



MASTER'S DEGREE

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Our Master's degree is open to students holding a Bachelor's degree in political science, including Bachelor's double degrees in history & political science, philosophy & political science, law & political science, economics & political science. It allows graduate students to deepen their knowledge and to conduct a first supervised research project (definition of a research question, bibliographic research, use of a methodological protocol). It also provides students who join the Master's programme without having completed a full Bachelor programme in political science with the opportunity to enter one of our second-year specialisation programmes.



THE PROGRAMME

The first year of the Master's degree (M1) offers students a curriculum covering the main areas of political science. It also encourages their progressive specialisation based on their intended future professional integration. The second year of the Master (M2) is entirely dedicated to the specialisation chosen by the graduate students.

Our 10 specialisation programmes offer students a combination of specialty courses, research seminars, and more technical courses given by renowned professors and high-level external instructors. The curriculum leads either to immediate professional integration or to the pursuit of doctoral studies.

As a final step of the degree, each student must complete a 6-month professional internship, or alternatively submit an in-depth research paper under the supervision of an instructor. The completion of the research paper is a prerequisite for joining our doctoral programme.



DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Ranging from international studies to local government, our Master's degree in political science offers a wide range of educational opportunities covering a large number of political science specialities. It prepares students for a broad variety of job opportunities related to institutions, political life, public administration, European and international affairs, communication, research and analysis.

The Department of Political science offers 10 specialized programmes covering two years of training;

- 1. Conflicts and international crises**
- 2. Development and Humanitarian Affairs**
- 3. Comparative politics / African and Middle East Studies**
- 4. European Governance**
- 5. Communication and Politics**
- 6. Changing democracies 1: Senior Political Staff**
- 7. Changing democracies 2: Deliberative Politics and Democracy**
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- 9. Changing democracies 4: Surveys, research and expertise**
- 10. Changing democracies 5: Environmental Transitions**

Conflicts and International Crises

Head : Pr. Yves Buchet de Neuilly



Since 1977, the specialisation in international relations has admitted students with a solid background in the social sciences, particularly in political science. The programme Conflicts and International Crises articulates theoretical and methodological dimensions. It aims to provide students with the analytical, investigative and explanatory tools to study international relations. The programme prepares students for research and international careers.

Curriculum

The specialisation is recognised as one of the best graduate programmes in International Relations (IR). It covers the essential aspects of IR, while allowing for more in-depth study of civil war, international security and conflict resolution. The ambition is both to renew the paradigms of IR analysis and to give students the methods of empirical research.

The specialisation is particularly focused on the following areas:

- Main trends and constraints in international political life.
- Foreign policymaking, international cooperation, and the domestic processes that help States to develop their external interventions.
- Dynamics of conflicts and peace-building processes.
- International security and military interventions.

The specialisation aims to provide students with the following skills:

- Basic knowledge of survey techniques; ability to conduct research, produce, organize and synthesize large amounts of data.
- Ability to design a research framework for the analysis of a problem and the interpretation of the data collected;
- Ability to present the state of academic knowledge and debate on a specific IR problem.

The programme is led by a team of instructors specialized in IR, conflict resolution and peace studies, most of whom are members of the Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science Politique (CESSP-UMR 8209). Students choose five seminars from among the courses in the specialisation, as well as a "professionalisation seminar" devoted to exploring international careers. The seminars take place in the first semester. The second semester is dedicated to a six-month internship or the writing of a research paper, which is a prerequisite for enrolment in the doctoral programme.

Conditions of admission

The programme is open to students in political science and from Sciences-Po, as well as to students in the social sciences and humanities who have completed at least a four-year degree course. Candidates with a foreign Master's degree, returning students and professionals are also eligible to the programme. Students are selected on the basis of their application and an admission interview.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

This specialisation programme offers job opportunities in a wide range of sectors and types of employment: research analyst and expert in public, semi-public or private organisations; project manager in international organisations, multinational firms, non-governmental organisations and associations; adviser and assistant to political authorities; manager in national, international and European institutions; security manager for commercial, financial and tourist companies; journalist; institutional communication and cultural action manager, among others.

This specialisation also prepares students to apply to the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political science Doctoral school, in the area of Crisis and International Relations.

Development and Humanitarian Affairs

Heads: Pr. Olivier Nay and Stéphanie Tchiombiano



Since 1981, this specialisation programme aims to equip students with in-depth knowledge and expertise in international aid, covering all aspects of international solidarity, from development policies to humanitarian assistance. The faculty is composed of academics and practitioners with solid field experience and management responsibilities. The programme offers a diversified set of courses. It follows a transdisciplinary approach that does not preclude possible future technical specialisations in specific areas of development and humanitarian affairs. The programme seeks to combine various academic seminars (from political sociology to development economics), with courses offering an introduction to specialized expertise.

Curriculum

The programme aims to equip future graduates with the knowledge and skills to perform leadership, coordination, management, or policymaking functions in a wide variety of public and private organisations involved in the programming, financing, delivery, implementation, and evaluation of international aid.

The programme offers two types of courses:

- General seminars are designed to help students acquire general theoretical knowledge covering international development policies (in history and today). The objective is to help

our graduate students develop critical thinking, so they can build their own understanding of development and humanitarian practices. These seminars use extensively disciplines in social sciences.

- Specialized seminars focus on 1/ specific areas of aid (e.g., global health, climate, gender) and 2/ technical activities (e.g., project management, decentralized cooperation, corporate social responsibility, fund-raising, communications). A seminar covers a geographical area: African and Mediterranean societies.

Conditions of admission

The programme is primarily aimed at students with a background in political science (which comprises Sciences-po programmes), as well as students from the humanities and social sciences (sociology, history, economics, law, and administration studies), engineering sciences, medicine or pharmacy, and paramedical studies who have completed at least a four-year degree.

The first year of the programme welcomes candidates with a strong background in political science or social sciences. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 3 years of undergraduate studies from a university (Bachelor of Arts), or other educational institution, (such as, in France, the Instituts d'Etudes Politiques or the Ecole normale supérieure).

Direct access to the second year of the Master's degree remains possible for students with a solid background in social sciences (at least with a completed 1st year of Master or a 4th year of IEP). This second year is also open to experts and practitioners with professional experience in development and humanitarian affairs. Degrees to be eligible: Bac+4 level for tertiary education in a French university or institution. Master level (Bac+5) for students with a foreign degree. No age limit.

Applications from professionals are accepted. Students are selected on the basis of their application documents and an interview by an admissions panel.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

The programme aims to provide our graduate students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to work in a wide variety of organisations involved in the design, financing, implementation, and evaluation of development and humanitarian projects led by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), ministries, technical aid agencies, local authorities, European institutions, philanthropic foundations, international associations, the United

Nations system, international financial institutions, and also the private sector, public-private partnerships, consulting firms, the media, and foreign broadcasting.

The areas of employment entail:

- Supervision, management, animation and coordination of development and humanitarian projects, ranging from emergency missions to technical support activities.
- Management, communication and fundraising for public agencies or other non-state organisations involved in international programmes and implementation activities at the national/local level.
- Expertise, consultancy or research in a field of international development and humanitarian assistance, involving both analysis and evaluation.

This specialisation also prepares students to apply to the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political science Doctoral school, in the area of Development and Humanitarian Policies.

Comparative politics / African and Middle East Studies

Head: Pr. Assia Boutaleb



The Comparative politics in African and Middle East Studies specialisation programme's curriculum offers a range of courses dedicated to the analysis of societies and political life on the African continent and in the Middle East. It is open to students who want to work as researchers, teachers, experts and other professionals in public and private organisations.

The programme is affiliated to the African Studies Research Centre IMAF (Institut des mondes africains), to the Centre européen de sociologie et de science politique (CESSP) and the Political Science Doctoral School. It is also associated with the journal *Politique africaine* and *Critique internationale*. It is the only Africanist political science programme in France.

In contrast to the clichés of Africa as "in the heart of darkness", exotic, isolated or "out of history", or of the Arab world as "mysterious" and "complicated" this programme aims to provide a better understanding of the social and political realities of the region. African and Mediterranean societies are exposed to complex dynamics such as: political liberalisation, authoritarian restoration, social movements, religious and identity politics, domestic violence, commodification of knowledge, emancipation through digital technology.

Curriculum

The main courses in the programme follow a multidisciplinary approach, including political sociology, anthropology and history. Each course focuses on a particular issue such as social

movements and contentious politics in Africa and the Mediterranean world, socio-history of conflicts, comparative politics of the Arab world, politics of asylum and immigration, etc. The programme allows the acquisition of knowledge on all African regions (North, West, East, Central, Southern Africa, Horn).

In political science, this programme is at the crossroads of comparative politics, area studies and international relations. It addresses “African fields” in a comparative perspective. It is based on a global and connected approach to the continent.

Conditions of admission

The degree is open to students from political science and IEP programmes, as well as from the human and social sciences (sociology, history, arts and humanities, etc.) who have completed at least a four-year degree. No age limit, returning students accepted and applications from professionals are accepted. Students are selected on the basis of their application documents and an admission interview.

Accessible to students with foreign Master's degrees.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

The Comparative politics in African and Middle East Studies specialisation programme offers job opportunities in a wide range of sectors and types of employment: research analyst and expert in public, semi-public or private organisations; project manager in international organisations, non-governmental organisations and associations; consultant in development and humanitarian affairs; diplomacy and crisis management and international migration; journalist and cultural action manager, among others.

Our specialisation also prepares students to apply to the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political Science Doctoral school, in the area of African and Mediterranean Studies. They usually specialise in a geographical area that reflects research departments in academia (e.g. IMAF in Paris 1, LAM in Bordeaux), journals (e.g. *Politique africaine*, *Cahiers d'études africaines*, *Maghreb-Machrek*), publishers (Karthala in particular) and a research community (e.g. Groupement d'intérêt scientifique).

European Public Affairs

Head: Pr. Didier Georgakakis



The European Public Affairs at Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University aims at training students whose purpose is to participate in the making and/or in the socio-political analysis of European policies at different levels: European, national, or local institutions; private and public sectors, non-governmental organisations, charities; higher education and research, think tanks, expertise and policy consultancy, media industry, etc.

The teaching team is composed of renowned academics and practitioners with solid experience in European politics in Paris, Brussels and around the world. The programme offers a combination of academic courses on the functioning of the European institutions and specialized seminars given by professionals.

The Master includes two sub-programmes, completed by cross-disciplinary projects and activities.

Sub-programme 1: *European Public Affairs*

(Head: Dr. Guillaume Sacriste)

Curriculum

The European governance programme offers three distinct courses.

1. The “European Governance” *policy-oriented* course is divided into three blocks (“Political sociology of the EU”, “European policies”, “EU instruments”), within which students choose options, allowing them to pre-specialize in certain sectors. The second semester is devoted to a six-month professional internship.
2. The “European Governance” *research-oriented* course follows the same curriculum. However, students write a research dissertation during the second semester, which they can combine with an internship or an invitation as a visiting fellow at a research or documentation centre abroad, with which partnerships have been or are in the process of being concluded (such as at Oxford, Copenhagen, Trento, Cairo).
3. The course “European politics and society” takes place in Cracow (Poland), Prague (Czech Republic) or Leiden (Netherlands) in the framework of the Vaclav Havel programme of Europaeum and Erasmus. In the second semester, students choose between an internship in the field or a dissertation in the same way as above. The Europaeum Certificate sanctions this course.

Sub-programme 2: *European and International Public Policies*

(in cooperation with the Institut national du service public - INSP)

(Head: Pr. Didier Georgakakis)

Curriculum

The joint programme “European and International Public Policies” targets students of the International Programme of the Institut du service public (ISP, ex-École nationale d’Administration) based in Strasbourg. These students follow this programme in addition to the ENA curriculum. The selection is set up by the ENA International cycle. A joint seminar is organized with the students of the European Governance program, such as the High-level seminar on EU administration in 2021.

Joint activities

The courses in the European public affairs Master’s programme all benefit from the privileged relationships forged over many years between Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University and European institutions, and also from the European activities organized at

Paris 1 University (Conferences, EU Careers Student Ambassadors, Maison de l'Europe). The connections between the different internal courses, the other courses specialised in European affairs at Paris 1 University, and the many Sorbonne alumni working in European institutions and networks are highly valued. They are an integral part of the Master's activities.

In addition, the Master's degree offers a set of transversal activities providing students with policy knowledge, which offer an opportunity for them to develop technical skills and to enter their future professional network.

These activities include:

- A 3-day trip to Brussels, including visits and conferences inside EU institutions
- Visits and conferences in political institutions based in Paris (National Assembly, General Secretariat for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bureaus of the Commission or the European Parliament in Paris)
- Privileged access to Europaeum seminars (for instance a 3-day workshops in Oxford, Bologna, Krakow, Prague, Helsinki, Madrid, Lisbon)
- Access to training courses preparing students to admission exams to European institutions provided by the Institut du service public (ISP, ex-ENA), at the ISP preparation course of Paris 1 and the ENS (optional course, under condition).

As with the other Master's degrees in the Political Science Department, students attend a professionalisation seminar to help them in their search for internships and jobs and are strongly encouraged to complete their training with courses from the Paris 1 University language department.

Internships

Among the internships completed by students in recent years:

- European institutions (Blue book (EC), and Robert Schuman (EP) traineeship, ad hoc contract at Cabinet of Commissioners, EU delegation, Executive Agencies)
- National institutions (SGAE (Prime Minister), Foreign Affairs, MINEFI, National Assembly,
- Sub-national institutions: Assembly of European Regions, Representation Office of the Regions in Brussels, Regional Councils.
- Consulting firms, lobbying for industries, NGOs, Think thanks, or Media

Conditions of admission

The European Affairs specialisation is open to all French and foreign students with four years of higher education (or recognized at the same level by the 'Maison internationale' of the university), including students with an engineering or business school background when their experience and motivations meet the academic project.

Given the highly selective recruitment (approximately 1/10), students are advised to prepare their application well in advance. For example, students in the Paris 1 Department of Political Science are encouraged to follow the options and courses corresponding to the Master's degree "European public affairs" during the first year of the Master's programme, and to acquire solid linguistic skills and experience abroad at the Undergraduate level ("Licence"), or outside the academic period. For students applying from other universities, solid linguistic skills and a background in political science, European Union studies, and internship experiences are recommended. For all, we appreciate internships or university experiences that demonstrate the coherence of the student's project.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

The programme European Public Affairs aims to provide our graduate students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to access European institutions and a wide variety of organisations involved in EU policy-making and in the implementation of European programmes. They hold positions such as European affairs officers in national civil service (competitive examination); public agents in the EU civil service (competitive examination); Parliamentary assistants in the European Parliament; EU Public affairs consultants; European project manager in local administrations, private and public companies and NGOs; communication and media professions specialized in European affairs.

The programme also allows students to apply to the Paris 1 PhD programme in political science, in the area of European studies.

Communication and Politics

Head: Dr. Bertrand Simon



The political and institutional communication programme aligns the programme with recent change in political and social communication. It aims at training students who want to enter the professional world of communication and research. It provides an intensive academic training, combined with practical knowledge.

At the end of the programme, our students have theoretical and practical mastery of communication strategies and tools. Particular attention is paid to the strategic level of the implementation of communication systems with regard to the challenges, images and public perceptions of political and social objects. This Master's programme strengthens the skills needed for crisis communication or lobbying, as well as for political activities and campaign financing, while adapting to the needs of digital communication.

The professional field of communication also gives a particular place to training in research and policy analysis. Professional excellence criteria remain closely linked to a good command of scientific instruments and social science research methodology. Mastery of the tools and concepts of political science, for instance, reinforces the legitimacy of political communication professionals.

Curriculum

The programme aims to enhance students' knowledge and skills in political, public, and corporate communication, due to a genuine balance between theoretical courses (such as sociology of media and sociology of organisations) and seminars devoted to practical aspects of public communication, such as crisis communication, advocacy strategies, digital

PR. Our approach to communication builds on solid intellectual foundations. It is also connected to professional practices. Courses and seminars are given by academics and professionals, in order to offer a well-balanced programme.

The programme is divided into two semesters. During the first semester, students have the opportunity to specialise in either a political institutional communication option, or in a communication in international organisations option. During the second semester, students complete a six-month internship or work on a research thesis.

Conditions of admission

The degree is open to students from political science and IEP programmes, as well as from the human and social sciences (sociology, history, etc.) who have completed at least a four-year degree. A background in communication is also desirable. No age limit, returning students accepted. Accessible to students with foreign Master's degrees.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

Graduates of the Master's programme can be employed in the following professions:

- Communications manager in political parties, civil society organisations, administrations, local authorities, and the private sector.
- Consultant in communications agencies, in the fields of political communication, corporate communications, internal communication, external communication, lobbying, community management, digital communication.
- Research officer in polling institutes, communications agencies, public administrations.
- Director of communication in local authorities.
- Project or budget manager in public agencies, firms and civil society organisations working on local development projects.
- Collaborator/advisor to local elected officials, at the head of a local authority or an inter-municipal, departmental or regional body.
- Political and trade union activity.
- Political journalist (local authority newspapers, website, local television stations)

This specialisation also prepares students to enter the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political Science Doctoral school, in the area of European studies.

The long-standing networks of alumni of the Master's degree and the activities led by the Sorbonne Communication association ensure that graduates are well integrated into the

workplace. Similarly, the active participation of students in the CapCom network ensures the visibility of the programme among local and regional communication specialists. The Master's degree in communication has one of the best job placement rates in the University of Paris 1 (employment rate of 93% two years after graduation - Orive survey).

Changing Democracies / Specialisation 1: Senior Political staff

(Head: Pr. Bernard Dolez)



Over the past twenty years, there is an increasing professionalisation of political teams and the development of new business opportunities as assistant to elected officials. The sub-programme aims to train future assistants in parliamentary assemblies, local executives and ministerial offices. This sub-programme is today one of the most reputed in the political field and relies on a large network of former students from all political parties. It is also offered in professional training. The job placement rate is one of the best at the University of Paris I.

Curriculum

The programme provides future staff members of elected public authorities with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills they need to carry out their missions. The faculty is composed of academics and practitioners, including former students of the Master's degree, with long-term professional experience with elected officials or political leaders.

During semester 3, students follow all the specialized academic courses. Semester 4 is devoted to a six-month internship under the supervision of an elected official, for which students are prepared through a seminar on professionalisation.

Conditions of admission

The second year of the Master's curriculum is intended primarily for students who have already chosen this specialisation in the first year. However, subject to available capacity, it is also open to students with a background in the humanities and social sciences, mostly students who completed a first year of a Master's degree in Law or Political Science, or a fourth year of an Institut d'études politiques.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

Most of our students find employment opportunities in political entourages of elected and executive offices, such as:

- Parliamentary assistants (National Assembly, Senate, European Parliament)
- Collaborators of local government executives (chief of staff, technical advisors, project managers)
- Cabinet members in National ministries or in the offices of the Presidency of the French Republic

This sub-programme may also prepare students to apply to the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political science Doctoral school, in the area of administration and politics.

Changing Democracies / Specialisation 2: Deliberative Democracy and Citizen Participation

(Head: Pr. Loïc Blondiaux)



This sub-programme is unique in France as it specialises in the field of policy dialogue. It aims to train future professionals with methodologies and knowledge related to the design, organisation and implementation of policies and mechanisms for citizen participation in various contexts. For several years now, public institutions and large private companies have been facing a growing demand for public information, public consultation and policy dialogue. This demand has resulted in the development of increasingly sophisticated and diversified policy mechanisms and instruments aimed at involving citizens in the decision-making process. This Master's programme trains future experts, with a high job market entry rate after graduation (over 90%).

Curriculum

This programme is delivered by leading experts and practitioners in the field of citizen participation, and academics specialised in the field of participatory democracy and deliberative democracy. Students receive training through active teaching methods (including case studies, simulation exercises, field work, role plays). In the second year, students work in partnership with public organisations, associations and civil society groups (e.g. Ville de Paris, Montreuil, Decider ensemble...) on large-scale projects of general interest. They are trained in participatory process design and group facilitation techniques.

Conditions of admission

The sub-programme accepts students from various backgrounds (political science, law studies, urban planning, environment, communication, Sciences-Po, sociology, geography, for instance), to the extent that they already have a high level of interest in citizen participation.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

Our graduates work in consulting firms, local political authorities, large companies, public administrations, associations and think tanks.

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Changing Democracies / Specialisation 3: Public Policy and Local Government

(Head: Dr. Anne-France Taiclet)



Territorial public policy refers to the policies of local authorities and their government. It also refers to the territorial implementation of national and European public policies in sub-national areas. It is part of the institutional reforms that have delegated considerable new powers to the regions, inter-municipalities and metropolitan areas which goes hand in hand with the rise of new professions in the field of local and sustainable development.

Curriculum

This Master's degree is open to all students with previous education in the humanities and social sciences, particularly in law and political science.

The first year combines high-level instruction in political science, with a particular focus on the study of public policy, based on the most recent state of research in this field. It also provides methodological training through research and an introduction to careers in public affairs.

The second year follows on from the first, by reinforcing the specialisation on territorial issues through three main teaching areas: political sociology of local affairs; law and public finance; major thematic issues of local public policies (urban planning, urban mobility, digital transformation, culture, ecological transition, among others). The courses are taught by academics specialising in these subjects and by experts and practitioners in the relevant sectors.

The last semester is dedicated to a 6-month professional internship, or to the preparation of a research paper in political science

Conditions of admission

Candidates must have completed a minimum of 3 years of undergraduate studies from a university (Bachelor of Arts), or other educational institution, including the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP).

Direct access to the second year of the Master's degree remains possible for students with a solid background in social sciences (at least with a completed 1st year of Master or a 4th year of IEP). The Master's programme is open to students with foreign Master's degrees. Applications are examined by an admissions panel.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

- Careers in civil service (after civil service exams).
- Executive officers in local governments (municipalities, departmental and regional councils)
- Senior executives of local public authorities and local public companies
- Political staff (local or government staff, parliamentary assistant, policy advisors, among others)
- Public experts and private consultants (expertise in local policies, project management, policy consultation...)
- Analysts in public policy (think tanks, government agencies, monitoring centres, ...)
- Careers in NGOs and civil society organisations engaged in advocacy, policy design or implementation.

Changing Democracies / Specialisation 4: Surveys, Research and Expertise

Head: Pr. Frédéric Sawicki



The main objective of the Surveys, Research and Expertise specialisation is to train our students in research and analysis. The programme focuses on French, foreign and European political institutions. It also pays attention to the work of politicians and their staff, who they are and what they do.

This programme is intended for:

- Students who wish to pursue a PhD in political science, with the opportunity to be supervised by renowned academics, members of the editorial boards of the leading French journals in sociology and political science, such as *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, *Politix*, *Participations*, *Revue française de science politique*, and *Gouvernement & Action publique*.
- Students who intend to work in the fields of journalism, politics (political cabinets, project managers), policy monitoring and evaluation, participatory democracy mechanisms, polling industry, local authorities.

Curriculum

This programme aims at arming students with critical knowledge about political institutions and democracy, with a particular focus on representative democracy, political parties and trade unions, economics and politics, decentralisation policies, new political

norms around parity and diversity, transformations in policymaking, the evolution of bureaucracy and public agencies.

The programme on Surveys, Research and Expertise draws on academic research, with a focus on theoretical, methodological and empirical works in political science. It is also open to history, geography, public management and economics.

The curriculum becomes increasingly specialised as students progress through the two-year programme. The fourth semester is dedicated to a six-month internship or the writing of a research paper, which is a prerequisite for enrolment in the PHD program.

At the end of the programme, our graduate students will have an ability to critically address key political science issues related to behaviour and opinion, political parties, decision-making, representative and deliberative democracy, law and institutions, gender politics, new participatory experiments, social movements. They will also be in a capacity to use comparative approaches.

Conditions of admission

The programme welcomes candidates with a strong background in political science or social sciences. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 3 years of undergraduate studies from a university (Bachelor of Arts), or other educational institution, including the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) or the Ecole normale supérieure (ENS).

Direct access to the second year of the Master's degree remains possible for students with a solid background in social sciences (at least with a completed 1st year of Master or a 4th year of IEP). This second year is also open to candidates with professional experience (e.g., local elected officials or association leaders with a Master 1 in political science).

Applications are examined by an admissions panel.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

At the end of the Master's degree, students have two main career paths: teaching and research on the one hand, and expertise, analysis and consulting on the other.

First, our specialisation is a first step for many students to apply for the doctoral programme of the Paris 1 Political science Doctoral school, in the area of political science and sociology of political institutions. There are various sources of PhD funding: ministries, the region Île-de-France, or CIFRE contracts.

Second, our graduates may start a career in various professional fields in which they will demonstrate their ability to analyse society and its political issues.

- Careers in civil service (after civil service exams)
- Professorship in secondary education
- Policy advisors and analysts in public policy (government agencies, think tanks, consulting firms)
- Analysts and advocacy specialists in NGOs and civil society organisations engaged in advocacy, policy design or implementation.
- Journalists
- Political staff, executive officers in local governments, parliamentary assistant

Changing Democracies / Specialisation 5: Environmental Transitions

(Heads: Pr. Bastien François and Dr. Clémence Guimont)



Facing the climate crisis, we must move towards a sober, resilient and protective society for ourselves and future generations. We must consider the planetary limits, as it is not possible to reduce the material component in our economies and in our daily lives. We should also invent fairer societies, as environmental transitions go with the mitigation of social inequalities. Consumption, production, wages, work, food, mobility, industrial model, energy, taxation, international movements must be considered in a new way. This specialisation programme equips students with knowledge on various ecological transition paths and on the resources needed to implement them.

Curriculum

This programme proposes a comprehensive analysis of environmental transitions, studied in their global and systemic dimensions. Political, legal, economic and geopolitical issues are considered. For this purpose, our courses focus on public policy tools, with special concern for local public actions, European policies and international organisations' interventions.

The curriculum explores different perspectives from political sociology, international relations, the history of ecological ideas and political theory, political economy and environmental law, as well as earth science-based analyses of the 'earth system'.

Particular emphasis is placed on agricultural policies and food issues, biodiversity, urbanisation, housing and mobility. Students are trained in the use of geographic information tools and in public management contracts.

The last semester is dedicated to a six-month internship or the writing of a research paper, which is a prerequisite for enrolment in the PHD program.

Conditions of admission

The second year of the Master's degree is intended primarily for students who have already chosen this specialisation in the first year. However, within the limits of available places and after an examination of their academic profile, students with a background in the humanities and social sciences may also join the programme – for instance students who have completed a first year of a Master's degree in political science, sociology, economics, geography; students who have completed a fourth year of an Institut d'études politique; or graduates of an engineering school.

Employment opportunities upon graduation

Our graduates are qualified for consulting positions in firms specializing in environmental and climate issues, and for project manager positions in various organisations (local authorities, environmental agencies, environmental NGOs, large service companies, and social and solidarity-based entrepreneurship).

This sub-programme can also prepare students to apply to the PhD programme of the Paris 1 Political science Doctoral school, in the area of environment, climate change and politics.



Auguste Comte (Place de la Sorbonne)

Structure choisie pour présenter chaque parcours et sous-parcours :

1. Paragraphe de présentation générale en anglais, sans titre
2. Curriculum
3. Conditions of admission
4. Employment opportunities upon graduation

Lexique :

Hierarchie Master > Parcours > Sous-parcours > options/spécialisations :

1. Diplôme de Licence = “**Bachelor’s degree**”
2. Diplôme de Master = “**Master’s degree**”
3. « Parcours » = “**Master specialisation**” ou “**Master specialisation programme**”
4. « Sous-Parcours » = “**sub-programme**” (même si, pour plus de clarté, j’ai appelé « programme » les sous-parcours de *Changing Democracies*)
5. Cours, séminaires, et voies spécialisées à l’intérieur des sous-parcours = ‘**courses**’ (terme générique, assez malléable)

Enseignants = ‘**academics**’, ‘**teaching team**’, “instructors” (US) / (pluriel, « corps enseignant », « équipe enseignante ») = ‘**faculty**’

Programme d’enseignement (à l’intérieur du parcours) = “**curriculum**”

Diplôme = “**degree**”

Étudiant diplômé de master = ‘**graduate student**’

Étudiant diplômé de licence = ‘**undergraduate student**’

Responsable de M2 = **head**

Doctorat = **PhD**

École doctorale de science politique = **Political Science Doctoral School**

Notation (évaluation) des étudiants = **grading of students**