



Masters "Comparative political science and sociology" of the Institute of Political Studies

Presentation

The "Comparative Political Science and Sociology" Masters course is interdisciplinary. It is common to Sciences Po Bordeaux and the University of Bordeaux and is structured around the research and activities of the Centre Émile Durkheim (Joint Research Unit CNRS - Sciences Po Bordeaux - University of Bordeaux).

The course enables students to acquire solid and up-to-date knowledge in the social sciences. The classes provide advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research methods. All are designed to support students in the production of a research paper.

Objectives

The course prepares students for the production of a research paper. This individual project is conducted over the course's four semesters, during which students receive support in the form of diverse classes, method workshops, and tutoring sessions.

Additional information

The course provides general social science training and enables students to develop solid methodological skills (qualitative and quantitative methods). The fact that it is conducted in association with the Centre Émile Durkheim - one of the most important political science and sociology laboratories in France - guarantees that students are supervised by recognized researchers and fully participate in collective dynamics.

In brief

Type of education

* Initial education

Kind of education : Second cycle | masters degree

Internship : Possible

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Training content

This information is for guidance purposes.

Organization

Fourth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology
Fifth-year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

Access conditions

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

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

Professional insertion

Students in this Masters course are eligible for undertaking a doctoral thesis. This thesis may be undertaken within an academic framework and be based on a doctoral contract granted by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education (funding granted for a period of three years). It may also be conducted in the framework of a CIFRE contract (Industrial Agreement for Training through Research): in this case, the student alternates between periods of research in a laboratory and periods of research in an administration, an association, or a company. Students who do not wish to undertake a doctoral thesis can immediately use and apply the skills acquired through the course by joining a consulting firm or by obtaining a position as a task manager for a local authority, association, etc. Their organizational skills, their ability to write synthetic documents, and their methodological skills are then assets.

Fourth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

Organization

■ Transverse skills

■ Transverse skills (Mandatory)

- General Knowledge
- Economics
- Speciality CPP/SPSC
- English
- LVB
 - Languages (Choice: 1 Among 7)
 - LVB – German
 - LVB – Arabic
 - LVB – Spanish
 - LVB – French as a foreign language
 - LVB – Italian
 - LVB – Portuguese
 - LVB – Russian

- Sport

■ Core knowledge

■ Classes - semester 1 (Mandatory)

- Epistemology of social science
- Electoral sociology
- Public policy analysis

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

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

■ Specialized skills

■ Classes - semester 2 (Mandatory)

- Thinking social action
- Powers and identities
- Comparative politics
- Current affairs in political science research

■ Specific seminars (Mandatory)

- Quantitative survey techniques
- Construction of a research project

Fifth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

Organization

■ Transverse skills

■ Method conferences (10.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

- The comparative method in the social sciences
- Economics
- English
- LVB

■ Languages (Choice: 1 Among 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

■ Certificate 1 - choose 3 classes from the list (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

- Sociology of expertise
- Sociology of capitalism
- Urban policies and governance
- Political ethnography
- Sociology of vulnerability
- The sociology of work and artificial intelligence
- The sociology of health and medicine
- The sociology of science and innovation
- Environmental sociology

■ Certificate 2 (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

- Historical sociology of politics: issues and methods
- Seminar of readings in the humanities and social sciences
- One class to choose from the Certificate 1 list

■ Transition into the professional world



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

- Workshop 1
- Workshop 2
- Workshop 3
- English for social sciences research
- Building a research study and/or expert analysis

■ **Dissertation or internship**

