



## 1 | First year

### Presentation

Discovery and methodology are the two keywords that best describe the first year of studies at Sciences Po Bordeaux. You will be introduced to a new framework of studies and experiment with new working methods. In short you will acquire the "fundamentals" that will guarantee your successful completion of the Sciences Po Bordeaux diploma.

### Objectives

You will be introduced not only to higher education but also to a distinctive education institution in the academic world: An Institute of Political Studies. Your initial exploration of Sciences Po Bordeaux will take place quickly, through a fast-paced process of integration into the Institute's and extracurricular activities.

#### The 'Sciences Po' method:

The methodology that you will learn in this first year, however original and new it may be, will be maintained and applied throughout your tertiary studies, through a series of exercises that you will learn, for the most part, during the first year.

The pedagogy implemented at Sciences Po Bordeaux rests on two pillars: The lectures, delivered in amphitheaters, on the one hand, and small-group learning sessions, otherwise called "method conferences", or 'conf', on the other hand. **The "Confs" are attended by groups of approximately 20 students and serve as the "basic unit" of Sciences Po Bordeaux.** It is through your participation in those group sessions that you will be able to acquire better writing and public speaking skills and to better organize ideas.

*N.B. Students enrolled in the integrated dual program follow this first-year curriculum, with a few specificities for each program.*

### In brief

#### Type of education

\* Initial education

**Kind of education :** First cycle | years 1 - 2 - 3

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## Training content

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This information is provided for guidance purposes only.

## Organization

### Conférences de méthode (Mandatory)

General knowledge  
Economics  
Political studies  
Foreign language A (LVA) - English  
Foreign language B (LVB)

#### Langues (Choice: 1 Max number of courses to choose 12)

LVB – German  
LVB – Italian  
LVB – Chinese  
LVB – Spanish  
LVB – Spanish FIFE  
LVB – FIFI Italian  
LVB – French as a foreign language – FIFE  
LVB – French as a foreign language – FIFPO  
LVB – French as a foreign language – FIFCA  
LVB – French as a foreign language  
LVB – Portuguese  
LVB – Russian

### Épreuves d'aptitude (Mandatory)

#### Notes de travail et connaissances (Mandatory)

General Economics  
French political institutions  
Political and cultural history  
Introduction to Political Science  
History of economic thought  
Microeconomics  
French political history  
Introduction to general sociology  
Understanding International Relations  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
General introduction to law  
Outward-looking course  
Sport

#### Enseignement spécifique filière (Mandatory)

FIFCA – specific learning module – Caribbean history

## Access conditions

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Holders of the French Baccalaureate ES, L or S (or foreign equivalents) are all welcome! What matters is your sense of **CURIOSITY**, your open-mindedness, as well as your capacity for work.

In order to be admitted into the first year of Sciences Po Bordeaux and be able to attend the full programme, candidates must pass the entrance examinations.

[For more information about the admission requirements](#)