



Sciences Po
Bordeaux



Degree Programmes

This study placement is available for Languages and Social Sciences Students.

Courses are offered in French and English.

Number of Places: 2

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.

The University

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux
(Sciences Po Bordeaux)
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[French Website](#)

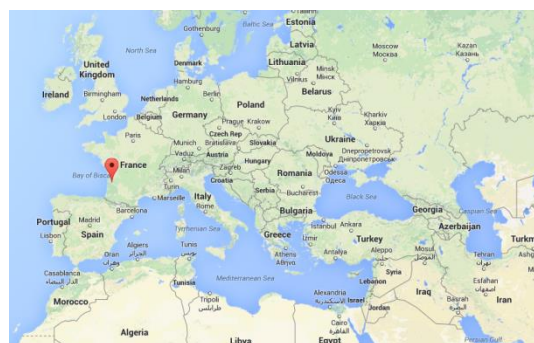
Sciences Po Bordeaux is one of nine Institutes of Political Studies in France. Created in 1948, it is firmly established on the Bordeaux university scene, not only by its institutional and geographical proximity to University Montesquieu – Bordeaux IV, but also by the pluridisciplinary, broad-based curriculum, which calls on numerous academics and researchers working in the different fields of political and social science. One of the particularities of Institutes of Political Studies in France is that Political Science is not the only subject on the curriculum. There is a Doctoral School of Political Science at Sciences Po Bordeaux which forms future PhDs and researchers in the field and several important research centers in Political Science, recognized worldwide, are part of Sciences Po Bordeaux. However, there are also courses in Law, Economics, History, Geography, foreign languages and “Contemporary Issues”. As a result, students who follow the programme are well versed in the most important contemporary questions and develop an open and inquiring mind, all the more for having at their disposal two libraries with over 500,000 items, of which 120,000 works cover almost 7 kilometers of shelving. Students should register with ‘Erasmix’, the Erasmus society at Sciences PO Bordeaux.

What it is like to study at Bordeaux

“My experience as an Erasmus Exchange Programme student in Bordeaux, France has not only improved my French language skills, but has also accelerated my personal growth. I met a great amount of amazing people that I now consider my good friends and I am looking forward to our first reunion. I strongly advice everybody to take part in Student Exchange Programme(s)! “-Ineta Jankeviciute

Location

Bordeaux is located on the Garonne River in the southwest of France together with the suburbs it is the sixth largest metropolitan area in France with about a million inhabitants. The city is known for its beautiful historic city centre to which it owes its nicknames "La perle d'Aquitaine" (The Pearl of Aquitaine), and "La Belle Endormie" (Sleeping Beauty). The area is popular world wine because of its major wine industry.



Semester/key dates

Semester 1 Early September – third week in December

Semester 2: First week in January – end of May

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses Available

Students who speak French can try to obtain the CEP (Certificate d'Etudes Politiques). You Weekly French language classes are also offered and are strongly recommended. Please look at the links for further information about study programmes.

[Exchange student guide](#)

Workload: 30 ECTS credits per semester

Living in France

- **Accommodation**

Accommodation is not provided but The International Office try to help students to find this. The halls of residence are managed by the [CROUS de Bordeaux](#).

- **Living Costs (approximate)**

- ✓ Rent (€): 150 - 350 €
- ✓ Transport tickets (€): 20 €
- ✓ Food (€): about 250 €
- ✓ Cinema tickets (€): 5 or 6 € one ticket

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Sciences Po Bordeaux and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in France. For further information, please see the website of the [French Embassy](#) in London.

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