



## Masters "Politics and development in Africa and the Global South" of the Institute of Political Studies

### Presentation

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The "Politics and development in Africa and the Global South" Course is a course in political science research; it focuses on the analysis of contemporary issues in southern countries. It prepares students for professions in the fields of research, consultancy, expertise, and decision-making support in public organizations, private companies, and the third sector. The course combines theoretical and methodological approaches and empirical experiences, using the resources of the LAM and its professional contributors.

### Skills

This class aims to further develop students' knowledge of situations they have selected, by constantly confronting theoretical hypotheses with other case studies. The combination of a good theoretical and methodological training with, on the one hand, a very precise knowledge of the themes and developing areas, and, on the other hand, comparative skills, is at the heart of the pedagogical project of this class.

The training course is built around a common core including training in the theories and methodologies of political science and social sciences, a core course in geography, thematic classes, and two specializations "careers in research and expertise" and "careers in decision-making support and consultancy".

The course aims to train students to become professionals specialized in the analysis of African countries and the developing world, i.e. specialists with empirical skills in these areas, effective theoretical and methodological tools, and specific thematic skills. The students are systematically encouraged to perform internships in organizations and in the field from the fourth year onwards. The course combines university lectures and interventions by professionals specialized in "Southern countries"

Many of the classes are delivered in the form of seminars and students are given specific assignments through which they will develop special skills in risk management, policy intelligence, and theoretical research. Learning the main languages spoken in Africa (European and African) is encouraged.

### In brief

#### Type of education

\* Initial education

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

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

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#### Responsible(s)

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## Training content

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Fourth year program: see Master's course Risks and development in the Global South

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This information is for guidance purposes.

## Organization

Fifth-year Politics and development in Africa and the Global South

## 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 Politics and development in Africa and the Global South

### 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 - choice between

###### Certificate 1a : Contemporary development policies (Mandatory)

Global health policy  
The geopolitics of water and food security  
Gender and education

###### Certificate 1b : Research method (Mandatory)

Field reports  
Public policies in the Global South  
Readings in political science

##### Certificate 2 - choice between

###### Certificate 2a : Governance of poverty (Mandatory)

Measures of poverty and vulnerability  
New strategies for poverty reduction



Global migrations and inequalities

**Certificate 2b : African cities (Mandatory)**

Security, violence and public order in Africa  
Digital technologies and the urban informal sector in Africa  
New social-urban dynamics in African countries  
Issues of urban environments  
Urban issues in Africa and the Global South

**Transition into the professional world**

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**Workshops, simulations and tutored projects**

**Professional option (Mandatory)**

Development of a project-risk analysis system  
Support to the production of project-risk analyses  
Tutoring

**Research option (Mandatory)**

Tutoring

**Thesis or internship**

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