Paris, France
(or regional campus options in Dijon, Menton, Nancy, Poitiers or Reims)

*Sciences Po*

USC’s exchange program in France is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of French life and culture. The program at Institut d’Études Politiques, also known as Sciences Po, is situated in the heart of Paris in the historic Saint-Germain-des-Prés/Quartier Latin neighborhood. Students also have the option of studying at one of Sciences Po’s regional campuses located throughout France. Founded in 1872, Sciences Po is well-known for preparing graduates for future careers in business, public administration, communications, and media. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program at Sciences Po offers a specifically designed International Program for international students. Students have the option of taking courses in French, English or a combination of the two. Students can also choose a concentration in economics and business, European studies, French studies, history, international relations, law, political science and sustainable development. All classes are taught by French faculty, a great majority of who are practitioners in their respective fields. All non-francophone students are required to take a French language course.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least junior standing prior to attending Sciences Po. Students do not need to be proficient in French unless they will be taking their coursework in French (typically having completed 6 semesters of college level French or its equivalent). A minimum 3.3 GPA is required to attend Sciences Po.

Students can choose to study in Paris or at one of the Sciences Po regional campuses. Each regional campus has a specific academic and language focus:

- Sciences Po in Dijon: Central and Eastern European Studies, Slavic languages
- Sciences Po in Menton: Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Studies, Arabic language
- Sciences Po in Nancy: Franco-German Studies, German language
- Sciences Po in Poitiers: Ibero-American Studies, Spanish and Portuguese languages
- Sciences Po in Reims: Transatlantic Relations Studies, all courses in English

[Quartier Latin, Paris]

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Courses and Credits
Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of courses offered in the International Program in Paris. Some courses may only be offered in French. A full course listing can be found at [http://college.sciences-po.fr/siteparis/course-catalogue](http://college.sciences-po.fr/siteparis/course-catalogue)

International Program Course Titles
- Introduction to Globalization
- Cross-Cultural Management
- Money and Banking
- International Political Economy
- The EU as an International Actor
- Discrimination in Europe
- The French Revolution and Napoleon
- French Media Studies
- Contemporary France: A Political History
- Politics of World Cup Football

Living Arrangements
Sciences Po does not offer on-campus housing at the Paris campus, but does assist students in arranging accommodation. Students should arrive in advance of the semester start date in order to secure housing in Paris. Students choosing a regional campus will have on-campus housing options. Room and board costs can range between 600€ and 800€ a month and vary based on the type of accommodation chosen. For more information, go to [http://formation.sciences-po.fr/content/logement](http://formation.sciences-po.fr/content/logement)

Budgeting
Paris is one of the most expensive cities in the world so students need to plan accordingly. Depending on the type of housing the student wants, he/she should arrive in Paris with 3000€ to 5000€ available. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. For an estimated breakdown, click here: [http://www.international.sciences-po.fr/en/living-france](http://www.international.sciences-po.fr/en/living-france)

Insurance
For students under 28 years old, the French health insurance is required. The cost of the insurance is 195€ and it can be purchased at the school. This is in addition to the required USC insurance. Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad.

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students that attend Sciences Po for a semester or academic year are required to register with Campus France and go in person to the French Embassy or Consulate to obtain a French visa. For more information on the visa process, please visit [http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article605](http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article605)

Footnotes

You can visit the regional Sciences-Po campus web sites for further information on those locations: