SUMMER SCHOOL & SHORT COURSES

University Programme: Summer School & Winter School

Pre-College Programme
DISCOVER

Sciences Po, France’s leading university in the social sciences

Founded in 1872, Sciences Po is a highly selective research university known around the world for its tradition of academic excellence and international focus. Serving 13,000 students from the undergraduate to Ph.D. levels, the university is characterised by its multidisciplinary, multilingual and global approach.

Every year, this prestigious institution of higher learning opens its doors to host the Sciences Po Summer School. Participants from around the world have the opportunity to experience Sciences Po’s academic environment and to become a part of its international community.
Two programmes, one unforgettable experience

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

- Choose between two academic tracks: Social sciences or French language.
- **Summer School:** Two separate four-week sessions during the months of June and July.
- **Winter School:** an intensive 3-week session of study in January
- Held on the Paris campus in the historic Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood.
- Open to university students and graduates, as well as students in their final year of secondary school who will enroll in university in the following academic year.

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMME

- Challenging coursework in the social sciences with optional French language studies.
- Two separate two-week sessions.
- Study on both the Reims and Paris campuses.
- Open to students who will be at least 15 years old at the time of the programme and enrolled in secondary school in the following academic year.
SUMMER SCHOOL

SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND/OR FRENCH LANGUAGE

During the summer sessions, students pick one core class from either academic track and, in addition, may choose to take an optional elective class.

Social sciences track
The social sciences track offers the opportunity to delve into a fundamental discipline of Sciences Po, such as political science, international relations, economics, and more. Students in the social sciences track choose one core course for intensive study for the duration of the session. All social science courses are taught in English.

French language track
Students in the French language track take their core classes at one of six levels adapted to their knowledge of the French language. At all levels, classes focus on developing language skills while delving into French culture and contemporary issues. Language learning is also reinforced through oral and written expression workshops, which are adapted to each level.

Elective classes
In addition to their core studies, all students may take an optional elective course in topics ranging from the social sciences to French language and culture. These classes are an opportunity for students to delve more deeply into a subject of interest, or to explore a new topic. Students may take one elective class per session.

Winter School
The new Winter School session allows students to explore contemporary challenges by taking one course of intensive study in the social sciences during the month of January. The small class sizes provide for an interactive learning environment that creates close connections to other students and professors. The Winter School includes a variety of social and cultural activities to allow students to get to know each other outside of class.
Paris before and after class
From Sciences Po’s campus in the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood, students can easily reach some of the city’s most famous landmarks on foot, including the Musée d’Orsay, the Luxembourg Gardens, the Louvre and the Seine River.

Studying in the “City of Light”
The Summer School takes full advantage of Sciences Po’s location in the heart of Paris. Academic programmes utilise the city as a laboratory for learning, and feature trips to monuments, museum exhibitions, and guided tours through historic districts.
STUDY
CHALLENGING COURSEWORK IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FRENCH LANGUAGE

Classes in the Pre-College Programme are designed to introduce students to the key disciplines and methodologies of a Sciences Po education.

Participants explore current international issues from an interdisciplinary perspective through thematic master classes taught by Sciences Po professors. Interactive tutorials reinforce learning, while preparing students for university studies in France or elsewhere through an emphasis on academic methodology.

Elective classes allow students to focus on one of Sciences Po’s core disciplines (such as international relations, political science, or economics) or to study French language.

Outside the classroom
After classes and on weekends, the Pre-College Programme allots time for group activities and individual study. Students have the opportunity to participate in cultural visits, social activities and excursions.

Students are housed together in rooms located in proximity to the Sciences Po campus. Counsellors are present 24 hours a day. Meals are provided by the Summer School both on campus and off.
EXPLORE
REIMS AND PARIS

Two campuses, two cities

During the Pre-College Programme, students get the chance to live in both Reims and Paris. They will study on two of Sciences Po’s most beautiful campuses.

The first week takes place on the beautiful Sciences Po campus in Reims, a 17th century Jesuit college that has been restored to integrate state-of-the-art amenities. A medium-sized city in the heart of France’s famous Champagne region, Reims is an ideal location for participants to immerse themselves in French life and culture.

The programme culminates with a week in Paris, where students take classes on Sciences Po’s flagship campus in the historic Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood, and visit the capital’s major landmarks.

The Pre-College Programme was an academically enriching experience. It allowed me to develop an understanding of a European perspective on global politics, which I had never been exposed to before. Not to mention, I made so many friends from a wide range of countries, which was really special.

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