



## Masters "Metropolitan strategies and governance" of the Institute of Political Studies

### Presentation

Since 2008, our world has become half urban. This "urbanization of the world" has of course had spatial, economic, and social consequences, but also political consequences. Thus, cities have become central places in the development and implementation of public policies in sectors that range far beyond urban planning and development (economic development, social development, cultural policies, international relations, etc.), but also essential places for governing societies. These upheavals require the training of executives who do not have a strictly spatial or administrative vision of cities, and of public policy professionals whose scope of action expands beyond the State alone.

### Objectives

The Master's "Metropolitan Strategies and Governance" program aims to train students in the governance of urban and metropolitan areas and the development and implementation of urban strategies and policies. The design, implementation and evaluation of urban policies require the skills of analysts, designers, translators and "process engineers" which Sciences Po Bordeaux students have developed throughout their general training. In addition to these generalist skills, the Metropolitan Strategies and Governance Master's program aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of urban policies (their history, their systems of actors, their instruments) and command of analytical and decision-making tools (finance, law, management, cartography, statistics, qualitative methods).

### Additional information

The Metropolitan strategies and governance Master's program is conducted over two full years corresponding to the fourth (M1) and fifth (M2) years of training at Sciences Po Bordeaux. It combines cutting edge multidisciplinary scientific training on urban issues with professionalization and methodological modules. The scientific training program is intended to provide students with a solid knowledge of the economic, social, and political processes that determine the place of cities in national, European and global spaces and condition the functioning and governance of urban and metropolitan areas. The course combines classes in economics, sociology, geography, and law, but the main focus of the Master's program is political science and, more particularly, the analysis of public policies.

Vocational training is provided through a "collective project" in which students -working in groups and with the support of a tutor – are commissioned by an organization in the field of urban and metropolitan policies to conduct a study and provide advice on a particular issue.

#### In brief

##### Type of education

- \* Initial education
- \* Continuing education

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

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The collective project scheme is jointly operated with the National School of Architecture and Landscaping of Bordeaux (ENSAPBx). The student groups are mixed, which makes it possible to respond to commissions characterized by strategic and political dimensions and a spatial dimension. Vocational training is also provided through interventions by practitioners in this field and through field visits and meetings with actors, in the framework, for example, of the "Challenge, policies and projects of the Bordeaux metropolis" certificate. The methodological training received by students will develop their ability to use and process data through qualitative and quantitative survey tools, mapping, and geolocation tools. A large part of this methodological training is provided by the teams of the Bordeaux Aquitaine urban planning agency. This training also aims to familiarize students with project management and project management tools.

## Training content

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This information is for guidance purposes.

## Organization

Fourth year Metropolitan strategies and governance

Fifth-year Metropolitan strategies and governance

## Access conditions

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

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

## Professional insertion

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**Employers:** municipal and metropolitan governments, public agencies and institutions, government departments and agencies, engineering and consulting firms, urban service companies, real estate and property development companies, international organizations, research centres, etc.

**Functions:** jobs in pre-operational studies, expertise, consulting, decision-making support, evaluation, management of organizations in charge of urban policies, research, etc.



## Fourth year Metropolitan strategies and governance

### Organization

#### Transverse skills

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##### Transverse skills (Mandatory)

General Knowledge  
Economics  
Specialty SGM  
English  
LVB

##### Languages (Choice: 1 Max number of courses to choose 7)

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

Sport

#### Core knowledge

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##### Classes - semester 1 (Mandatory)

Local and regional governments in Europe  
Public policy analysis  
Key contemporary urban issues and challenges

##### Final Oral Examination - Outward-looking class/involvement (Mandatory)

Final Oral Examination  
Outward-looking class or validation of students' extracurricular activity involvement

#### Specialized skills

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##### Classes - semester 2 (Mandatory)

Cities' rights  
Urban sociology  
Asian cities in a global world  
Issues, implications, tools and processes of urban planning

##### Specific seminars (Mandatory)

Analysis of urban forms  
Methods of urban analysis





## Fifth year Metropolitan strategies and governance

### Organization

#### Transverse skills

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

Transition into the professional world  
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 : Urban policies (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)**

Deliberative and participative mechanisms  
Water policies  
Sustainable city and climate change  
Housing policies  
Urban policies  
Urban data policies  
Cities' rights  
Mobility and transport

##### **Certificate 2 - choice between**

##### **Certificate 2a : Review of projects of the Bordeaux metropolitan area (Mandatory)**

Meetings with practioners  
Field visits  
Preparation and restitution

##### **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

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**Transition into the professional world**

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

Collective project tutoring

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**Dissertation or internship**