

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE



European School of Government

The European School of Government within ICES prepares students for a undergraduate degree ('Licence') in political science taught entirely in English. It offers a classical education, based on traditional principles. The three-year programme includes mandatory and optional lecture courses on politics, geopolitics, regional studies, international relations and political philosophy. It includes research seminars.



Specific advantages:



+ UNIQUE TRAINING

The only degree course in political science in France taught entirely in English



+ INTELLECTUAL TRAINING

Emphasis on developing strong capacities in critical thinking



+ TEACHING METHODS

Original teaching methods combining the best of French and Anglo-American traditions



+ BACHELOR'S THESIS

Emphasis on mastering research methodologies with a bachelor's thesis to be written in 3 years



+ RESEARCH

The programme combines a classical political science education with original research

National bachelor's degree

Admission:

- General baccalaureate or equivalent (subject to application and interview)
- Fluency in English

Rates: consult the online simulator on ices.fr

Possible Professions

- Political analyst
- Geopolitical analyst
- Journalist
- Consultant

Further studies

At ICES :

- Master's degree in Political Science
- Master's degree in International Relations "War Studies"
- Master's degree in Law, Security and Defence

OTHER :

- Master's degree in Political Theory
- Master's degree in International Relations or Regional Studies
- Journalism and Communication
- Master's degree in Management/ MBA

Since its creation, ICES, Catholic Institute of the Vendée, which is one of France's *Grandes Écoles* has prided itself on its «University School» model, i.e. the esprit de corps of a grande école combined with the excellence of university teaching. This model is based on three essential points: intellectual rigour, personalised support and a strong emphasis on methodological training.

Learning objectives

The Bachelor's degree in Political Science – the European School of Government – offers a solid grounding in the great classics of political thought together with analysis of contemporary trends in politics, law, economics, geopolitics, regional studies, international relations and political thought.

Students are guaranteed:

- Personalised follow-up
- Small classes
- Approachable teachers

Programme

(Detailed programme available on ices.fr)

Research seminars: "The Roots and Soul of Western Civilisation", "The Classics of Political Philosophy", Comparative Political Institutions, etc.

Model United Nations

† **Languages:** all courses taught in English; French language courses for non French-speaking students; other languages for French-speaking students (German, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Russian, Arabic).

† Certificat Voltaire for French

† Frequent conferences, symposia, topical seminars, etc.

At ICES, student community life is very active, with 40 accredited student associations on campus.

Objectives and skills:

1st Year :

- Acquiring analytical methods in geopolitics and international relations
- Critical engagement with the concepts and thinkers of political philosophy

2nd Year :

- Understanding and developing research abilities
- Developing conceptual capacities

3rd Year :

- Being able to defend a research project through peer-review
- Combining different levels of analysis to explain complex political situations



› Profile of the political science student:

- Rigorous
- Motivated
- Curious
- Organised

30 students
on average



A class on a human
scale

+77% success rate



3-year bachelor's degree
success rate

« An excellent course for young people interested in a career in international politics, based on solid foundations and traditional principles. »

John Laughland, lecturer in Political Science.

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