



Masters "Bordeaux International Relations Degree" of the Institute of political studies

Presentation

BIRD is a graduate program whose substantial contents – International Relations – and language of study – English – reinforce each other, thanks to teaching and evaluation methods aligned with Anglo-American standards: home readings, class discussions, research papers.

During the first Master year, students acquire basic knowledge in IR theory and history, in international security and international political economy. They spend their second year abroad, at one of BIRD's four partner universities - Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), California; National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei; Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC), Tel Aviv; Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Roma - before writing a Master thesis and undertaking an internship.

Objectives

BIRD students form a small, dynamic group of some 20 highly motivated young people from Bordeaux, France and beyond, rigorously selected on the basis of their undergraduate level, fluency in English, IR knowledge and career project.

The aim of BIRD is to provide them with a diploma permitting them to successfully apply on the worldwide market of International Relations specialists – experts, consultants, and scholars. This objective is made possible thanks to the specialisation they choose to acquire during the 2nd year in Conflict and Security Studies, Environmental Studies, Development Studies, Chinese Studies, European Studies, notably.

Additional information

- No equivalent in other French Regional Instituts d'Études Politiques.
- 100% English Taught Programs.
- 4 top universities as partners all around the world - in America, East Asia, the Near East, Europe.
- Worldwide internships network.

In brief

Type of education

* Initial education

Kind of education : Second cycle | masters degree

Partner schools

MIIS – Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (California, USA)

LUISS – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (Rome, Italy)

NTU – National Taiwan University (Taipei, Taiwan)

IDC – Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (Tel Aviv, Israel)

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Training content

This information is for guidance purposes.

Organization

Fourth year BIRD

Fifth-year BIRD

Access conditions

BIRD is open to approximately twenty students who have completed a 3-year higher education degree/or with 180 ECTS credits. Recruitment into the program is highly selective: academic records, career plan, motivational interview in English with the head of the Master's program; written tests in English for candidates from institutions other than Sciences Po Bordeaux. Being fluent in English and having a basic knowledge of IR is essential to be able to apply with a reasonable chance of success.

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

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

Professional insertion

The majority of BIRDs become experts and consultants International Organizations (Governmental and Non-Governmental), Think Tanks, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, Multinational Firms.

A small minority opts for a second Master program or a PhD at English Speaking Universities (Canada, US, UK, Netherlands, Scandinavian countries).

Fourth year BIRD

Organization

Transverse skills

Transverse skills (Mandatory)

General Knowledge
Economics
Speciality BIRD – Making sense of International relations
English
LVB

Languages (Choice: 1 Max number of courses to choose 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)

History of international politics
EU and IR
History of Europe

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)

War Studies
Gender Studies and International Relations
Critical theories of International Relations
International Law and Migration

Specific seminars (Mandatory)

The politics of European Security
Thinking the Seas

Fifth year BIRD

Organization

Transverse skills

Method conferences (10.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Courses taught in partner institutions

Examinations (6.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Final Oral Examination – English
Final Oral Examination – LVB

Consolidation of disciplinary knowledge

Certificate 1 (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Courses taught in partner institutions

Certificate 2 (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Courses taught in partner institutions

Transition into the professional world

Workshops, simulations and tutored projects (Mandatory)

Internship

Dissertation
