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INTRODUCTION

Sciences Po’s admissions policy combines selectiveness and inclusion so that gifted and deserving students, wherever they come from and whatever their social and cultural background, have a chance to study at our university. In pursuit of this objective, Sciences Po has diversified its admission paths with the Equal Opportunity programme, the entrance examination procedure, the international procedure and with its numerous dual degrees.

In 2016, 3,772 new students joined the ranks of Sciences Po across all levels. They come from 154 countries and 1,020 high schools around the world. This diverse student body contributes to the outstanding academic experience Sciences Po offers. Fascinated by political science, communication, law or the social sciences, and enthusiastic about the arts disciplines they can pursue in one of our 155 art workshops, these students will be sure to make the most of Sciences Po’s multidisciplinarity to feed their curiosity.

This multifaceted, open education is Sciences Po’s major strength and attracts more and more applicants each year.

The annual admissions report provides a breakdown of Sciences Po applicants and admitted students and confirms that selective admissions and student diversity are by no means contradictory.
AN INCREASE IN APPLICANTS AND ADMITTED STUDENTS IN 2016

These figures include undergraduate and graduate students on dual degree programmes.

16,669
Applicants

10,145
Applicants

6,293
Applicants

231
Applicants

3,772
Admitted students

1,872
Admitted students

1,872
Admitted students

28
Admitted students

1,053
more candidates in 2016 than in 2015. or an increase of 7% Overall, the 2016 applications confirm the attractiveness of our programmes.
Since 2009, Sciences Po has reinforced its attractiveness.

Since 2009, the stability of the selection rate reflects Sciences Po’s commitment to maintaining the selectiveness of admissions in order to recruit the best students.

Trend in number of applicants and admitted students*

UNDERGRADUATE

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Graduate

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<td>2016</td>
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62% INCREASE

in applicant numbers between 2009 and 2016.

7% INCREASE

in applicant numbers between 2015 and 2016. An increasing number of applicants that reflects the appeal of Sciences Po’s undergraduate programmes.

65% INCREASE

in applications over the period 2009-2016.

2% INCREASE

in applications between 2015 and 2016.

* Excluding dual degree procedure with Parisian universities

** The sharp increase in 2013 was due to the reform of admission procedures

* It is possible to apply for both a dual degree programme and a Master’s programme at the same time, or only for a Master’s programme.
DIFFERENT LEVELS AND THEIR ADMISSION PROCEDURES
THE THREE LEVELS OF STUDY AT SCIENCES PO

UNDERGRADUATE

WHAT IS IT?
A three-year undergraduate programme on one of Sciences Po’s seven campuses. Upon completion, students receive a Bachelor’s degree. Admissions are only possible at first-year level.

WHO IS IT FOR?
Candidates must apply during their final year of high school. Applications to the Undergraduate College are open to all candidates with a secondary school leaving qualification obtained in France or abroad.

HOW?
Each procedure (international, equal opportunity, exam) is selective and, in addition to candidates’ academic record, assesses their extra-curricular commitments and motivation through the admissions interview.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS & MASTER’S

WHAT ARE THEY?
Sciences Po’s seven graduate schools offer a choice of over 30 Master’s specialisations, which stand out for their combined academic and professional focus. Upon completion of a two-year programme that includes courses delivered by professors and practitioners and one semester off-campus in an internship or work placement, students are awarded a Master’s degree.

WHO ARE THEY FOR?
Applications to a graduate school are open to all students with a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent.

HOW?
We offer a national procedure for students having studied and graduated in France and an international procedure for graduates from foreign universities. In addition to academic excellence, Sciences Po assesses students’ openness and curiosity and the relevance of their career goals.

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

WHAT IS IT?
The School offers five doctoral programmes, each corresponding to a discipline: law, economics, history, political science and sociology.

WHO IS IT FOR?
To be eligible for a doctoral programme, students must hold a research-based Master’s degree or international equivalent. Candidates’ previous academic experience must correspond to the discipline requested for the doctoral programme. The Doctoral School is intended for those aiming for a career in teaching and research or in international organisations, consulting, or business.

HOW?
The procedure is based essentially on an evaluation of the candidate’s academic background and his or her capacity for research, demonstrated by a Master’s level research paper. Doctoral candidates’ applications are examined by the thesis committee, which makes recommendations to the executive committee of the Doctoral School. Final admission is approved by the president of Sciences Po, following proposals by the dean of the Doctoral School after consultation with the executive committee.
DIFFERENT ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES TO RECRUIT STUDENTS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

In line with our aim to encourage applications from talented candidates whatever their social or geographic origin, admitted students have not all followed the same path to Sciences Po.

UNDERGRADUATE

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

WHAT IS IT?
A procedure that evaluates the knowledge acquired and mastered in high school.

WHO IS IT FOR?
The procedure is open
- to all students who sit the general or technical baccalauréat at the end of the year they apply.
- to those who are studying for a school-leavers’ qualification recognised as equivalent.

HOW?
A two-step procedure:
- Eligibility phase with an evaluation of the application + 3 written tests. The best applications will be exempted from the written tests and declared eligible.
- Admission phase with an interview. All interviews take place in Paris, regardless of the campus requested.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME

WHAT IS IT?
Since 2001, Sciences Po has been committed to admitting top students from a wider range of backgrounds and offers a specific procedure for gifted students from high schools in priority education areas in France. It results from a desire to develop the excellence of the student profiles we recruit through greater diversity.

WHO IS IT FOR?
The procedure is open to deserving students enrolled in one of the 106 partner high schools in priority education areas and who have attended the Sciences Po preparation workshops.

HOW?
A two-step procedure:
- Oral eligibility exam delegated to the partner high school with: a press review + a briefing note + personal reflection.
- Oral admission exam administered by Sciences Po to assess the candidate’s motivation and critical thinking in addition to his/her academic record.

INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE

WHAT IS IT?
Sciences Po set up this procedure fifteen years ago to recruit students with an international background, i.e., either foreign students or French students having followed an international high school programme (abroad or at an international high school in France).

WHO IS IT FOR?
The procedure is open to candidates with an international profile. Through their written application, we will assess their command of languages, extra-curricular experiences and personal goals.

HOW?
A two-step procedure:
- Eligibility phase: application review
- Admission phase: interview in one of 70 cities around the world where admissions are organised.

DUAL DEGREES

WHAT ARE THEY?
This procedure, open at undergraduate and graduate levels, offers students the opportunity to enter a dual degree programme with one of our partner universities in France or abroad.

UNDERGRADUATE:
The Sciences Po Undergraduate College has established nine dual Bachelor’s degree programmes with prestigious universities around the world, and three dual programmes with Parisian universities. The agreements with Paris I, Paris IV and Paris VI allow us to offer their students a unique programme of the highest standard combining studies in the social sciences with studies in the hard sciences or humanities.

GRADUATE:
Sciences Po has partnered with internationally renowned foreign universities (24 agreements for international dual degrees) and French higher education institutions (École du Louvre, ENSAE, Paris I and Paris VI) to offer dual Masters degrees.

Thanks to their multidisciplinary approach, dual skillset, language proficiency and multicultural experience, graduates from these programmes are particularly sought after by recruiters in many different sectors.
GRADUATE

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

WHAT IS IT?
A procedure that evaluates the knowledge acquired and mastered during students’ undergraduate education and/or the coherence of their career goals and their motivation.

WHO IS IT FOR?
The procedure is open to all students with a degree equivalent to three years of undergraduate study in France.

HOW?
A two-step procedure:
• Eligibility phase with an application review + 1 written test (briefing note).
• Admission phase: interview to assess candidates’ motivation and career goals.

INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE

WHAT IS IT?
For several years, Sciences Po has offered an international procedure to attract students from around the world and ensure that their talent and experience are assessed fairly.

WHO IS IT FOR?
The procedure is open to candidates who have completed their undergraduate studies in a foreign higher education institution and obtained their degree (180 ECTS, Bachelor’s degree).

HOW?
The procedure evaluates:
• academic record.
• the candidate’s study path, motivations, experience and career goals.
A strong international perspective is central to Sciences Po’s educational approach and contributes to the university’s reputation worldwide.

This year, 956 students participated in a Sciences Po workshop at one of 106 partner high schools.

A pioneer in terms of equal opportunity, Sciences Po introduced the Equal Opportunity procedure in 2001 and 11 classes have already graduated.

Since 2010, more than 5,000 high school students have sat the Sciences Po entrance exam each year.
IN 2016

9,337 Applicants*
5,528 EXAM PROCEDURE
2,853 INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE AND INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREES
956** EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROCEDURE

1,816 Admitted students
804 EXAM PROCEDURE
2,853 INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE AND INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREES
956** EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROCEDURE

Who are the applicants and admitted students in 2016?

2/3 About two-thirds are girls.

In the entrance exam, gender and stream in high school have no bearing on student admissions.

About two-thirds are girls.

Applicants
54% Economics and social science stream
35% science stream
11% literature stream

Admitted students
52% Economics and social science stream
37% science stream
11% literature stream

* Excluding dual degree procedure with Parisian universities
** All students who participated in a Sciences Po workshop at one of our partner high schools
Three-quarters of Master’s students are admitted through the dual degree or international procedures. Only about half of them were in 2009.

117% INCREASE

This strong increase (117%) reflects the internationalisation of our student body and the success of the 38 dual degrees.

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IN 2016

6,293 Appslicants

2,402 FRENCH ENTRANCE EXAM PROCEDURE

3,891 INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE AND INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREES

1,872 Admitted students

449 FRENCH ENTRANCE EXAM PROCEDURE

1,423 INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE AND INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREES

ONE-YEAR MASTER’S PROGRAMMES

WHAT ARE THEY?
The five one-year Master’s programmes, which were launched in 2015, deliver an intensive curriculum designed for young professionals who want to develop the expertise necessary to accelerate their careers. The programmes are taught entirely in English at the Paris School of International Affairs, the School of Public Affairs and the School of Management and Innovation.

WHO ARE THEY FOR?
Applicants for the one-year Master’s programmes must be able to demonstrate both academic ability and substantive professional experience.

IN 2016

258 applicants

131 students admitted

Since 2009, the trend has been constant: Sciences Po attracts an increasing number of applicants for a constantly limited number of places. The stable rate of admittance guarantees the excellence of the students admitted to Sciences Po.
More than half of candidates for the entrance exam attend school outside the Paris region. This proportion is slightly higher for admitted students.

Recruitment across the country

Sciences Po has opted for diversity and multiplicity among our students. To make this possible, the Undergraduate College entrance exam must be open across the country. The written tests are held in Paris, Poitiers and Nancy, but also in Martinique, Guadeloupe and Reunion.

Students admitted through the exam procedure come from 469 different high schools in France. It is also one of the university’s strengths, as a student body combining a wealth of different backgrounds helps us educate citizens with an open, international outlook.

Applicants

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All admission procedures taken together, students admitted to first year come from 1,020 high schools around the world, compared to 878 in 2015.

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<td>Students admitted to first year</td>
<td>342 outside the Paris region</td>
<td>127 Île-de-France</td>
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Number of admitted students by department of France

- Reunion Island
- New Caledonia
- Guadeloupe
- Martinique
- French Polynesia
- Guyana
- Saint-Martin
- Mayotte
- Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
- Foreigners
STUDENTS ATTEND CAMPUS ACROSS FRANCE

UNDERGRADUATE

Students admitted to the Undergraduate College attend one of seven Sciences Po campuses. The programmes on all campuses are designed around a common core curriculum and all lead to the same Bachelor’s degree.

Each regional campus has a strong geographic and cultural focus and brings together French and foreign students attracted by its specific regional specialisation.

96% INCREASE

in student numbers on the regional campuses since 2011, which testifies to their growing success.

65% of admitted students are registered in one of Sciences Po’s regional campuses.

The success of the regional campuses is largely due to the increase in foreign students, but also to French students’ desire to engage in studies that prioritise multiculturalism and languages.

THE DIJON CAMPUS

Opened in 2001, it is home to the Central and Eastern European programme, and to the dual Bachelor’s programme with UCL (London, UK).

THE LE HAVRE CAMPUS

Opened in 2007, it offers the Europe-Asia programme and the dual Bachelor’s programmes with Columbia University (New York, USA), University of California, Berkeley (USA), Keio University (Japan), University of Hong Kong (HKU), National University of Singapore (NUS, Singapore), UBC (University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada), and University of Sydney (Australia).

THE MENTON CAMPUS

Opened in 2005, it is for students who have chosen the Middle East-Mediterranean programme, and those on the dual degree programmes with UCL (London, UK), Columbia University (USA), University of California, Berkeley (USA), UBC (Canada), University of Hong Kong (HKU), National University of Singapore (NUS, Singapore) and University of Sydney (Australia).

THE NANCY CAMPUS

It is the oldest regional campus, opened in 2000 for students on the French-German programme and the dual degree programmes with Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) and UCL (London, UK).

THE POITIERS CAMPUS

Opened in 2001, it is home to students on the Europe-Latin America programme, and the dual degree programme with UCL (UK).

THE REIMS CAMPUS

Open in September 2010, it welcomes students who have chosen to take the Europe-North America programme, the Europe-Africa programme or the dual Bachelor’s programmes with Columbia University (USA), University of California, Berkeley (USA), UBC (Canada), University of Hong Kong (HKU), National University of Singapore (NUS, Singapore) and University of Sydney (Australia).

THE PARIS CAMPUS

Accommodates Master’s students, doctoral students and the undergraduate students on the general programme, students on the dual degree programme with UCL and those on a dual programme with one of the partner universities in Paris: Paris I, Paris IV and Paris 6.

A SHARP INCREASE IN STUDENT NUMBERS ON THE REGIONAL CAMPUSES SINCE 2011

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Sciences Po’s attractiveness abroad is undeniable: our students come from 154 countries around the world, undergraduate and graduate students combined, compared to 142 in 2014.
DUAL BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WORLDWIDE

To offer students the opportunity to pursue a dual degree right from Bachelor’s level, Sciences Po has established agreements with nine leading universities worldwide:

- Columbia University in the City of New York (USA)
- University of California, Berkeley (USA)
- University of British Columbia (UBC, Vancouver, Canada)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- University College London (UCL, United Kingdom)
- Keio University (Tokyo, Japan)
- University of Hong Kong (China)
- National University of Singapore (NUS)
- The University of Sydney (Australia)

34% INCREASE in international dual degree applications at the Undergraduate College compared to 2015.
DUAL MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WORLDWIDE

- London School of Economics (United Kingdom)
- FGV EAESP (Brazil)
- University of Pennsylvania (USA)
- Georgetown University (USA)
- Columbia University in the City of New York (USA)
- University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- King’s College London (United Kingdom)
- Bocconi (Italy)
- Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden)
- Hertie School of Governance (Germany)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- Keio University (Japan)
- Peking University (China)
- Fudan University (China)
- The University of Tokyo (Japan)
- University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)

A stable proportion of international applications at Master’s level compared to 2015.
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME COMBINED WITH A SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICY FOR GREATER DIVERSITY

The equal opportunity admissions procedure

Over 15 years, the Equal Opportunity programme has involved:

- **1,611 students** have been admitted through the Equal Opportunity programme since it began in 2001, positioning Sciences Po as a key player in social diversity among higher education institutions.

- **10,900 students**

- **106 partner high schools**

- **19 French regional education authorities**

A socially inclusive university

Rate of students receiving Crous scholarships at Sciences Po:

- **12%** in 2005
- **27%** in 2015

In comparison, the rate of Crous scholarship students among the student population in Paris was 16% in 2014.

The rate of students receiving financial aid at Sciences Po in 2015-2016:

- **37%**

If all categories of students who benefit from a partial tuition fee waiver (low income, students with disabilities, tuition fee adjustments) are included, the rate of students receiving financial aid at Sciences Po in 2015-2016 was 37%.

About

- **10M€** spent by Sciences Po on financial aid and social support.

- A 75% top-up grant from Sciences Po for French and European students who receive the CROUS scholarship.

- Émile Boutmy excellence scholarship.

- Financial aid for studying abroad.

- Other financial aid and services (housing support, emergency social assistance, residence permits, etc.).

In addition to the Equal Opportunity programme, our tuition fee policy (based on a sliding scale according to family income) together with our proactive financial and social support policy help promote greater diversity within the university.
GREATER INCLUSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

160

Students with disabilities at Sciences Po in 2016. That’s 8 times more than in 2007!

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE

- In 2016: 86 candidates
- In 2015: 72 candidates
- In 2014: 65 candidates

Sciences Po commits:

to improving the accessibility of our buildings and programmes in line with the objectives set by the French law of February 11, 2005 through annual investments of between €400k and €800k.

since 2008 “Sciences Po Accessible”, an ambitious programme for students, aims to accommodate each individual’s disability and promote their employability.

In line with its pioneering commitment to social responsibility, Sciences Po approved another coherent action plan for 2014-2016 for all its students, faculty and staff with disabilities.

The programme is funded by 15 partner companies. In 2015, Sciences Po invested €203K in the programme for:

- **human assistance:** cued-speech interpreters, notetakers, readers/ scribes and campus life assistants.
- **equipment:** accessible lifts, adjustable seating and desks in classrooms, Braille printers
- **technical assistance:** assistive hearing devices, subscription to talking newspapers, software, etc.
- **financial aid for mobility** for the third year abroad

In line with its pioneering commitment to social responsibility, Sciences Po approved another coherent action plan for 2014-2016 for all its students, faculty and staff with disabilities.

**It’s main aims are to:**

- raise awareness and communicate about disabilities
- diversify procurement toward the sheltered employment sector
- maintain staff and faculty with disabilities in their jobs
- make our buildings and the services delivered by the university accessible

**In 2016:**

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