

### ADMISSIONS 2019: A NEW RECORD IN APPLICATIONS

**The 2019 Admissions Report reaffirms Sciences Po's attractiveness as an institution, recording, for the second year running, over 20,000 applications (20,809 compared to 20,621 in 2018) from the undergraduate to the doctor level. An increase in selectivity (with the overall acceptance rate shifting from 21% in 2018 to 20% in 2019) and diversity among candidates is a stamp of the excellence of the university's course offering. Total class numbers have remained stable this year.**

#### Undergraduate Admissions

Sciences Po retains its appeal for high school students, with 11,123 applicants sitting the first round of entrance exams (including dual-degree programmes with French and international universities). That represents a 1.5 % increase from 2018, which saw 10,957 high school students apply. 2019 applicants came from almost 1,600 high schools across France and 1,000 schools around the world.

This year, the exam procedure brought in 5,794 candidates, a 2% increase in comparison to the previous year (5,680 in 2018). 3,343 applicants applied via the international procedure or for one of our nine international dual-degrees (compared to 3,325 in 2018), and 857 via the Equal Opportunity Programme (976 in 2018).

All procedures considered, 1,960 students were admitted, a stable intake in relation to last year (1,904 students admitted in 2018), preserving highly selective entry. Among French students admitted this year, more came from outside of the Île-de-France region (59%). Overall, the successful candidates came from 93 countries worldwide. 72% of accepted students began study at one of our six regional campuses in France.

#### Master's Admissions

This year, 8,952 candidates applied to our master's programmes (compared to 8,915 in 2018). A total of 3,771 candidates applied via the French procedure, a stable figure in relation to the previous year (3,717 in 2018). 5,181 students applied via the international procedure and for dual-degrees (5,198 in 2018).

Applications from certain streams continue to increase, in line with the objectives for diversification of applicants which led to procedure reforms in 2017 (replacement of the written exam with a double evaluation of the application portfolio): +24% of applicants came from engineering schools, +19% from scientific studies, +20% from business schools, and +12% from economics studies.

2,047 students were admitted to master's programmes (compared to 2,108 in 2018). 72% of these were accepted via the international procedure or for international dual-degrees, a result that

reinforces the success of our 38 dual-degrees established with partner institutions from 14 countries around the world.

### **Sciences Po remains one the most socially inclusive selective institutions worldwide**

With 2,094 students admitted via our Equal Opportunities Programme since the launch of the initiative in 2001, Sciences Po positions itself as a key actor in social diversity within higher education. Above and beyond the Equal Opportunities Programme, our sliding-scale system of fee allocation and extensive policy of financial aid help to boost the social inclusivity of our institution. Sciences Po sets aside a total of approximately 11.1 million euros to go towards the financial aid that benefits 36% of our students (in the form of tuition fee adjustments, needs based scholarships, assistance for students with disabilities, etc).

### **About Sciences Po**

Founded on values of openness and excellence, Sciences Po is an international research university, both selective and open to the world, ranking among the finest institutions in the fields of humanities and social sciences. Its unique model combines a multidisciplinary outlook with a focus on professional application, in order to train leaders capable of understanding and transforming society. Sciences Po ranks fourth worldwide in the field of Social Sciences and International Relations (QS 2018). Diversity is an integral element of Sciences Po's identity, with international students from over 150 countries making up 47% of the student body, and 26% of students receiving scholarships (compared to 6% en 2000).

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