

Admission Procedures for Foreign Students

When an agreement with a partner university or a diplomatic service abroad provides for specific admission procedures, the candidate has the choice between the ordinary admission procedure and this special procedure.

1. Admission to undergraduate courses:

Foreign students are admitted to undergraduate courses under the same conditions as French students, unless there is a special agreement with a university or diplomatic service, or the student holds a Sciences Po Bordeaux Certificate of Political Studies specific to foreign students (see below).

2. Admission to a Master's course:

Foreign students who apply for admission to the first year of a Master's degree (4th year of study) may apply under the same conditions as French students.

Should they wish, they may request admission under a procedure adapted to foreign students. In both cases, the candidate may apply for one course, chose within the same "major".

The admission procedure to 4th year for foreign students is based on the examination of an application file which includes the same documents as those requested from French students, as well as certificates stating the student's level of both French and English (or another language for Anglophone or Francophone candidates, chosen among the language courses offered at Sciences Po Bordeaux). The jury may exempt a candidate from sitting written examinations or refer him/her to the procedure reserved for French students, if it considers that their previous degree course does not justify a dispensatory procedure.

If the candidate is declared eligible, with exemption from the written examinations, he/she is called for an oral examination, which may exceptionally be organized from a distance. This oral exam is organized by the admissions service, with a jury composed of several examiners, and part of it will be in English.

The level of written French will be checked by a written test upon the student's arrival. If it turns out that the student's real level of French does not correspond to that certified in his/her file, he/she will not be enrolled on the Master's course, but on the Certificate of Political Studies course.

3. Admission for students who hold a Sciences Po Bordeaux Certificate of Political Studies specific to foreign students:

Students holding a Sciences Po Bordeaux Certificate of Political Studies specific to foreign students are eligible to apply for admission to the 3rd or 4th year of the Sciences Po Bordeaux diploma within two years of having been awarded this certificate. They are required to submit an application file including their university transcripts from previous years of study and a motivation letter.

Admission to 3rd or 4th year may be granted following an interview with a jury appointed by the director of Sciences Po Bordeaux.