

## LE NOUVEAU COLLÈGE D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES THE NEW COLLEGE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES



### GENERAL PRESENTATION

In the institutional context of the Community of Universities Paris Lumières (COMUE UPL), the universities of Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint-Denis and Paris Ovest Nanterre La Défense joined forces to create an interdisciplinary program in political studies. The New College for Political Studies (Nouveau Collège d'Études Politiques, NCEP) has no existing equivalent among teaching institutions in Paris and its surroundings. Beyond just political science, we have brought together specialists from a wide range of fields, experts in the study of four specific areas of politics: social justice and discriminations, political violence and international arenas of justice, applied ethics, political uses of language and communication technologies. Those who teach at the NCEP belong to various fields of the humanities and social sciences – political science, law, sociology, philosophy, history, geography, economics, languages, and literature – they have teamed up to offer an original and high quality program to students at both undergraduate (Licence 2 and 3) and graduate levels (Master 1 and 2).

Unique in its structure and aim as it is a truly interdisciplinary institution, training students in innovative and specialized fields of study and thus opening up career opportunities, the NCEP also places a special focus on international exchanges and student mobility. Our students spend a full semester abroad (during the 3rd year of their Licence), while we will offer our international partners' students the possibility to attend a semester of our program from the second year of their Licence (sophomore year) to the first year of their master (Master 1). Small cohorts at the NCEP allow our professors and staff to supervise and guide the students closely. Our curriculum includes classes taught directly in English and bilingual classes (course material and examinations in English). List of institutions having signed (or who are about to sign) cooperation agreement with the NCEP: the University of Bologna (Italy), the University of Vienna (Austria), the Free University of Brussels (Belgium), and other top universities in Europe, the US, Japan, China, and South America.

Through the universities of Paris VIII and Paris Ovest's Doctoral Schools, the NCEP is connected to world class research networks and centers, including collaborations with research teams of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). Our master students benefit from this close proximity with ongoing and pioneer research in their field of study.



### PARIS LUMIÈRES UNIVERSITY

Paris Lumières University is a consortium which brings together the Universities of Paris VIII and Paris Ovest as well as other major institutions in the field of science, education and culture, such as the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), the National Archives, the French National Library, and several National Museums (Louvre, the Center Pompidou, Quai Branly etc.). The undergraduate and graduate programs at the New College have received national accreditation as programs of Paris Lumières University. Our students are enrolled both at Paris VIII and Paris Ovest and they have access to the services offered on both campuses.



## CONCENTRATIONS OFFERED AT NCEP

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| 1. (In)justice and anti-discrimination policies                | This specialization offers a trans-disciplinary and comparative perspective on the analysis of anti-discrimination mobilizations, public controversies pointing to situations of injustice, practices of affirmative action, policies promoting “social diversity.” The curriculum connects public policies in various fields that are often separated in the study of public action (health, education, culture, environment, welfare) and compares a diversity of levels and scenes (local, regional, national, supranational) on which institutional groups and communities interact.   |
| 2. Globalization, Violence and International arenas of justice | This concentration gathers three areas of expertise: the first one examines contemporary issues of South-North relationships, especially in terms of “sustainable development” and “global fair trade,” and critically investigates the new practices which are currently emerging. The second specialized curriculum deals with inequalities in Europe. The third domain focuses on international cooperation and the management of violent crises (wars, genocides, regime changes), as well as on the recent emergence of international justice arenas and/or local “reconciliation” forums.  |
| 3. Applied Ethics Moral philosophy, law and social sciences    | Moral philosophy, law and social sciences offer complementary resources to address normative questions regarding the new “risks” and mutations that our societies are facing (technological, environmental or medical changes, new definitions of the family...). Studying the arguments shaping public debates and policies, the students who opt for this concentration will be able to join the private sector as well as public institutions confronted to the need to adapt their organizational structure and rules to new ethical requirements.   |
| 4. Political Languages and Institutional Communication         | This program proposes a new understanding of the “words of politics” showing, beyond the classical study of political discourses, the importance of language as a political issue and tool. Practicing comparisons in time and space, the courses in this concentration explore the interconnection between political changes and linguistic transformations. They also analyze public political controversies and forms of institutional communication through words and images. This concentration includes a specialization in the study of new devices and technologies, as well as the impact of technical change on political issues/activities. |

### CLASS SCHEDULE & ACADEMIC CREDIT

Student mobility starts in 2017-2018. The New College offers a large choice of courses each semester over a period of 10 weeks.

Semester 1: Mid-September to Mid-December // Semester 2: Mid-January to Mid-April.

Arrangements are possible to adjust to the specific constraints of international students. The number and nature of the classes that exchange students have to attend, as well as the academic credits that they acquire at the end of the program, are jointly defined with our international partners.

### PERSONALIZED SUPPORT

Exchange students at the New College will integrate a small cohort of 35 students per level, closely supervised by a team of experienced professors, renowned in their field of study. Our students benefit from excellent learning conditions with the location of the program at the Pole Léonard de Vinci in Paris La Défense. From the first student information meeting on, they will find help and guidance in various ways:

Our staff person, exclusively dedicated to the NCEP, is available to provide information and advice to the students.

A faculty member from our pedagogic team is specially assigned to provide guidance and supervision to international students at an individual level.

Our student orientation specialist (“tuteur d’accompagnement”) will also be available to help exchange students in their choices and daily academic activities including preparing essays and exams.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

| Licence 2 - Semester 3                                      |      |   |
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| Disciplinary courses  | ECTS | Content   |
| Disciplinary courses  | 18   | History and Time; A Contemporary Historical Horizon; Sociological Methods; Classifications; Political Philosophy; Critical Analysis of Texts; The Political Community; Constitutionalism-s; The Plurality of Legal Orders |
| Transdisciplinary courses                                   | 6    | Definitions and Uses of the Norm 1; Representation and Politics 1; Discourse Analysis 1   |
| Methodology   | 4    | Linguistic cross-comprehension; Individualized supervision: Preparing an internship OR Conducting fieldwork (for the undergrad thesis)  |
| Languages   | 2    | English; and one of 8 languages to choose from: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, German, Greek, Italian   |
| Licence 2 - Semester 4                                      |      |   |
| Disciplinary courses  | ECTS | Content   |
| Disciplinary courses  | 12   | Economics (and Management) : Critical Perspectives ; Formation of National Identities ; Sociology of Law and Justice ; Sovereignties ; Comparative Analysis of Fundamental Rights ; Politics of fiction                   |
| Transdisciplinary courses                                   | 6    | Definitions and Uses of the Norm 2; Representation and Politics 2; Discourse Analysis 2   |
| Preparation to Specialization and Professionalization       | 10   | Justice and Discriminations; Violence and Politics; The Words of Politics; Practical Ethics; Observation Internship or Short dissertation   |
| Languages   | 2    | English; and one of 8 languages to choose from: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, German, Greek, Italian   |
| Licence 3 - Semester 5                                      |      |   |
| Disciplinary Reinforcement                                  | ECTS | Content   |
| Disciplinary Reinforcement                                  | 6    | Globalizations (Political Science); Theories of Justice (philosophy) ; Domination and Legitimacy (sociology)  |
| Transdisciplinary courses                                   | 10   | Representation and Politics 3; Discourse Analysis 2; Introduction to Critical Theories; Transnational approaches; Data Analysis Tools   |
| Specialization, 1st concentration: Social Justice Practices | 10   | Inequalities; Gender and Politics; Justice Mechanisms; Reparations; State Issue   |
| Specialization, 2nd concentration: Wars and Violence        | 10   | Justice Mechanisms; Representing Violence; Confrontations and armed conflicts; Political Images and Scenes; Bioethics and Biopolitics; Humanitarian Aid   |
| Specialization, 3rd concentration: The Words of Politics    | 10   | Representing Violence; Reparations; Law and et literature; Political Images and Scenes; State Issue; Poverty and Globalization  |
| Specialization, 4th concentration: Ethics, Politics         | 10   | Inequalities; Gender and politics; Confrontations and armed conflicts; Law and Literature; Bioethics and biopolitics; Humanitarian Aid  |
| Languages   | 4    | English; and one of 8 languages to choose from: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, German, Greek, Italian   |
| Licence 3 - Semester 6                                      |      |   |
|   | 30   | <b>INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY</b>   |

## COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

Eight of these courses will be offered in English every year. The choice of courses offered can be discussed and defined jointly with our international partners.

A number of master courses taught in English will also be open to exchange students who are sufficiently advanced to take them as part of their semester at the New College.

In addition, most of the courses taught in French include a bilingual system of evaluation and resources for the students: syllabi and readings in English; option offered to write the requested essays and papers in English.

## STUDYING AT THE NEW COLLEGE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES



### FINDING OUT MORE

- Administration Office: Frédérique Gié (6th Floor, Office E654), email: [ncep@u-plum.fr](mailto:ncep@u-plum.fr)
- Website: <http://www.ncep.u-plum.fr/>



### YOUR MOBILITY

All exchange students (Erasmus, European and non-European exchange programs), wishing to study abroad at the NCEP, must contact the secretariat at [ncep@u-plum.fr](mailto:ncep@u-plum.fr) and submit the required documents:

- < 1st semester or full academic year: apply online by April 30
- < 2nd semester: apply online by November 15

- Find out more: Application Procedure at <http://www.ncep.u-plum.fr/international/>

Residency permit, accommodation, transport, health, administrative formalities, student life in Paris... You can get all the information you need for your stay in Paris at the NCEP.

Learn or improve your French skills by attending French classes at Université Paris Lumières, in order to pass the French Language Certificate. Several levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) are offered to meet your needs.



### VISITOR INFORMATION - PÔLE LEONARD DE VINCI

- RER A:  
Stop at La Défense – Grande Arche
- By train:  
Lines J, L, U Stop at La Défense – Grande Arche
- By Tube:  
Line 1 Tube station La Défense – Grande Arche
- By car:  
La Défense Tunnel by Pont de Neuilly  
Exit direction La Garenne-Colombes  
1<sup>st</sup> fire, go straight on, Departementale D992 "Boulevard de Mission Marchand"  
3<sup>rd</sup> crossroads, turn left, avenue Léonard de Vinci  
Parking: 8, avenue Léonard de Vinci – 92400 Courbevoie

