



## Masters "Comparative political science and sociology" of the Institute of Political Studies

### Presentation

The "Comparative Political Science and Sociology" Masters course is interdisciplinary. It is common to Sciences Po Bordeaux and the University of Bordeaux and is structured around the research and activities of the Centre Émile Durkheim (Joint Research Unit CNRS - Sciences Po Bordeaux - University of Bordeaux).

The course enables students to acquire solid and up-to-date knowledge in the social sciences. The classes provide advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research methods. All are designed to support students in the production of a research paper.

### Objectives

The course prepares students for the production of a research paper. This individual project is conducted over the course's four semesters, during which students receive support in the form of diverse classes, method workshops, and tutoring sessions.

### Additional information

The course provides general social science training and enables students to develop solid methodological skills (qualitative and quantitative methods). The fact that it is conducted in association with the Centre Émile Durkheim - one of the most important political science and sociology laboratories in France - guarantees that students are supervised by recognized researchers and fully participate in collective dynamics.

#### In brief

##### Type of education

\* Initial education

**Kind of education :** Second cycle | masters degree

**Internship :** Possible

#### Contacts

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## Training content

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This information is for guidance purposes.

## Organization

Fourth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

Fifth-year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

## Access conditions

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

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

## Professional insertion

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Students in this Masters course are eligible for undertaking a doctoral thesis. This thesis may be undertaken within an academic framework and be based on a doctoral contract granted by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education (funding granted for a period of three years). It may also be conducted in the framework of a CIFRE contract (Industrial Agreement for Training through Research): in this case, the student alternates between periods of research in a laboratory and periods of research in an administration, an association, or a company. Students who do not wish to undertake a doctoral thesis can immediately use and apply the skills acquired through the course by joining a consulting firm or by obtaining a position as a task manager for a local authority, association, etc. Their organizational skills, their ability to write synthetic documents, and their methodological skills are then assets.

## Fourth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

### Organization

#### Transverse skills

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##### Transverse skills (Mandatory)

General Knowledge  
Economics  
Speciality CPP/SPSC  
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

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##### Classes - semester 1 (Mandatory)

Epistemology of social science  
Electoral sociology  
Public policy analysis

##### Final Oral Examination - Outward-looking class/involvement (Mandatory)

Final Oral Examination  
Outward-looking class or validation of students' extracurricular activity involvement

#### Specialized skills

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##### Classes - semester 2 (Mandatory)

Thinking social action  
Powers and identities  
Comparative politics  
Current affairs in political science research

##### Specific seminars (Mandatory)

Quantitative survey techniques  
Construction of a research project

## Fifth year Comparative Political Science and Sociology

### Organization

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#### Transverse skills

##### Method conferences (10.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

The comparative method in the social sciences  
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

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#### Consolidation of disciplinary knowledge

##### Certificate 1 - choose 3 classes from the list (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Sociology of expertise  
Sociology of capitalism  
Urban policies and governance  
Political ethnography  
Sociology of vulnerability  
The sociology of work and artificial intelligence  
The sociology of health and medicine  
The sociology of science and innovation  
Environmental sociology

##### Certificate 2 (9.0 credits ECTS) (Mandatory)

Historical sociology of politics: issues and methods  
Seminar of readings in the humanities and social sciences  
One class to choose from the Certificate 1 list

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#### Transition into the professional world

##### Workshops, simulations and tutored projects (Mandatory)



Workshop 1  
Workshop 2  
Workshop 3  
English for social sciences research  
Building a research study and/or expert analysis

**Dissertation or internship**

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