured around Sciences Po's five main disciplines: law, economics, history, political science, and sociology. Sciences Po is currently ranked 2nd among universities worldwide for political science and international relations, 28th worldwide for sociology, and among the top 150 for law, economics, and history (2020 QS ranking).

We are a multidisciplinary school with an international outlook. Our research policy is geared towards the major scientific, technological, environmental and societal challenges of our time. Whatever their research focus and intended career path, our students acquire practical knowledge that will open doors to academia as well as to a diverse range of professions in both the public and private sectors.

The Shool of Research is a personable size and provides each student with individual academic and careers support.

I hope that these few words of introduction have made you want to join us.

Welcome to your school!



Pierre François,

Dean of the Shool of Research, sociologist and CNRS senior researcher at the CSO

Our Master's programmes

The School of Research's Masters programmes offer unique study paths in social sciences combining taught courses and research.

The taught element is composed of core modules, specialised courses, and methodology workshops. The first three semesters are focused on acquiring core and specialised knowledge. The final semester is dedicated to writing a research dissertation.

Master's in Economics

The programme is for students who wish to acquire technical, quantitative, and practical skills in economics that will equip them either to go immediately into employment or on to doctoral study at Sciences Po or abroad. The curriculum in the first year is designed to provide technical skills in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics.

The second year offers a range of specialisation courses: political, financial and urban economics, labour economics, etc.

Master's in History

The programme comprises core and specialised seminars: history of international relations, history of gender, history of digital technology, history of democracy, etc. It also includes workshops, individual tutoring, and language courses.

Master's in Political Science

The programme is intended for students interested in teaching and research careers, or careers as specialists and analysts in public or private organisations. It also prepares students for competitive recruitment examinations for the international and European civil service and for diplomatic careers. Five majors are offered: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Behavior, Political Theory, Public Policy and a General Track in English.

Master's in Sociology

Taught in French and English, the programme offers both core sociology courses and more specialised and thematic courses such as sociology of organisations, of inequalities, and of migration, urban sociology, economic sociology, etc. Added to these are epistemology and methodology modules.

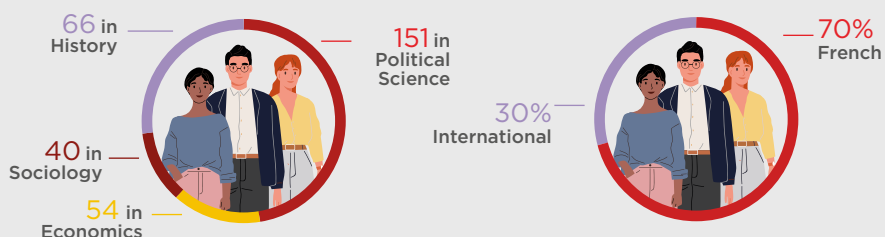
DUAL MASTER'S DEGREES

Three dual degree programmes are offered: in History with École du Louvre and King's College London, and in Economics with Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (Dual degree in Economics and Quantitative Economics).

Master's admissions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Which procedure? 	<p>FRENCH PROCEDURE</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who is eligible? 	<p>Holders of an undergraduate degree from a French higher education institution (Bachelor's degree or equivalent)</p>	<p>Holders of an undergraduate degree from a higher education institution outside France (Bachelor's degree or equivalent)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How are applicants assessed? 	<p>By written application and interview</p>	<p>By written application</p>

Who are our 311 Master's students?

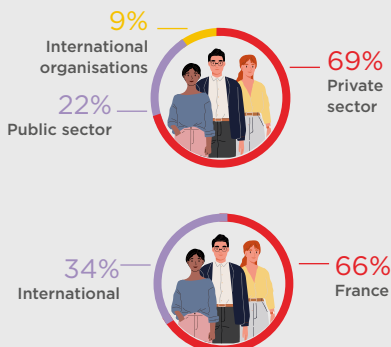


Where do our graduates work?

45% PhD study

40% International or European organisations, media/communication/journalism/publishing, NGOs, think tanks, secondary education

15% Preparation for international and European civil service recruitment exams or diplomatic careers



Our PhD programmes

The Sciences Po School of Research offers five PhD programmes: law, economics, history, political science, and sociology. Doctoral students benefit from supervision by internationally recognised scholars and from personalised support in Sciences Po's research centres. We also ensure our students are well prepared to launch their careers.

Doctorate in Law

The doctorate in Law is intended for students who wish to make a significant theoretical contribution to the understanding of a specific area of law. In addition to their training in legal theory, doctoral students are exposed to multidisciplinary approaches and the diversity of legal cultures.

Doctorate in Economics

The PhD in Economics at Sciences Po, supported by the Department of Economics, is one of the very best in Europe, as reflected by the recent recruitment of our PhD graduates by top universities (UCLA, ENS Paris, HEC Paris, and Carlos III in Madrid).

Doctorate in History

The programme offers first-class theoretical and methodological training. Specialised courses focus on specific sub-fields and subjects: various historical specialities; advanced research topics; and varied methods (statistics, images, oral history, archives).

Doctorate in Political Science

The Doctorate in Political Science seeks to develop a capacity for research and critical analysis. It is divided into three concentrations: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

Doctorate in Sociology

The programme covers the fields of organisational sociology and analysis of social change, economic sociology, analysis of social inequalities and discrimination, urban sociology, sociology of education, and sociology of culture.

INTERNATIONAL DUAL PHD DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The School offers three international dual degrees: with Columbia University (political science), Northwestern University (sociology), and International Max Planck School (political science and sociology). Doctoral scholarships and mobility programmes are also offered with prestigious international partners.

PhD admissions

● Which procedure?

FRENCH AND INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE

● Who is eligible?

Holders of a graduate degree from a French or foreign higher education institution (Master's degree or equivalent).

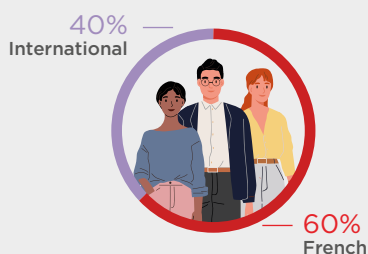
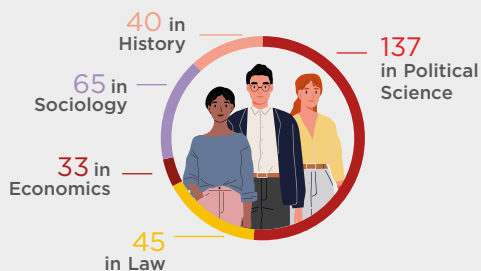
● How are applicants assessed?

By written application and an interview, when necessary.

Funding your Doctorate

Funding for at least three years is required to register for a Doctorate programme, the School of Research offers merit-based doctoral fellowships.

Who are our 320 PhD students?



Where do our graduates work?



65% Secondary teaching, higher education and research



35% Public administration, international organisations, think tanks, consulting, business

The Shool of Research as seen by its graduates



“The two years of my Master’s in economics and my gap year were a constant, complementary back-and-forth between learning the tools of theoretical analysis and their practical applications.”

Samuel DELPEUCH, 2018 Master’s in Economics graduate, analyst at the Conseil d’analyse économique (CAE)



“After my Master’s in history, I chose to work in an entirely different field. I had no idea how useful the skills I’d gained doing this degree would be! I try to apply the methods and rigour that are fundamental to research on a daily basis. Writing a research dissertation also helped me develop my writing, communication, and deductive skills, which are a cornerstone of my job.”

Chloé DUVIVIER, 2018 Master’s in History graduate, information systems & organisation consultant, mc2i Group



“The Master’s in Political Science allowed me to feed my intellectual curiosity and to be stimulated by faculty and students from diverse backgrounds. The excellent supervision pushed us to explore our interests and potential in depth. Everything I learned is useful in my job on a daily basis, with all the benefits of a research-based education, even if I didn’t want to go on to a doctorate.”

Tahnee NEMO RAMIREZ, 2018 Master’s in Political Science graduate, public sector consulting associate - PwC France



“Doing the Master’s in sociology, I found an interest in parts of society that were completely unknown to me before. It’s a rich and demanding programme that furthered and complemented my undergraduate studies at Sciences Po as well as I’d hoped. Researching and writing the dissertation were edifying—albeit difficult—experiences. I hope to retain that feeling of intellectual stimulation that my classmates and instructors brought about.”

Hugo DE TARLÉ, 2018 Master’s in Sociology graduate, educational policy consultant, Education & Territories

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