





Sciences Po Aix operates in a highly competitive area of higher education and research, in which competition now reaches far beyond national borders. Our aim is to welcome international students and researchers, while supporting international integration for Sciences Po Aix students and researchers. Our attractive range of unique, professional courses, high-quality research, and openness to the socio-economic world have undoubtedly boosted the credibility of our institution.

There can be no “Grande École” without great ambition. Sciences Po Aix has a duty to remain loyal to a tradition, with its deep roots in its Euro-Mediterranean environment. Driven by an avant-garde spirit, Sciences Po Aix cultivates each student’s appetite for innovation, agility and creativity. In a world that is being shaken by existential challenges, our School must be one of the places where we think about change and how to support it.

Pr. Rostane Mehdi,
Director of Sciences Po Aix



A **Grande École** in **social** and **human** **sciences**

As a public higher education institution created in 1956, the purpose of Sciences Po Aix is to train executives for the public and private sectors of the future.

The school offers multidisciplinary training for undergraduates who are curious about the world around them and have a desire to understand the changes taking place in it.

Connected to Aix-Marseille University through an agreement, Sciences Po Aix is a member of the **Conference of Grandes Écoles** and part of the **ScPo Network**, which brings together seven Institutes of Political Studies: Sciences Po Aix, Lille, Lyon, Rennes, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, Strasbourg and Toulouse.

High school students often ask, “which specialism will give me the best chance in the competitive entrance exam?” to which we reply, “the one you will do best in”.

The 5-year diploma develops students’ analytical and decision-making skills, based on a solid foundation in social and human sciences and specialised knowledge.

The first year is devoted to a common core of multidisciplinary classes and methodologies in the major fields of social sciences: political science, economic and management sciences, law, history, sociology and languages.

The second year offers students the opportunity to pre-specialise in international careers and in one of the following three domains:

- Civil service
- Political analysis and strategy
- Economics and management

The third year is dedicated to international mobility in the form of a 6-month internship and a semester of study, two semesters at a university or two semesters of internship.

In their fourth year, students specialise by choosing one of the Master’s 1 options.

In the fifth year, students move towards the professional world or academic research through their specialisation chosen from among the Master’s options, all while completing a long-term internship.



1800 students



42 student organisations



250 international students



59 teachers including
31 teaching and research staff
+ 450 expert professional lecturers
+ 13 guest teaching and research staff



8 standard Master’s programmes
broken down into 14 options



3 research labs
(political science, history
economics, sociology, law)



139 international agreements
in 42 countries
across 5 continents



13,254 alumni



87% employment rate



Sciences Po Aix, **doorway to the world**

Sciences Po Aix is, above all, a school open to the world. Ever intent on enhancing this openness, the school has strengthened its partnerships and increased exchanges with foreign universities. Each year, nearly **250 international students** are welcomed to various programs, for a semester or a year.

Third-year Sciences Po Aix students undertake an **academic and/or professional experience abroad**. This internationalisation allows for a high level of student and faculty mobility, development of scientific programmes, and hosting of researchers from all over the world.

Sciences Po Aix's international commitment has a strong impact on its **teaching methods**: class content constantly updated, pedagogical innovation, foreign language modules developed and internationalisation integrated at all levels of the school.



A high-level **professional course**

Sciences Po Aix offers a wide range of Master's-level professional courses that combine deepening of **fundamental knowledge in social sciences** (political science, economic and management sciences, law, history, sociology), **classes in methodologies** to master tools for evaluation, decision-making, reporting, and so on. And lastly, classes to develop **general student skills** (group work, decision-making, choosing projects, business plans, simulating international negotiations, etc.), operational skills that support **graduate employability**.

To put the finishing touch to this training, the **Careers programme** offers students custom support in creating their professional plan, from their first year onwards.



The Sciences Po Aix Diploma

First part			Master's part	
1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year
60 ECTS credits	120 ECTS credits	180 ECTS credits	240 ECTS credits	300 ECTS credits
Admission through a joint competitive exam, accessible for high school graduates from the current year and previous year	Admission through a competitive exam, accessible for students who have passed 60 ECTS credits.	Year of international mobility	Admission through a competitive exam, accessible for students who have passed 180 ECTS credits.	Year of obtaining the Sciences Po Aix Diploma and Master's 2
Multidisciplinary course and choice of pre-specialisation modules in 2 nd year		Academic mobility in a foreign university and/or internship abroad	Multidisciplinary course and choice of a Master's 1 option allowing for specialisation	Choice of a Master's 2 option at the university or abroad

Special programmes

The Franco-German programme

In partnership with Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg-im-Breisgau, Sciences Po Aix offers a 5-year course where students alternate between the two institutions. The cohort is made up of 30 students (15 French and 15 German) on a course that provides three diplomas: the Master's from University of Freiburg, the Sciences Po Aix Diploma and the Master's corresponding to the chosen specialisation.

The Executive Education programme

The Sciences Po Aix Diploma in lifelong learning aims to provide mastery of fundamentals in terms of general culture, history, public law, political science, economics and English. It is targeted at professionals returning to study and job-seekers. This general, multi-disciplinary, Master's-level course is recognised by local, national and international employers and issued after two years of study.

The École de l’Air programme

Candidates selected from the École de l’Air competitive exam complete a 3-year course, in order to serve in the air force officer corps. The course is validated by the award of the diploma (after passing the written and oral exams and completing a thesis in the 2nd year at École de l’Air) and the Master's in Geostrategy, Defence and International Security.

8 Master's programmes

Along with the Sciences Po Aix Diploma, the various Master's programmes offer specialisations that prepare students for the professional world or for academic research.

- Public-sector careers
- International political communication and democratic risks
- Political dynamics and changes in societies (Arab World, Mediterranean, Europe)
- International expertise (work/study option in M2)
- Geostrategy, defence and international security (work/study option in M2)
- Information professions: communication, lobbying, media
- Cultural policy and patronage
- European policies and transnational action

Research at Sciences Po Aix

Research is a particular focus of attention at Sciences Po Aix, whether in terms of the scientific work done by the School's teaching and research staff, or the place allowed for scientific culture in classes for the Diploma and Master's programs.

Highly involved as it is in structuring and coordinating academic activities in the region, Sciences Po Aix supports many projects in cooperation with other local scientific operators, especially with **Aix-Marseille University**. In partnership with **CNRS**, the two institutions have recently created a new research unit, the Mediterranean Centre of Sociology, Political Science and History (**MESOPOLHIS** UMR 7064).

Teaching and research staff from Sciences Po Aix supervise and accompany social science PhD candidates. Theses may be undertaken in **economic science** at **AMSE**, law at **DICE**, or **history** and political science at **Mesopolhis**.

Sciences Po Aix is also a founding member of the A*Midex Excellence Initiative and the Institute of Advanced Studies of Aix-Marseille University (IMéRA).

+ Specialised Master's in Intelligence (Bac+6)

Sciences Po Aix, in partnership with the École de l'Air, is offering the first Specialised Master's in Intelligence in France, a new high-level, post-master's course combining academic learning with an operational approach.

3 labs:

- **MESOPOLHIS, UMR 7064:** Mediterranean Centre of Sociology, Political Science and History
- **AMSE:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics
- **DICE, UMR 7318:** International, Compared and European Law Laboratory

The Competitive Examination Preparation Centre / **CPAG**

The Competitive Examination Preparation Centre aims to prepare candidates for category-A examinations for admission to the central government, hospital and local civil service.

The CPAG offers **five courses**, in which 350 students are enrolled. Thanks to these courses, students can take the various civil service examinations **in the best possible conditions**. Student success rates attest to their efficiency: over 100 are admitted each year in the category-A exams.

In 2021, as part of the Civil Service Talent program, a “Talent” class with 25 spots was opened in the Prép'ENA – Competitive Examinations course. Candidates accepted to the “Talent” class receive pedagogical, material and financial support.

Executive Education

In an ever-changing environment, Executive Education makes it possible for professionals to keep their knowledge and understanding right up to date. It also provides them with the opportunity to enhance and open up their career through a top-quality, multidisciplinary program.

Sciences Po Aix offers:

- The **Sciences Po Aix Diploma through lifelong learning**: available to applicants who have completed 3 years of higher education (Bac+3) or by accreditation of prior learning, this 2-year course is equivalent to a Master's.
- **14 Certificates**: intensive training programmes aimed at executives and directors, to strengthen their skills and develop new projects.
- A short training course in communication





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