

Study Plan Double Degree in International Affairs with Sciences Po Bordeaux

1st year at Luiss – a.y. 2025-2026

Master's Degree in International Relations – Study Plan Abroad

Courses attended at Luiss	ECTS Credits	Recognition in SPB study plan	ECTS Credits
Research Methods for Social Sciences	6	Only for Luiss Degree	-
Academic and Professional Communication Skills	6		
Module: Digital Tools and Undertaking Research	2	English Language Class (5) English Grand Oral Exam 5A (3)	8
Comparative History of Political Systems	6	History of Europe Fundamental (5) History of Europe Seminar (2)	7
Comparative Politics	6		
Writing and Reading Academic Text	2		
Writing a Master's Thesis	2	International Credit Seeking Mobility	10
International Organizations and Human Rights	6	International Credit Seeking Mobility	9
International Economics	6	International Economy	5
Demography and Social Challenges	6	Only for Luiss Degree	-
Comparative Public Law	6	International Credit Seeking Mobility	9
Second mandatory language ¹	6	Foreign Language Course (5) Foreign Language Grand Oral Exam 5A (3)	8

¹ As stated in the section "3.3.2 Second mandatory language" of the Call for Applications, selected students will need to take and pass the second mandatory language course in Luiss by the end of the 1st year.

2nd year at Sciences Po Bordeaux – a.y. 2026-2027

Courses attended at Sciences Po Bordeaux	Sem.	ECTS	Recognition in Luiss	
			study plan	ECTS
European and International Security Crimes Against Nature: Sustainability and Power in Africa (19 th -21 st Century)	1	4	Core Abroad 1	6
International Economy and Trade	1	4	Elective Abroad 2	6
Globalization: Views from the South (2) Critical Security Studies (4)	1 2	2 4	Core Abroad 2	6
Contemporary Global Issues Open Grand Oral Exam	1 + 2	4	Core Abroad 3	6
English methodology seminar	1 + 2	5	Other Activities IA Literacy	4 4
Global Policymaking on Corruption and Illicit Finance Comparative Border Security	2	2	Elective Abroad 3	6
Coercive States and Alternative Sovereigns in global Cities Maritime Issues From Just War to Asymmetric Warfare: Philosophical Readings of War and Law	2	2	Elective Abroad 1	6
Dissertation	1 + 2	23	Final Work	16

Important Rules

- This study plan is designed for students taking part in the mentioned Double Degree Program and spending the academic year 2026-27 at Sciences Po Bordeaux.
- Interested students are required to read and understand the study plan and its rules. These are to be considered binding to the successful completion of the double degree program. Changes to the study plan are usually not possible. Any request in this sense must be conveyed to International Degree Programs and the Academic Coordinator, that will evaluate the request.
- The listed exams must be taken and passed in the academic year indicated in the scheme (not after). Any possible change must be formally authorized by the Academic Commission.
- During the mobility, students will be subject to the rules of the partner university.
- At the end of the program, if compliant with both Luiss and Sciences Po Bordeaux academic requirements, students will obtain both the Master “Diploma of Sciences Po Bordeaux, Major in

International Affairs” (issued by Sciences Po Bordeaux) and the Master’s Degree in International Relations (issued by Luiss).

Thesis

- Students will complete their theses during their mobility period with two supervisors: one from each University;
- Students must respect the thesis procedures and deadlines from both institutions;
- A document of about 100-120 pages is required. Furthermore, students will meet the requests of their supervisors with reference to the length of the thesis.
- Both supervisors have to approve the proposal, which must meet the standards of both institutions. Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards.
- Students are reminded that they are required to comply with the Luiss regular procedure regarding the thesis assignment, registration for the degree exam and upload of the thesis. For further information, please check the [following page](#).
- Students will defend the thesis at Luiss in the following sessions: Summer session (July) and Autumn Session (October/**early-November maximum**). Due to partner deadlines, students are NOT entitled to defend their thesis in the Extraordinary Session (March/April) and need to defend it in the previous sessions at Luiss.
- Students will defend the thesis at Sciences Po Bordeaux in October (by 15th of the month).

Conversion Table

Courses taken at Sciences Po Bordeaux during the a.y. 2026-27 will be transferred to the Luiss degree according to the following grade conversion table²:

SPB	Luiss
16 - 20	30 e lode
14 - 15,9	30
13 - 13,9	29
12 - 12,9	28
11,5 - 11,9	26
11 - 11,4	25
10 - 10,9	23
<10*	18*

*If conditions are met to validate the exams, otherwise the grade will be equivalent to a Fail (< 18).

² Please note that the conversion table may be revised and updated should the distribution of grades at the partner university change.

While every effort will be made to provide students with complete, accurate and timely information, Luiss reserves the right to change, amend, modify or revoke the aforementioned program. Luiss is not responsible for any cancellation or modification due to events beyond its control. If the program is cancelled or modified for these reasons, Luiss will inform all interested students in a timely manner.

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