LSE-Sciences Po

UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

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https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/erasmus
10 places for 2nd year undergraduate (or 3rd year PPE) students

You will spend an academic year at one of the Sciences Po campuses:

- Paris
- Dijon
- Le Havre
- Menton
- Nancy
- Poitiers
- Reims

The exchange is additional to the full length of your programme – you will be expected to return to LSE to complete your final year in 2021 – 2022.
Funding for the Exchange

You pay – a proportion of your LSE tuition fees

• Fees for Home / UK students: Amount to be confirmed (£1350 in 2018-19)
• Fees for international students: Amount to be confirmed (£4500 in 2018-19)

You should receive:

• Erasmus Mobility Grant – approximately €300 per month in 2019/2020
• We have submitted our bid for funding for 2020/21 but the exact amount we will receive is uncertain. Your Erasmus grant will not cover the full amount of your exchange

Home UK/EU students:

• LSE Bursary/LSE EU Bursary (if you receive this in UK, you will also receive for your year in France)

• Additional Erasmus funding is available for those with recognised Widening Participation needs or Specific Needs.
The LSE Selection Process 1: Applying

• Complete the application form, which is available on our web pages


• Submit an electronic copy by email to Erasmus@lse.ac.uk with the subject title – Undergraduate Exchange Application – Sciences Po.

  **Application deadline Friday 28th February at 11:59 pm**

Completing the form:

• You need to complete the Personal Details and Exchange Details sections of the form;

• Ensure you read the guidance given on the form about completing each section;

• There are five questions each worth five marks. The panel will assess your answer to each question, so ensure you place equal strength on each one. Candidates who were successful in the past addressed each question in full;

• References need to be from your home department

• The final page is for the panel’s use only.

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• After the deadline, a panel of selectors will consider the applications and create a shortlist of 20 students.

• We aim to let you know by Friday 13th March if you have been shortlisted. After shortlisting has been completed, we will contact the referees of the shortlisted candidates. All shortlisted applications will be considered by a selection panel headed by senior staff at the School

• We aim to get the final decision to you before mid-April

• There is no right of appeal if you are not shortlisted or selected for the exchange and we are unable to give individual feedback to unsuccessful candidates
The LSE Selection Process 3: The Final Stage

• 12 candidates will be selected - 10 successful and 2 reserves

• We will email all candidates with the outcome but cannot provide individual feedback

• Successful candidates will still need to formally apply to Sciences Po. LSE will nominate you to Sciences Po and you will need to complete their application process. We will give you further advice if you are successful.

• They will also need to complete further paperwork to receive your Erasmus Grant from LSE. We will give more detailed advice to successful applicants.

• Now the UK has left the EU with a deal and entered a transition period until 31 December 2020, UK and EU nationals will not require a visa to go to France in August to study. However, you should obtain immigration advice from Sciences Po about visa requirements if leaving France over Christmas, just in case.

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Tips on completing the application form

- Use correct grammar and paragraphing. The character limits on the application form include punctuation and spacing but your answers must still be clear. If you can’t say it concisely do you need to say it at all?
- Inventive spelling to save characters will count against you
- This is not ‘The Apprentice’ - clichés may count against you
- Choose your Sciences Po campus carefully. You will be selected against your chosen campus and it may not be possible to change later
- If you previously applied for UC Berkeley and are now applying for Sciences Po make sure you change your answers
- Don’t use Adobe for MAC as we can’t read your answers on a Word version. Use the ‘Fill and Sign’ option on Adobe DC where possible
- Don’t use web Adobe converters as we won’t be able to read your answers. Use the computers in the library if you can’t access anything
LSE LIFE offers prospective exchange students the opportunity to prepare their application form with the support of a Student Adviser. The tailor-made support consists of two to three meetings: in the first meeting, students develop their general strategy and outline their ideas for the application; in the second meeting, students further refine their application statements regarding coherence, cohesion, and concision; and in a third meeting, students will do a final fine-tuning of their applications.

Students can book 1-on-1 meetings with a Student Adviser at LSE LIFE either online via the Student Hub or at the reception of LSE LIFE.

https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/lse-life/events/one-to-one-sessions
Application form and further details:

https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/erasmus/erasmus-undergraduate-exchanges

Further questions:

• Please complete our query form via the Erasmus webpages
• Attend our EU/Erasmus specialist drop in session on Tuesday 11 am – 12 noon during term-time at the SSC counter
THANK YOU