

ERASMUS+ AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

The purpose of Sciences Po's international policy is to give our educational approach a multicultural and multilingual grounding, and at the same time to advance our standing within the international academic and professional communities.

Given this vocation, Sciences Po has chosen to develop programmes in each of the world's main regions, particularly at Bachelor's level but also in our graduate schools and Master's programmes. Inward and outward student mobility form the core of this proactive international engagement. In addition, Sciences Po has research centres specialising in the analysis of international affairs (CERI) and European issues (the Centre for European Studies), and our research overall is highly internationalized. With this international perspective running through each of Sciences Po's schools, departments and centres, we are able to pursue an international strategy based on three priorities: diversity, excellence and reputation.

1. Diversity: the heart of Sciences Po's approach

The international policy Sciences Po has developed towards all five continents is key to the university's diversity.

To encourage **student mobility**, students' final undergraduate year must be completed abroad, most often on an exchange programme at one of Sciences Po's 400 partner universities or, for some students, on an internship. In return, Sciences Po hosts students from partner universities. Master's students can also complete one semester of their two year programme abroad, at university or on an internship. Sciences Po chooses its partner universities on the basis of their academic excellence (over two thirds of Sciences Po's partner universities are listed in the THE rankings), and on the complementary perspective or specialisation that their courses can offer our students in relation to our own programmes.

In addition, Sciences Po recruits students from all over the world and, as a result, international students make up 46 percent of our student body.

2. Excellence: the focus of our international positioning

Excellence is the second priority of Sciences Po's international strategy, which is pursued through a number of **strategic partnerships** for the establishment of both **dual degrees** and **collaborative research programmes**.

The dual degrees are designed so that students spend half the programme at the partner university and the other half at Sciences Po, i.e., two years at each institution at undergraduate level (leading to two Bachelor's degrees in four years), and one year in each country for Master's programmes. At present, these dual degrees are offered mainly in the United States (Columbia, Georgetown) and Europe (Freie, LSE, MGIMO), but also in certain emerging regions (in China with Fudan and Beida, and in Brazil with FGV) and countries with an outstanding university tradition (Japan, for example with Keio, Singapore and probably Australia in coming years). Sciences Po's coming participation in **online learning programmes** also seeks to consolidate this positioning based on academic excellence.

Sciences Po participates in world-class international research programmes such as OxPo (partnership with the University of Oxford) and Alliance (involving Columbia University, Sciences Po, Ecole Polytechnique and Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne). The university is also committed to welcoming faculty from around the world and, to do so, has developed visiting faculty programmes and research chairs (with India and Japan, for example, and others likely to be developed in future, particularly with sub-Saharan Africa).

3. Reputation: a vocation extending beyond academia

Finally, Sciences Po's international strategy aims to develop our reputation beyond academic circles, both to ensure our recognition in professional circles and our inclusion in public debate on the international stage.

Sciences Po strengthens ties with non-academic institutions by training senior public servants and private sector executives through our executive education programmes, developing internships, and the placement of our graduates (30 percent of whom currently find employment outside France). Nevertheless, our approach increasingly aims to develop these contacts through our partner universities in certain target regions (Fudan in China is the first successful example).

Finally, our participation in global forums (WEF, dialogue with development banks and the governments of various countries), and our collaboration with key academic partners to address international public policy issues (e.g. through the GPPN) ensure that Sciences Po plays an active part in global public debate.