



## Masters "Careers in politics" of the Institute of Political Studies

### Presentation

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The objective of the Master's course "Careers in politics" is to train students in the skills expected of an adviser in a ministerial or local authority office, or in those of an assistant to an elected official [local, European or national] or a consultant specialized in political issues [for administrations and professional organizations or public affairs companies]. The course will also enable the students who are interested in research to develop some specialized knowledge that will enable them to approach in an informed manner the elements that structure the activities of elected officials at different levels. They will then be able to carry further the work begun during the Master's course by pursuing a doctorate in the social sciences with the Émile Durkheim Centre.

### Objectives

The course is designed to enable students to acquire different types of knowledge and skills:

- \* Knowledge of the issues that an elected official may have to deal with and the ability to put them in perspective.
- \* Knowledge of the political, financial and legal constraints that structure the activities of an elected official
- \* Knowledge of the articulation between the local, national and European levels of representation
- \* Editorial techniques
- \* Ability to use statistical tools to develop briefing notes

### In brief

#### Type of education

\* Initial education

**Kind of education :** Second cycle | masters degree

**Internship :** Obligatory (4 months minimum)

### Contacts

#### Responsible(s)

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## Training content

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Fourth-year program: [See Master's course Careers in journalism and politics](#)

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This information is for guidance purposes.

## Organization

Fifth-year Careers in politics

## Access conditions

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Sciences Po Bordeaux Diploma : [First year](#)

[Find out more about the requirements for admission to fourth year](#)

## Fifth year Careers in politics

### Organization

#### Transverse skills

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##### Method conferences (10.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

General knowledge  
Economics  
English  
LVB

##### Languages (Choice: 1 Max number of courses to choose 8)

LVB – German  
LVB – Arabic  
LVB – Chinese  
LVB – Spanish  
LVB – French as a foreign language  
LVB – Italian  
LVB – Portuguese  
LVB – Russian

##### Examinations (6.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Final Oral Examination – English  
Final Oral Examination – LVB

#### Consolidation of disciplinary knowledge

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##### Certificate 1 (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Historical sociology of politics: issues and methods  
Sociology of expertise  
Urban policies and governance

##### Certificate 2 : Law and politics (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Legal issues specific to political occupations  
Parliamentary rights and practices  
Consultation, participation and public debate

#### Transition into the professional world

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##### Workshops, simulations and tutored projects (Mandatory)

Sociological interview  
Sociological observation  
Public budget analysis  
Electoral analysis  
English for specific purposes



Meetings with professionals

**Thesis or internship**

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