Sciences Po Bordeaux

INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES DE BORDEAUX
SCIENCES PO BORDEAUX · 2025/2026 INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination and application deadline

Fall semester and full year students: - Nomination: May, 01 - Application: June, 01	**Spring semester students:** - Nomination: October, 01 - Application: November, 01

Nomination procedure

Partner universities must send the Excel Template filled by email to Delphine GOROSTIDI - d.gorostidi@sciencespobordeaux.fr
If you haven't received the Template please send an e-mail to Delphine GOROSTIDI

Application fees

Waived for exchange students coming within a bilateral agreement between Sciences Po Bordeaux and their home institution. Free-mover and degree-seeking students, please contact the IR office.

Language requirements

FRENCH TRACK STUDENTS:
We require a minimum of B1 level in French according to the CEFRL. We trust our partner universities to check their nominated students' language level.
A certificate from a French language teacher is required for the student's online application if the student does not have an official language certificate.

ENGLISH TRACK STUDENTS:
We require a minimum of B2 level in English according to the CEFRL (IELTS 6) when their level in French has to be under B1 **(English taught courses are for beginners in French only)**.
We trust our partner universities to check their nominated students' language level both in English and French.
Both a certificate from a French language teacher and one from an English teacher are required for the student's online application if the student does not have official language certificates.

Application procedure

On-line registration. Each nominated student will receive an e-mail with the web link.

Documents to be submitted with the application

- 1 passport-sized photo
- Copy of passport or national identity card
- Proof of language proficiency: see **Language requirements** above
- EU citizens: European health insurance card
- Non EU citizens: Certificate of the private insurance or Sworn statement of subscription to French social security upon arrival in France (free of charge)

Acceptance letter

For Non-European students, the acceptance letter will be sent as soon as possible *after request*. We do not send acceptance letters to European students, unless requested.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR – To Be Confirmed

Fall semester: Beginning of September to mid-December	
End of August	Orientation week - **compulsory**
Beginning of September	Beginning of 1st semester courses
Mid-September	Deadline for 1st semester courses & exams registration
1 week end of October	***All Saints Holiday***
Beginning of December	End of 1st semester courses
Mid-December	1st semester exams
Mid-December to beginning of January	***Christmas Holiday***
Spring semester: Beginning of January to mid-May	
Beginning of January	Integration week for spring semester students - **compulsory**
Beginning of January	Beginning of 2nd semester courses
Mid-January	Deadline for 2nd semester courses & exams registration
1 week in February	***Winter Holiday***
Mid-April	End of 2nd semester courses
1 week in April	***Easter Holiday***
End of April to mid-May	2nd semester exams

COURSES

FRENCH TRACK

Since the creation of the English Track in 2010, Sciences Po Bordeaux has made the distinction between French track and English track students. The majority of the French track courses will be taught in French among a wide range of courses in the field of political sciences, International relations, economics, European studies, law or social sciences.

https://www.sciencespobordeaux.fr/en/international-students-and-programs/french-exchange-for-credit-programs.html

See "**Language requirements**" above.

ENGLISH TRACK

Since 2010, Sciences Po Bordeaux has offered an English track to students enrolled in the framework of its partnership agreements with English speaking universities. A wide range of courses in Social Sciences, International relations, Humanities, and Economics is offered. The program also includes a course of French as a foreign language and various subjects at the Bachelor's and Master's Levels. More information: https://www.sciencespobordeaux.fr/en/international-students-and-programs/english-exchange-for-credit-programs.html

See "**Language requirements**" above.

REGISTRATION

Students cannot register for courses before their arrival in Bordeaux.

Students will have to register for courses before the dates that will be given to them upon arrival. Registration for courses is definitive. After these dates, no add and drop will be allowed. Students can register either in 1st, 2d or 4th year courses.

COURSE LOAD

A regular student at Sciences Po Bordeaux has to obtain 30 ECTS per semester or 60 ECTS for one academic year.

CEP (Certificat d'Études Politiques à titre étranger) – program entirely taught in French

The CEP is reserved for full-year students. To be admitted, students must:

- Not be of French Nationality
- Have at least a B2 level in French according to the CEFRL
- Take (and pass) 2 written tests: analysis of documents in French (2h) and a test of French (1h) in September at Sciences Po Bordeaux + a short oral test

CEP program:

- Participate in and pass 3 seminar courses "conférences de méthode": French Contemporary Issues, Political Studies, French Language. Each of these seminar courses takes place over 24 weeks, from September to April (one seminar of 90 minutes per week per course). Validation is determined by evaluation of student participation (continuous assessment) and results of written and oral tests. 8 ECTS each.
- Obtain 36 ECTS credits (choosing from general courses offered in the 1st, 2d and 4th years). Evaluation may take place either in December or May (written or oral exams) depending on the course.

The CEP is awarded to all candidates who obtain 60 ECTS and have passed the 3 seminar courses.

AEP (Attestation d'Études Politiques à titre étranger)

The AEP is based on the same program as the CEP (see above) but offered to one-semester students.

The AEP is awarded to all candidates who obtain 30 ECTS and have passed the 3 seminar courses.

More information :

https://www.sciencespobordeaux.fr/en/international-students-and-programs/french-exchange-for-credit-programs/political-studies-certificate-attestation.html

EXAMS

Exchange students have specific exams. They cannot take their exams with regular students.

Mid-December	1st semester exams
End of April to mid-May	2nd semester exams

There is no re-sit exam. We recommend students to take more credits than necessary. Students cannot choose how and when they want to take their exams.

EQUIVALENCE OF ECTS FOR LECTURE AND SEMINAR COURSES	
• 36 hours = 8 ECTS • 18 hours = 4 ECTS	• Seminar course = 4/8 ECTS • Guest lecturer course = 2 ECTS • French as Foreign language = 4 or 6 ECTS

GRADING SYSTEM

A: An excellent performance, clearly outstanding. The candidate demonstrates excellent judgement and a high degree of independent thinking.	**Excellent**	**16 – 20 / 20**
B: A very good performance. The candidate demonstrates sound judgement and a very good degree of independent thinking.	**Very good**	**14 – 15 / 20**
C: A good performance. The candidate demonstrates a reasonable degree of judgement and independent thinking in the most important areas.	**Good**	**12 – 13 / 20**
D: A satisfactory performance, but with significant shortcomings. The candidate demonstrates a limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.	**Satisfactory**	**11 / 20**
E: A performance that meets the minimum criteria, but no more. The candidate demonstrates a very limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.	**Sufficient**	**10 / 20**
F: A performance that does not meet the minimum academic criteria. The candidate demonstrates an absence of judgement and independent thinking.	**Fail**	**< 10 / 20**

VISA

International students will need to go through mandatory administrative formalities. Non-EU students will have to apply for a VISA (a student one) at the nearest French consulate or embassy before coming to France. Students must check if they need to obtain a visa to come to France. If so, submit a pre-consular request via the Etudes en France website https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/dyn/public/authentification/login.html?codeLangue=EN

Students studying for a full academic year will first receive a VISA to enter France and will then have to apply for a residence permit via OFII.

Useful website: https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/visa-long-sejour-etudiant (French)

https://www.campusfrance.org/en/student-long-stay-visa (English)

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HEALTH INSURANCE

EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENS · Students must have the European Health Insurance Card.

NON-EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENS · Students must have a private medical insurance or register to the French Health Care system (Sécurité sociale) through CPAM (https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/) when they arrive. It is free and they will have to do the registration by themselves. It is mandatory to choose one of these options.

ACCOMMODATION

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Students who wish to stay in a university accommodation named CROUS should apply online via: https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr/envole/ Inscription and obtain their INE number.

CROUS = the organization responsible for managing student accommodation, restaurants, grants, etc.

They must email their registration data to Eléna Dubâa before June 1, 2025 (first semester's students) or before October 25, 2025 (second semester's students): e.dubaa@sciencespobordeaux.fr

1. **refurbished/renovated rooms in halls of residence on campus (village 3 & 5)**

The rooms (9 or 12m²) are furnished and have showers and toilets. The kitchen is shared with 4 other rooms. Average price: 250€ a month, service charges included.

2. **studio flats managed by the CROUS**

These flats are in Emile Durkheim, Pierre Gilles de Gennes, Les Lumières residences which are close to the school. Rooms are around 18m2. Average price: 380-477€ a month, service charges included.

WARNING

1. The application on the CROUS website does not mean the automatic assignment of a room
2. Two months' rent + 100 EUR of reservation fees must be paid before the arrival
3. A complete rent file must be sent to your residence
4. Before leaving you must give one-month's notice

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is difficult to find in Bordeaux. Students are responsible for finding their own accommodation. Before leaving you must give three-month's notice.

Rough guide on rent prices:

- Studio/T1 (between 20 and 30 m²): from 500€/month
- T2 (between 35 and 45 m²): from 600 €/month
- T3 (between 55 and 70 m²): from 750 €/month

The Internet can be very useful:

- Hotels and residences: www.estudines.fr ; www.adele.org ; www.teneo.fr
- Colocations: www.appartager.com ; www.paruvendu.fr/immobilier/colocation ; www.SousLouer.com

- Apartments / Studios: www.studapart.com ; www.lokaviz.fr ; www.paruvendu.fr/immobilier/location ; www.pap.fr ; www.annoncesjaunes.fr ; www.info-jeune.net ; www.mapiaule.com ; www.leboncoin.fr ;
- Institutional websites: www.etudiant.gouv.fr ; www.anil.org

Students have the possibility to apply for the financial housing assistance from the state body CAF

ESTIMATED MONTHLY BUDGET

- Housing from 250€ to 800€
- Food from 200€ to 400€
- Books from 50€ to 150€
- Transportation around 30€ per month
- Miscellaneous from 100€ to 400€