SCIENCES PO AND INDIA
Sciences Po ranked **4th** worldwide for Politics and International Studies (QS 2016).

60% of Sciences Po’s programmes are taught in English.

13 partnerships with top Indian universities.

About 40 Indian students funded each year by Sciences Po and the French government.

42 dual degree programmes including with Columbia, UC Berkeley, LSE and Georgetown.

88% of graduates find work within 6 months.

160 students at Sciences Po in 2016-2017, up from 54 students in 2011-2012.

150 Sciences Po alumni working in India.
Frédéric Mion
President of Sciences Po

Sciences Po is France’s leading university in the social sciences. For the past 140 years, Sciences Po has been educating public and private sector decision-makers to understand and lead change in our complex world. Today, half of Sciences Po’s 13,000 students hail from outside France, and we have partnerships with 470 universities around the globe.

In India, we have established partnerships with 13 excellent universities. These agreements encompass student exchanges, collaborative teaching and research. We have also set up Executive Training Programmes for civil servants and corporates. As a result of this fruitful collaboration, we are proud to welcome more and more young Indians each year. In the last five years, the number of Indian students at Sciences Po has tripled.

In the coming years, we aim to scale up efforts to promote social inclusion at Sciences Po. We are now opening the way for new funding opportunities for the least privileged, by establishing partnerships with foundations and corporates. We are aware that making an impact in India means making an impact on the world. Now more than ever, we want Sciences Po to contribute to the ongoing changes in India.
Since its first agreement in 2001 with Jawaharlal Nehru University, Sciences Po has established 13 exchange programmes with some of the most prestigious Indian universities and colleges. These partnerships enable us to send 20 students on average to India every year and to host about 25 Indian students on exchange in return.
Sciences Po students wearing the colors of India during the « Collégiades ». Every year, the Collégiades tournament brings together students from the seven Sciences Po campuses for sporting and artistic competition.
THE EUROPE-ASIA UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

A popular choice among Indians, the Europe-Asia programme is a unique course leading to the Sciences Po Bachelor’s degree in the social sciences. The programme is offered on our campus in Le Havre, France’s main port for trade with Asia. It caters to students from all over the world, with 35 nationalities represented on campus. The students spend their first two years in Le Havre and their third year abroad, either doing an internship or studying at one of our 470 partner universities.

The Europe-Asia programme is taught entirely in English and offers a multidisciplinary core curriculum in the social sciences with a focus on the Asian continent and its challenges. Second year students can take a great course entitled “India and the World” taught by Professor Christophe Jaffrelot, one of the best-known European specialists on India. His course focuses on Indian politics, society and diplomacy, and how India fits into the new world order. Other courses about India include Sociology of Bollywood, Democracy in India, etc. Hindi is one of the foreign languages taught on campus, along with Korean, Indonesian, Japanese and Chinese.

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The South Asia Concentration at the Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs

The Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs was founded in 2010 and is headed by former Italian prime minister Enrico Letta. The school attracts top students and faculty from around the world. It offers nine Master’s programmes in international affairs along with thematic and regional concentrations. Students who choose the “South Asia” concentration acquire an in-depth knowledge of the Indian subcontinent.

Master in Governing the Large Metropolis at the Sciences Po Urban School

This Master’s programme at the Urban School aims to prepare graduates for work on public policy issues in large metropolises with an emphasis on developing countries. Professor Christophe Jaffrelot’s course on Asian cities is a highlight of the curriculum.
Located in a city listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO, the Le Havre campus is home to the Europe-Asia undergraduate programme.
Students in the Europe-Asia programme on their first day at the Sciences Po campus in Le Havre in September 2016.
RESEARCH ON INDIA AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

**Conservatism in India** is a collaborative project in partnership with Columbia University and Ashoka University. The project seeks to understand the Indian conservative tradition in its own terms, including its core principles, its internal diversity and how it has shaped Indian politics.

**Shared sacred spaces in South Asia and the Middle East** is a collaborative research project in partnership with Columbia University. The project explores the concept of liminality in shared sacred spaces.

**Explaining Electoral Change in Urban and Rural India (EECURI)** is a collaborative research project with Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi), Ambedkar University (Lucknow) and Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (Bangalore). The project is a study of Indian legislators and political representation in India.

**The Sociology of the Indian Members of Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies:** The objective of this project is to build a unique dataset on the sociological profile of Indian legislators, both in the lower house of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and in the state assemblies (Vidhan Sabhas). It involves three of Sciences Po’s research centres (CERI, CDSP and Médialab) and the Trivedi Centre of Political Data from our partner Ashoka University.

**Urban Governance and City Transformation** is a project on urban transformation and the roles played by government, firms, NGOs, and city residents. The project analyses urban policies, planning and politics to understand how Indian cities are changing. It is led by OSC, Sciences Po’s centre for comparative sociology research.
The René Rémond library on the Sciences Po campus in Paris.
I am currently involved in the India MultiCountry Office of UN Women, where I intern in the gender responsive budgeting unit. Working for UN Women allows me not only to better understand different initiatives at the policy-making level to strengthen gender equality in the region, but also to develop my knowledge of the law and other skills I gained at the Sciences Po Law School and through my field work experiences.

My gap year in India has been a wonderful opportunity to understand the various social and economic conditions of women in the country and to join local and international efforts to improve them. I’ve also been able to put into practice the skills and knowledge I acquired in my first year of Sciences Po Law School. In addition, the gap year gave me a unique opportunity to take stock and think more clearly about my future development – both personal and professional.
Simona with other volunteers in front of Mysore palace in Karnataka.
INDIAN STUDENTS AT SCIENCES PO

In five years, the number of Indian students at Sciences Po has increased by 230 percent. Some start Sciences Po at Master’s level and others right after class XII for their Bachelor’s programme.

“NATURE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN REALLY CONNECT WITH IN LE HAVRE”.

Tenzin Dekyi,
Second year student on the Europe-Asia programme.

Tenzin Dekyi travelled outside India for the first time when she was 18. During her trip, she was smitten with France and decided to deepen her experience of the country and of Europe in general. She is now a second year student in the Europe-Asia undergraduate programme on the Sciences Po campus in Le Havre.

What courses are you studying at Sciences Po?

I am majoring in economics, I have courses in history and public international law, and I’m also taking two electives in econometrics and maths for economists. I have been learning French for two years now and I started Chinese last September. I also attend a public speaking workshop to develop my self-confidence.

What are your plans for your third undergraduate year abroad?

I’m going to do my third undergraduate year at the University of Warwick, starting in October. There, I intend to study economics, and then I would like to continue my studies in economics at Master’s level in the United States. After Europe, it will be time for me to explore other places.

After two years living in Le Havre, how do you feel about the city?

I like places that are close to nature, and you can really connect with nature in Le Havre. I enjoy going to the beach with my friends in the morning. We take the bus to the beach, and we have a walk along the seaside before we start our day on campus. And every Friday, I go to the badminton club. Badminton is my favorite sport.
Tenzin Dekyi on a day trip at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on the Normandy Coast in France.
Meenakshi Raina is an Indian student enrolled in the Master of International Energy programme at the Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs. She is passionate about sustainable development and climate change issues, and a keen participant in Sciences Po’s “Make It Work” initiative. Led by two esteemed professors, Bruno Latour and Laurence Tubiana, Make it Work was a student simulation of the COP 21 negotiations held in the lead up to the Paris Climate Conference in December 2015.

What is your background and what led you to choose Sciences Po for your Master’s?

In India, I completed my Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Botany, followed by studies in planning and entrepreneurship. I worked in the renewable energy sector for a while, then I started an NGO focused on green energy and sustainable development. I enrolled at Sciences Po because it was one of the few universities around the world that offered a Master’s in International Energy, and some of the world’s leading experts in the field of energy teach here. The curriculum combines both academic and professional approaches. This unique mix attracted me.

What did you gain from the experience?

Make It Work was innovative. The role given to non-state actors changed our view of traditional COP negotiations. The idea of actors was redefined, which challenged the system, and new, unique solutions were created both within the text and in the form of ideas and concepts. We all wanted to make it work! I feel that the initiative was transformed from a student simulation to a proper “Make It Work” movement and I am happy to say that I am part of it.

At Sciences Po you got involved in Make It Work, a student simulation of the COP 21 negotiations. What was your role in this initiative?

Make It Work was the opportunity to understand climate change negotiations first hand and experience how they might unfold during COP 21. During the mock negotiations, I was part of the Forest delegation and also a journalist representing the National Geographic Channel.
Meenakshi Raina, a Master in International Energy student at the Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs, is passionate about sustainable development.
STUDENT LIFE
AND INDIA

At Sciences Po, students can find a broad array of cultural, sporting and other extracurricular activities. More than 200 student associations, ranging from politics to philanthropy, provide opportunities for students to meet and share their interests.
This association aims to develop knowledge about India and its diversity within the university, by contributing analysis that goes further than news reports and cultural clichés. Members organise activities ranging from conferences (Indian geopolitics, religions in India) to Bollywood dance workshops, and participate in the Sciences Po “Asia week”.

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FUNDING FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

Students benefit from Sciences Po’s commitment to equal access in higher education. The university offers a range of financial aid options for students of all backgrounds and 27 percent of our students receive scholarship support. Some of the schemes are especially designed for Indian students.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Émile Boutmy scholarship: This scholarship, named after Sciences Po’s founder, was established in 2004 to enable the best international students from outside the European Union to attend Sciences Po. Since its inception, the Émile Boutmy scholarship has benefited more than 1,000 recipients at the undergraduate and graduate levels, representing more than 50 nationalities. It is a partial tuition fee waiver.

Eiffel scholarship: This Excellence programme is run by the French ministry of Foreign Affairs to attract top foreign students to French universities. 40 percent of the Sciences Po recipients of this prestigious scholarship are Indian.

Charpak scholarship for Masters: The Charpak scholarship was set up by the Embassy of France in India. It is awarded on the basis of merit.

Charpak scholarship for Exchange programmes: This scholarship is designed for exchange students for a period of one to four months at Bachelor’s or Master’s level.

Erasmus+ grant for exchange programmes: The Erasmus+ grant, reserved for exchange students, is run by the European Union.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH FOUNDATIONS

Inlaks foundation: Our agreement with the prestigious Inlaks foundation funds a yearly scholarship for one top Indian student at Sciences Po. In addition to a 100 percent fee waiver, the student gets a oneway flight ticket and up to 1,000 euros per month.

Tiara foundation: The Tiara Sciences Po partnership awards two annual grants of up to $5,000 for Sciences Po Master’s students.
The 2015 recipients of the Émile Boutmy scholarship at Sciences Po. In 2015, the Émile Boutmy scholarship was awarded to 220 students from many different countries and backgrounds.
Every year, the Holi Festival is celebrated on the Sciences Po campus in Le Havre.
Since 2010, Indian officers from the public and the private sectors have been able to attend customised programmes run by Sciences Po Executive Education.

- **Customised programmes**: Indian civil servants from the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie and the Management Development Institute (MDI) in Gurgaon have participated in short customised training programmes at Sciences Po.

- **Workshops**: Officials from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) have come to Sciences Po for specific training workshops.

Our training programmes cover the fields of public affairs, European decision-making processes, administrative reform, lobbying, trade policy, climate and energy policy, as well as local, national and international governance.

In 2014, the first cohort of senior officers from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (Mussoorie) came to Sciences Po for two weeks of intensive training to understand how public policies are handled in Europe and in France.
The Judas tree in bloom in the garden of the Sciences Po campus in Paris.
88 percent of Sciences Po graduates find work within six months of graduation. A year after graduating, their average annual salary is 37,266 euros before tax (about 27 lakhs rupees).

Asia, and particularly India, are becoming attractive professional destinations amongst our alumni. Today, 17 percent of Sciences Po graduates working outside France choose to start their career in Asia. In India, Sciences Po provides internships and employment opportunities to current and former students.

In 2015/2016, more than 40 Sciences Po students did an internship in India.

**SCIENCE PO ALUMNI IN INDIA WORK IN:**

**Consultancy:** CapGemini, Accenture, Boston Consultancy group.

**Service and industry:** Tata Motors, Tata Sons, Mahindra, BNP Paribas, Jindal, Société Générale, UrbanClap.

**Public and international organisations:** Global Development Network, Ministry of Rural Development, World Bank.

**Academia:** Symbiosis University Pune, Ashoka University, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

**Media:** Bloomberg, Mint, Hindustan Times Media, Daily News Analysis.

**NGOs:** France Volontaires International, World Wildlife Fund, Aga Khan Foundation.

**Research organisations:** Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW), TERI, Strategic Foresight Group, Center for Policy Research.
Tuhin Sen graduated in 2007 from the Master of Public Affairs at Sciences Po. He is now Strategy and Policy Advisor at the Global Development Network, an international organisation initially part of the World Bank, based in Delhi.
The Sciences Po alumni community is made up of over 65,000 former students working in sectors as varied as auditing, diplomacy, the media, the non-profit sector, sustainable development, finance, public service, and culture, many in high-level positions. More and more Sciences Po alumni settle in India with each passing year, and we have our heart set on building a strong network amongst them.

The Sciences Po Alumni Association in India connects and supports the Sciences Po alumni working in India. Currently, more than 150 Sciences Po graduates are part of our network in the country.

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“SCIENCES PO OPENED THE DOORS TO A BIG ALUMNI NETWORK FOR ME”

Soumya Chatthopadhyay, 2008 Sciences Po alumnus.

After more than 12 years working as a civil servant, Soumya Chatthopadhyay wanted to give his career a boost. He decided to enrol in the Master of Public Affairs at Sciences Po, a programme designed for young to mid-career professionals. He took up the challenge and now works for the Asian Development Bank as a consultant.

**Soumya, what is your professional background?**

I have a Bachelor’s in Political Science followed by a Master’s in Sociology from JNU. After graduation, I worked for five years for the regional government of West Bengal and seven years for the central government, holding responsibilities in various ministries. Before starting the Master of Public Affairs at Sciences Po, I was a civil servant at the ministry of finance, department of economic affairs. Now, I am working as a consultant in regional cooperation at the Asian Development Bank in New Delhi.

**What do your batchmates do now?**

My friend Matias from Argentina heads a think tank called Asuntos Del Sur after being associated with the University of Arizona. In fact today, I was travelling to Manilla and I was watching a video of one of his talks about the political crisis in Latin America on youtube. It was very interesting! I am also in touch with Qiang from the Central Bank of China, Muhammad from the Central Bank of Malaysia, Adiba from International Center for Migration Policy Development in Vienna, as well as my dear friend Tuhin of course, from Global Development Network here in India.

**How did Sciences Po contribute to your change of career?**

Some courses were especially useful like the public policy, scenario planning and multilevel governance classes. They definitely helped me seize the opportunity to work at the Asian Bank. Besides, Sciences Po opened the doors to a big alumni network for me. I am still in touch with my former batchmates. It’s so good to be able to exchange ideas, keep up to date on global developments, benefit from cultural exchange, and above all, remember the good old days.
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