

Major in History

Description of the Specialization (Major)

This specialization aims to provide students with an advanced understanding and deepening of History by focusing on specific themes in each of the four periods constituting the discipline (Ancient History, Medieval History, Modern History, Contemporary History). Focus within the frame of the specific field of study will change every two years.

Courses take place at Centre Pierre Mendès France, 90 rue de Tolbiac, Paris 13. More advanced courses take place at Centre Sorbonne, 14 rue Cujas, Paris 5.

Courses are mostly taught in French and require a B2 level in French Language.

Each of these questions is dealt with in the form of courses (1 hour per week) and tutorials (2 hours per week).

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Please note: L = lecture; T = Tutorial

Description of courses

Semester 4

Relations internationales contemporaines		
The course proposes to study the construction of European multilateralism and the evolution of their principles, their organization, their actors, and their procedures from the mid-19th century to the mid-1970s. Particular attention will be paid to the temporalities and spaces of multilateralism. The first semester of the course will cover the years 1856-1914. The second semester will begin with the First World War and end in 1975. (Prof. Laurence Badel)		
Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire de l'Empire romain		
Histoire de l'Empire romain presents the conquest history of the Roman Empire from its start until its collapse. This course aims to examine the place of the Roman cities in this extended framework. It will highlight the dynamism of Roman civic life, society, and culture during this period, considered by many as a "golden age" of cities and early civilization. (Prof. F. Chausson)		
Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire du Haut Moyen-Âge		
Histoire du haut Moyen Âge "Féminin/masculin dans les sociétés dans le haut Moyen Âge" examines the whole of the early Middle Ages from the 6th to the 11th century in the long term, favouring a thematic approach. After a general reflection on the construction of gendered identities in the early Middle Ages, it will address several major themes: the place of women and men within the family - particularly in the context of marriage and widowhood; the relationship between men/women and the sacred, particularly by examining the place of the body; and the gendered dimension of power. This course will attempt to show how the history of women must be understood as an essential component of the history of which they are a part, without isolating it from the whole of history, and how the female/male criterion makes it possible to reconsider the relations within the societies of the early Western Middle Ages. (G. Bühner-Thierry)		
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French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire des relations internationales à l'époque moderne		
Histoire des relations internationales à l'époque moderne "Géopolitique, acteurs et pratiques, fin XVe-XVIIIe siècles", aims not only to acquire the chronological landmarks essential to the understanding of international relations in the modern era, but also to question the relevance of the paradigm of the nation-state in understanding relations from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment and to revisit the "invention" of modern diplomacy, which is at once the art of negotiating, representing and informing. The first semester will be devoted to the actors and practices of a still largely informal diplomacy between the end of the 15th century and the middle of the 17th century. It is the history of exchanges, mobilities, radiations, and imaginations that unfolded in a space where the use of permanent ambassadors and other intermediaries became widespread, even if princes still played a major role. The second semester will focus on the question of the professionalization of diplomacy from the mid-seventeenth century to the French Revolution and will be more particularly devoted to the study of instruments that allow for both the thinking and the regulation of relations between states and between subjects. In this perspective, the aim is to study both the genesis of a "system of states" or "European order", as well as the increasingly decisive weight of cultural and economic issues in relations which, from interstate, progressively become international. (Prof. S. Schick)		
Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire environnementale des sociétés occidentales		
Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Semester 5

Histoire ancienne			
Students must choose one of three			
Title	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
Histoire de la Grèce archaïque et classique	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire de l'Empire romain	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T) 36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire de la République romaine	French	6	

Histoire médiévale			
Students must choose one of two			
Title	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
Le prince et l'animal (Occident, XIIIe-XVe siècle) - Histoire politique du bas Moyen Âge	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Sociétés en contact à l'époque médiévale	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire moderne			
Students must choose one of three			
Title	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
Guerre et société à l'époque moderne	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire des sociétés et des économies européennes (XVIIe et XVIIIe siècles)	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire moderne de l'Allemagne et de l'Europe centrale	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)

Histoire contemporaine			
Students must choose two of six			
Title	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Hours
Histoire sociale du XXème siècle	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire contemporaine des relations Internationales	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire culturelle et politique des sociétés contemporaines	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire contemporaine de l'Europe centrale	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Histoire de la Russie contemporaine	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)
Guerre, politique et sociétés XIX-XXème siècle	French	6	36 (24 L + 12 T)