

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLITICAL SCIENCE

The international relations field spent a long time finding its identity in the academic world. At the outset, it was assimilated to the history of war and peace, the activities of the strategists and those of the diplomats who followed them on the world stage. The growing importance of diplomatic history corresponded to the dream of peaceful conflict resolution. However, the twentieth century saw the emergence of forces which gradually reduced the role of the traditional diplomatic actors; ideologies and the means of massively disseminating them, the ability to produce and exchange (ideas and merchandise alike), the ability to invent technologies which render obsolete the territorial conquests which used to be the expression of power, rapid communications networks have all made the Nation-States seem old-fashioned.

Are these political forms which have shaped individual identities exhausted? The new international actors - the large multinational corporations or, in terms of media coverage at least, the NGOs (non-governmental organisations) - might lead us to think so. On the other hand, some specialists see the latest arrival on the international scene - the European Union - as an original attempt by the States of the past to preserve one part of their role in another form, namely the part which public opinion is least likely to call into question: ensuring the security and development of a community shaped by a common history.

We can see that international relations is an interdisciplinary field par excellence, one which calls for a simultaneous interest in law, economics, conflicts (increasingly provoked by the scarcity of natural resources, such as water), cultures, languages, geopolitics, history, mathematical models and so on. It is also the field where uncertainty is a fact of life, since forecasts are often cruelly refuted by events which slip through the nets of our systems, however clever these may be.

See "Social Economy - Humanitarian Action - Development Assistance" and "Law" data sheets as well.

UNIVERSITIES

In the universities, it is generally possible to specialise in international law, political science or international relations at Masters level. French universities offer a large number of such Masters programs to foreign students with at least three years of post-secondary studies in related fields (law, political science, economics, history and sometimes geography, in function of the diploma sought). Many programs at Master 2 level are presented on the website of the **Edudroit** network (<http://www.edudroit.net>), under "Political Science", "International Law", "International Public Law".

Programs of study:

Amiens, <http://www.u-picardie.fr> : Political Knowledge and Practice, Europe and International

Bordeaux 4, <http://www.u-bordeaux4.fr>: Global Security, Political Thought and Transformations

Cergy-Pontoise, <http://www.u-cergy.fr>: International Economic Relations Law, International Economics and Economic Policies

Clermont-Ferrand 1, <http://www.u-clermont1.fr>: Diplomatic Careers, Contemporary World

Grenoble 2, <http://www.upmf-grenoble.fr>: International and European Studies, specializations in International and European Legal Careers, International Security and Defence, International and European Law

Lille 2, <http://www.univ-lille2.fr>: National and European Defence and Security, Transnational Activities Law, International Law, Political Science

Lyon 3, <http://www.univ-lyon3.fr>: International Expertise, International Organisations, The French-Speaking Community and

Globalisation, International Relations, International Security and Defence

Marne-la-Vallée, <http://www.univ-mlv.fr>: Comparative Political Cultures, Geopolitics and Research

Nancy 2, <http://www.univ-nancy2.fr>: Public Law - Political Science, European Studies (6 specializations)

Nice, <http://www.unice.fr>: European and International Regulations

Paris 1, <http://www.univ-paris1.fr>: International Law and International Organisations, International Economic Law, International Administration, Comparative Law (7 specializations), Political Science (3 specializations including International Relations)

Paris 2, <http://www.u-paris2.fr>: International Public Law, International Relations Law, International Relations, International Administrations, Political Studies, Defence, Geostrategy and Industrial Dynamics, Security Law and Strategy

Paris 5, <http://www.univ-paris5.fr>: Masters in International Practices, specializations: Development Law and Policy, Export Practice and Law, Methods of Anticipation for Decision-making - Forecasting Practices

Paris 8, <http://www.univ-paris8.fr>: European and International Studies (4 specializations), Geopolitics (2 specializations), Euro-Mediterranean Relations, North African World, Political Science

Paris Dauphine, <http://www.dauphine.fr>: Economics and International Affairs (3 specializations), European Political Science, Political Ideas and Understanding of the Contemporary World

Paris 10, <http://www.u-paris10.fr>: International and European Economic Relations Law, Comparative Political Sociology

Paris 11, <http://www.jm.u-psud.fr>: International and European Activities (3 specializations), Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations

Paris 13, <http://www.univ-paris13.fr>: Strategic Studies, European and International Law

Pau, <http://www.univ-pau.fr>: European and International Economic

Integration, Cross-Border and International Co-operation, European Legal Integration
Poitiers, <http://www.univ-poitiers.fr>: Law, Security, Defence; History of Modern and Contemporary Institutions
Reims, <http://www.univ-reims.fr>: Central and Eastern Europe Specialists, Public and Private Administrator in Africa
Rennes 1, <http://formations.univ-rennes1.fr>: European Policy Law and Management, Domestic and International Public Law, Political Studies, European Studies
Strasbourg 3, <http://masterm2.u-strasbg.fr>: Politics and Society (3 specializations), International Relations (2 specializations), European Politics (3 specializations)
Toulon, <http://www.univ-tln.fr>: Euro-Mediterranean Legal Areas, specializations in Practice of Euro-Mediterranean Relations, Euro-Mediterranean Security and Defence
Toulouse 1, <http://www.univ-tlse1.fr>: Comparative Public Law in French-Speaking Countries, International Law and Comparative Law, Political Sociology, International Relations, Geopolitics and International Relations
Versailles, <http://www.uvsq.fr>: International and European Public Law, Careers in the Public Sector and in Politics

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS

Certain universities offer degree programmes in International Law and Political Science for foreign students seeking to prepare for university studies in France:

Lyon 3, <http://www.univ-lyon3.fr>: International Relations
Paris 2, <http://www.u-paris2.fr>: Public International Law, Political Science
Pau, <http://www.univ-pau.fr>: International Studies
Strasbourg 3, <http://www.urs.u-strasbg.fr>: Certificate in European Political Studies, Certificate in "Concepts of Comparative European International Law"
Toulouse 1, <http://www.univ-tlse1.fr>: Institute for International and Development Studies

POLITICAL STUDIES INSTITUTES

The nine Instituts d'études politiques (Political Studies Institutes, IEP) are highly selective "Grandes Ecoles", often attached to universities (with the exception of Sciences Po in Paris). They constitute the leading institutions for the study of international relations and political science in France.

Foreign students can enrol in the classic curriculum, leading to a diploma corresponding to 5 years of university studies, or they can choose specific programs leading to one of two Political Studies Certificates: the CEP (annual program) or the AEP (semester program).

Students applying for the classic curriculum must have a diploma equivalent to the French baccalauréat and take an entrance examination. For the CEP/AEP programs, admission is based on the student's academic record.

Sciences Po in Paris offers different international programs for the first two years of post-secondary study (known as the first cycle):

- **East-European 1st cycle in Dijon:**
<http://www.est-europe.sciences-po.fr>
- **Franco-German 1st cycle in Nancy:**
<http://www.franco-allemand.sciences-po.fr>
- **Méditerranéan Middle East 1st cycle in Menton:**
<http://www.mom.sciences-po.fr>
- **Ibero-American 1st cycle in Poitiers:**
<http://spoutnik.mediactive.fr/~philogia/sciences-po-poitiers>
- 1st cycle in Paris: http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/cycle1/premier_cycle.htm
- **Duple curriculum Science-Political Science 1st cycle with the Université Paris 6:** http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/cycle1/annee1/cycle1a1_scientifique.htm
- **1st year Asia cycle:** http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/cycle1/annee1/cycle1a1_asie.htm

Foreign students can also go directly into the Masters programs (Professional or Research) offered by Sciences Po Paris:

International Careers, European Careers, Political History and Theory, International Relations, Comparative Societies and Politics, Economic Governance, Sociology of Action: Organisation, Market, Political Regulation; or the IEP in Toulouse: International Relations and Security, Geopolitics and International Relations, Political Sociology of Government Processes.

Websites of the IEPs:

- **Aix-en-Provence:** <http://www.iep-aix.fr>
- **Bordeaux:** <http://www.sciencespobordeaux.fr>
- **Grenoble:** <http://www.sciences-po.upmf-grenoble.fr>
- **Lille:** <http://195.83.2.11>
- **Lyons:** <http://iep.univ-lyon2.fr>
- **Paris:** <http://www.sciences-po.fr>
- **Rennes:** <http://www.rennes.iep.fr>
- **Strasbourg:** <http://www.iep.u-strasbg.fr>
- **Toulouse:** <http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr>

SPECIALISED SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES

EHESS, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (School of Advanced Studies in Social Science), <http://www.ehess.fr>, Paris: Research Masters in Political Studies, open to foreigners with at least 3 years of prior university studies.

INALCO, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilisations), <http://www.inalco.fr>, Paris: Professional in International Expertise open to applicants with a diploma corresponding to 4 years of university studies and knowledge of one Oriental language or who have completed the institute's basic program.

IPRIS, Institut privé de relations internationales et stratégiques (Private Institute for International and Strategic Relations), <http://www.iris-france.org>, Paris: private diploma equivalent to 4 or 5 years of university studies in International Relations, Economics and International Relations, European Strategic Issues or International Actions of Local and Regional Bodies.

HEP-HEI-ESJ, Paris, <http://www.hep-hei-esj.net>: two schools in this group - École des Hautes études internationales (School for Advanced International Studies) and École des Hautes études politiques (School for Advanced Political Studies) - offer programs at different levels, from 1st cycle to Masters in Strategic Studies and Defence Policy, International Affairs, International Civil Service and Political Science; the **CEDS**, Centre d'Etudes diplomatiques et stratégiques (Centre for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies), <http://www.ceds-fr.com>, offers decision-makers responsible for their country's foreign relations, career diplomats, consular officials or private-sector executives with the Masters indicated above a Doctorate in International Relations and Diplomacy, as well as various other further training courses and programs.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

The Catholic universities offer a certain number of programs specialised in international law:

Lille, <http://www.univ-catholilille.fr>: Professional Master of Law in Transnational Activities Law (2 specializations)

Paris, <http://www.icp.fr/fasse>: Joint FASSE / AUP Masters (M2) - Sociology of Conflicts / Master of Arts in International Affairs, Conflict Management and Civil Society Development; Research Masters Geopolitics of Religions; Professional Masters European Relations.

USEFUL LINKS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr>

Institut français des relations internationales:

<http://www.ifri.org>

Le Monde diplomatique (monthly review of international politics):

<http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr>

Centre d'études et de recherches internationales:

<http://www.ceri-sciencespo.com>

Fondation pour la recherche stratégique:

<http://www.frstrategie.org>

Institut de relations internationales et stratégiques:

<http://www.iris-france.org>