



Masters "Politics and development in Africa and the Global South" of the Institute of Political Studies

Presentation

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The "Politics and development in Africa and the Global South" Course is a course in political science research; it focuses on the analysis of contemporary issues in southern countries. It prepares students for professions in the fields of research, consultancy, expertise, and decision-making support in public organizations, private companies, and the third sector. The course combines theoretical and methodological approaches and empirical experiences, using the resources of the LAM and its professional contributors.

Skills

This class aims to further develop students' knowledge of situations they have selected, by constantly confronting theoretical hypotheses with other case studies. The combination of a good theoretical and methodological training with, on the one hand, a very precise knowledge of the themes and developing areas, and, on the other hand, comparative skills, is at the heart of the pedagogical project of this class.

The training course is built around a common core including training in the theories and methodologies of political science and social sciences, a core course in geography, thematic classes, and two specializations "careers in research and expertise" and "careers in decision-making support and consultancy".

The course aims to train students to become professionals specialized in the analysis of African countries and the developing world, i.e. specialists with empirical skills in these areas, effective theoretical and methodological tools, and specific thematic skills. The students are systematically encouraged to perform internships in organizations and in the field from the fourth year onwards. The course combines university lectures and interventions by professionals specialized in "Southern countries"

Many of the classes are delivered in the form of seminars and students are given specific assignments through which they will develop special skills in risk management, policy intelligence, and theoretical research. Learning the main languages spoken in Africa (European and African) is encouraged.

In brief

Type of education

* Initial education

Kind of education : Second cycle | masters degree

Internship : Obligatory (4 mois minimum)

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Training content

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Fourth year program: see Master's course Risks and development in the Global South

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This information is for guidance purposes.

Organization

Fifth-year Politics and development in Africa and the Global South

Access conditions

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

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

Fifth year Politics and development in Africa and the Global South

Organization

Transverse skills

Method conferences (10.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

General knowledge
Economics
English
LVB

Languages (Choice: 1 Max number of courses to choose 8)

LVB – German
LVB – Arabic
LVB – Chinese
LVB – Spanish
LVB – French as a foreign language
LVB – Italian
LVB – Portuguese
LVB – Russian

Examinations (6.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Final Oral Examination – English
Final Oral Examination – LVB

Consolidation of disciplinary knowledge

Certificate 1 - choice between

Certificate 1a : Contemporary development policies (Mandatory)

Global health policy
The geopolitics of water and food security
Gender and education

Certificate 1b : Research method (Mandatory)

Field reports
Public policies in the Global South
Readings in political science

Certificate 2 - choice between

Certificate 2a : Governance of poverty (Mandatory)

Measures of poverty and vulnerability
New strategies for poverty reduction



Global migrations and inequalities

Certificate 2b : African cities (Mandatory)

Security, violence and public order in Africa
Digital technologies and the urban informal sector in Africa
New social-urban dynamics in African countries
Issues of urban environments
Urban issues in Africa and the Global South

Transition into the professional world

Workshops, simulations and tutored projects

Professional option (Mandatory)

Development of a project-risk analysis system
Support to the production of project-risk analyses
Tutoring

Research option (Mandatory)

Tutoring

Thesis or internship