



# Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye School of Government





Sciences Po Saint-Germain is the youngest school of government in France, founded in 2013 by two leading universities: CY Cergy Paris Université and Université Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. As such our institution brings together an inquiring mindset and the long-established excellence of French higher education.

*It is ideally located in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, a dynamic and beautiful town, a stone's throw from Paris.*

*We aim at training tomorrow's practitioners in the public service, NGOs and the private sector, practitioners who will master the necessary competences and skills, combined with a spirit of commitment, excellence and open-mindedness.*

*Our founding parents provide the backbone of our teaching faculty as well as a strong support towards our international development. Thinking international is indeed in the DNA of our institution. One of our strategic goals today is to develop a coherent and diversified global outlook, in terms of study offer, partnerships and research.*

**Céline Braconnier** . Professor of Political Science - Director of Sciences Po Saint-Germain

## What we believe in

- **Excellence:** a highly selective entrance exam, a rigorous training, two CNRS research centers, 22 Master's degrees, and access to more Masters in other Sciences Po around France,
- **International and multidisciplinary education,** reflecting our strong belief in open-mindedness and tolerance
- **Community:** a close-knit community where each one counts and is emboldened to do one's best
- **Professionalization:** interactions with practitioners-teachers, compulsory internships and research projects prepare the students for their work life
- **Innovation:** Sciences Po Saint-Germain is constantly looking at innovative digital tools, unique programs and new partners
- **Building the European University:** we are part of EUTOPIA, a core group of 6 like-minded universities which fosters learning and teaching across disciplines, countries, cultures and languages.

## Undergraduate and Graduate programs

**Sciences Po Saint-Germain offers undergraduate (3-year) and graduate (or Master, 2-year) programs.**

To become effective and responsible leaders of the 21st century, we believe that our students need an in-depth understanding of Political Science, International Relations, Law, Economics, Sociology and History. Moreover, foreign languages are also among our priorities.

Undergraduates are encouraged to take electives outside of the core curriculum, because policy issues are increasingly complex and must be approached from a variety of angles. 'Soft skills' such as communication and team work are an integral part of the learning experience, with students applying their knowledge in case-studies and in the field.

Graduate students specialize in 'International and European Affairs', 'Law and Public Policy', 'Culture and Communication' or 'Management, Economy and Finance'. Sciences Po Saint-Germain has also partnered with prestigious institutions to create highly-specialized Master's programs: *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Versailles*, *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Art de Paris-Cergy*, *Audencia Business School*, and *Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage*.

## Research in Social Sciences

Two CNRS centers host the research of most of our faculty members: CESDIP (criminal justice institutions) and Printemps (social sciences and political sociology). Sciences Po Saint-Germain has its own Research Chair focusing on civil rights, and is a partner of the Maison Française d'Oxford.



## The world meets at Sciences Po Saint-Germain

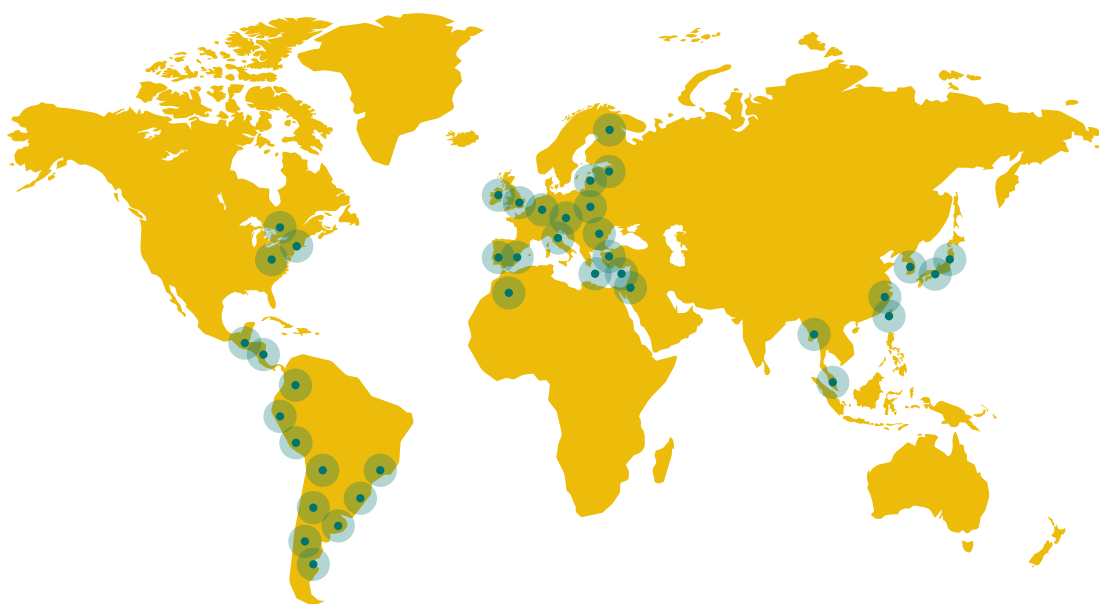
▴▴ The international perspective is a key feature of our training. Its main goal is to foster the ability to work in an international environment, to grasp intercultural differences and to build on them.

All our students spend their 3rd year abroad, doing a study program in one of our 70 partner universities located in 40 countries, with new destinations every year. We welcome about 50 exchange students each year, who experience excellence in teaching in our institution and the rich cultural and intellectual life of the Paris area.

Sciences Po Saint-Germain has also set up a unique cursus in international cooperation, combining the study of complex policy issues and project work with NGOs mainly in Asia and Africa. ▴▴

**Samuel B.H. Faure** ▴ Associate Professor of Political Science - Director of International Relations

## Our Partners



## Coming as an exchange or free-mover student

**We welcome students from our partner universities through Erasmus+ or bilateral agreements**, for one semester or a full year. Students from non-partner universities can apply to our free-movers program. They have access to the same curriculum and the same support services.

All visiting students shape their own curriculum, selecting classes (lectures and seminars) from our undergraduate programs and some of our graduate courses, in English or in French, according to their interests and their goals. Some courses are designed just for international students, and expand on topics specific to France. At Sciences Po Saint-Germain, students who do not speak French can pursue their studies in English for a full academic year. If they want to improve their French, we offer free 'French as a Foreign Language' classes on campus to all foreign

students. Beyond the oral and written competences, the classes emphasize conversation and French culture, turning the exchange program into a great opportunity to learn or improve one's skills in French communication.

The International Relations Office provides information and support to incoming students: application, visa, accommodation, health insurance, choice of courses... During Orientation week, students discover their new environment and get started in their new life. Moreover, World, one of our student associations, helps international students integrate in France and in the student life with a mentoring program, help-desk and numerous after-school activities along the year.

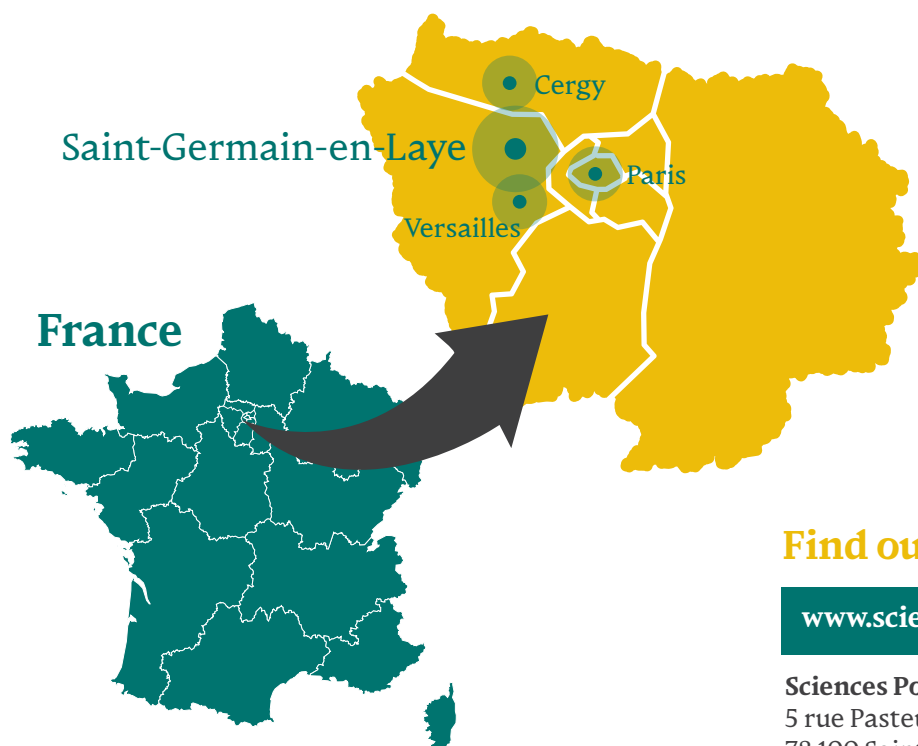
## Degree-seeking students

International students looking for a diploma program can apply for our undergraduate or graduate programs, through the regular admission process. It is a rare opportunity to study in a top-level French institution.

## A unique location: Living the French experience

At Sciences Po Saint-Germain, students live fully the French way of life. The school is situated in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, a historic city where Louis XIV was born in 1638. Saint-Germain-en-Laye is renowned for its castle, its incredible view over Paris, its museums and its splendid forest with hundreds of kilometers of paths. The vibrant old city center brims with cultural venues, shops, open-air markets, cafés and restaurants. One cannot live in a more French town than Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

Ten minutes by bus from the city center, the campus is home to charming old buildings from the beginning of the 20th century in a leafy park, along with a large library, restaurant and gym. Saint-Germain-en-Laye is only 20 minutes from La Défense – the biggest financial district in Europe – and 30 minutes from Paris center by the subway, allowing students and faculty to enjoy the amazing cultural life of the City of Lights, its monuments and stunning architecture.



### Find out more on

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