

Major in Political Science

This specialization aims to provide students with an advanced understanding of politics in domestic, European and global contexts. Students will participate to introductory and advanced-level courses on French, European and Comparative Politics, and will be encouraged to develop comparative and global views of contemporary politics.

Courses take place at Centre Sorbonne, 14 rue Cujas, Paris 5, Centre Panthéon, 12 place du Panthéon, Paris 5.

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

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Description of courses

Course 1 Histoire de la vie politique			
This course provides an introduction to the history of French politics since the beginning of the Third Republic (1870) until the end of WWII. It focuses on the slow and difficult construction of democracy in France, on the rise of socialist and reactionary forms of contestation in the late 19th century, and on moments of entrenched social, institutional and political crises.			
Language of study	ECTS Credits	Semester	Hours
French	6	4	26

Course 2 Politique en Europe				
This course combines two modules. Taught in English, the first module provides an introduction to West European Politics. Taught in French, the second module introduces students to the political sociology of Europe: how did the European political project develop? How and by whom are European policies being made? What is the impact of Europe on the politics and societies of its member-states?				
Title of sub-courses	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Semester	Hours
West European Politics	English	6	4	24
Introduction à la politique européenne	French	6	4	36
Total :		12		60

Course 3 Politique comparée				
This course combines two modules. The first module, "Institutions politiques comparées", introduces students to theories of comparative politics, with a focus on the political systems of major Western democracies (the US, France, Britain, Germany and Italy). The second module, "L'islam politique dans le monde contemporain", is an introduction to the history of political Islam across the world.				
Title of sub-courses	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Semester	Hours
Institutions politiques comparées	French	6	4	36
L'islam politique dans le monde contemporain	French	6	4	24
Total :		12		60

Course 4 Europe et Relations internationales				
This course aims at situating European political dynamics within their global contexts. It consists in 3 modules. The first module, "Construction européenne", is an advanced course on European institutions and decisionmaking in Europe. The second module, "Introduction à l'analyse politique internationale", introduces students to key issues and developments in international politics. The third module, "Introduction au droit européen", is an introduction to European Law.				
Title of sub-courses	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Semester	Hours
Construction européenne	French	6	5	36
Introduction à l'analyse politique internationale	French	6	5	36
Introduction au droit européen	French	6	5	24
Total :		18		96

Course 5 Politics and societies				
This course aims to explore relationships between politics and society. It consists in three modules. The first module, "Transformations des sociétés contemporaines", explores key transformations of contemporary societies, with a focus on social, economic and gender inequalities. The second module, "Introduction aux études sur le genre", reviews new development in gender studies. The third one, "Comparative Politics", is an introduction to comparative methods in social sciences.				
Title of sub-courses	Language of study	ECTS Credits	Semester	Hours
Transformation des sociétés contemporaines	French	4	5	36
Introduction aux études sur le genre	French	4	5	24
Comparative politics	English	4	5	24
Total :		12		84