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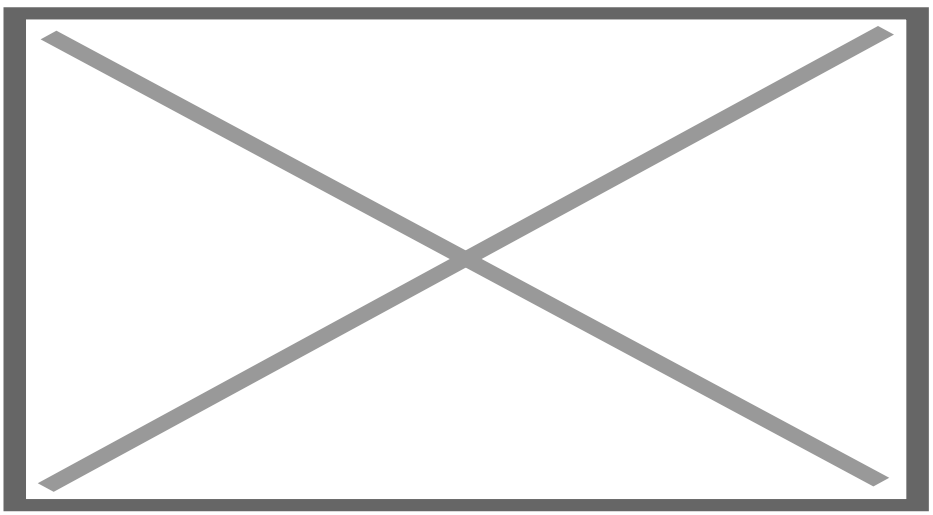
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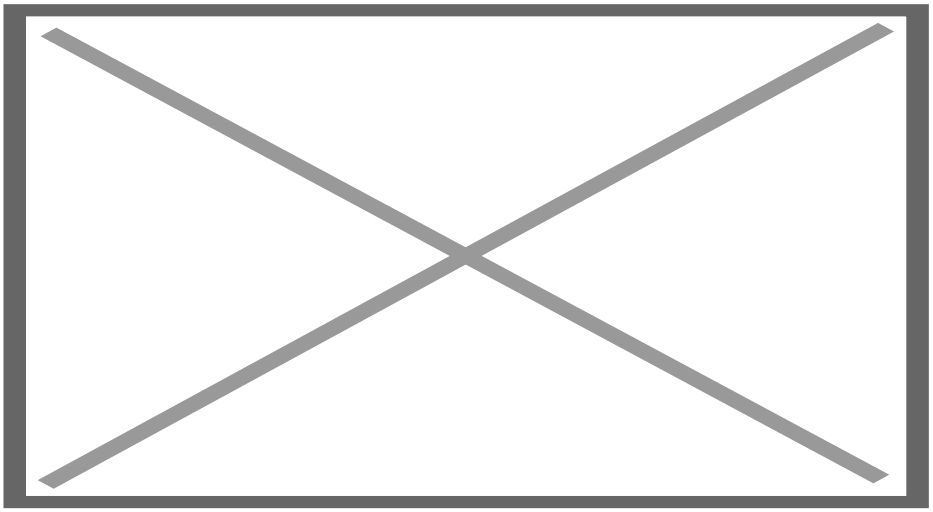
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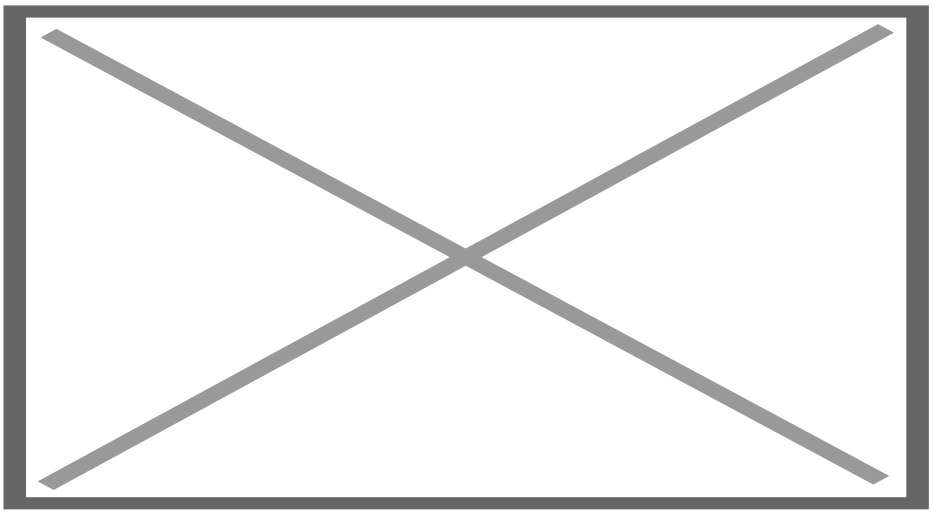
Based on the observation that politics and policy are closely intertwined, this Master's program 2 combines these two dimensions in order to provide students engaged in political action with the skills to conduct public policy and to give future actors in local and multi-level public policies the tools to understand the political logic that underpins them.

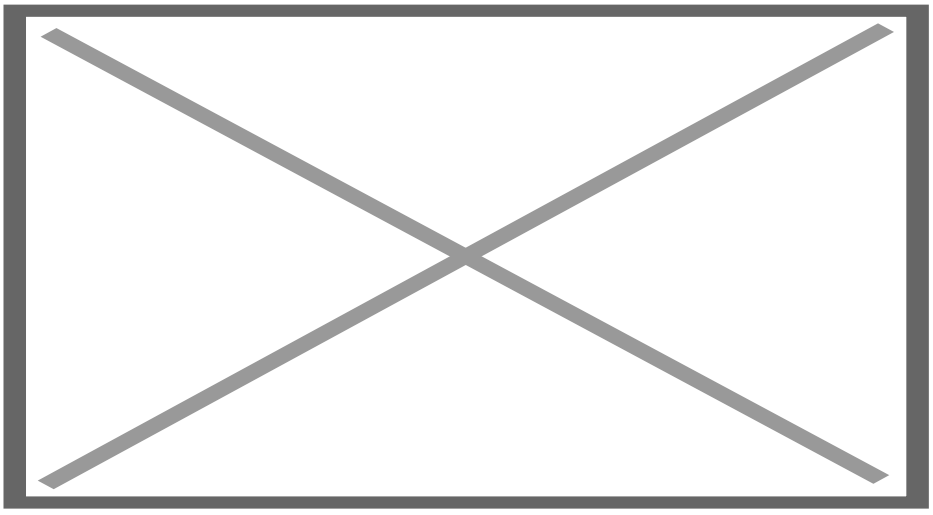
Focusing on local authorities, which have taken a key position in public policies alongside national and European levels and represent the main career opportunities, this Master's 2 program emphasizes the acquisition of operational knowledge linked to theoretical analytical frameworks and methodological tools presented in class. With a view to comparing analysis and practical application, the courses are taught by both faculty members and professionals in charge of professional modules, with assessment based primarily on practical exercises. Classes are held from September to January, three days a week, with the other two days devoted to the supervised group project. Long internships begin in March.

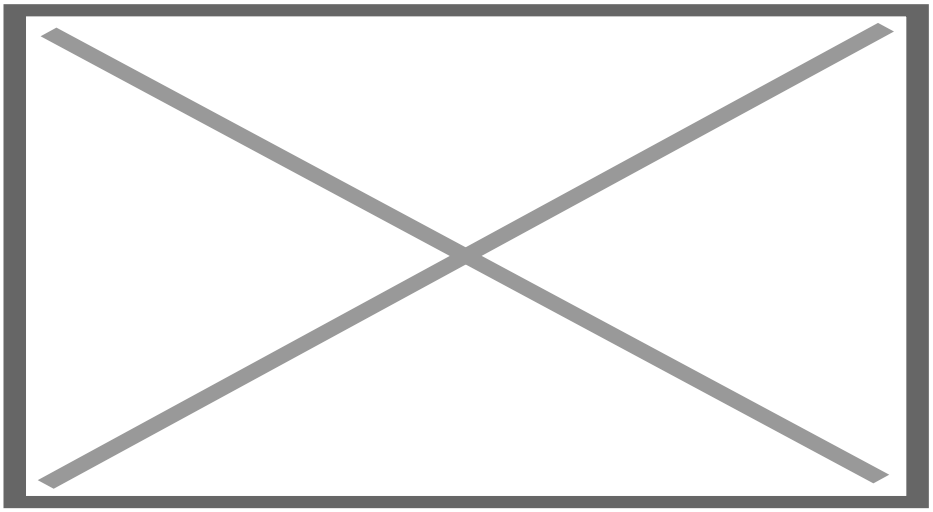
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Présentation

Skills

Understand how administrations work and how local, national, and European public policies are implemented .

Analyze the emergence of public issues and support their management.

Identify the actors involved in public policies

Oversee the implementation of public policies

Assess the challenges and risks involved in public choices and/or public decision-making

Evaluate the results of public policies

Deploy communication, facilitation, mobilization, and public negotiation techniques.

Design targeted lobbying and advocacy actions with local, national, European, and international public institutions.

Set up, facilitate, and evaluate public consultation bodies and participatory mechanisms

Objectives

The aim of the program is to combine learning and understanding of public policy implementation at different levels (starting at the local level) with an understanding of the political rationales of elected officials, focusing on three main areas: urban policy, social and health policy, and ecological transition policy. Emphasis is placed both on the findings of political sociology research on policy processes in these areas, highlighting the interdependencies between public policies at different territorial levels, and on the acquisition of operational knowledge through the accumulation of professional experience, with knowledge assessment based entirely on continuous assessment.

The program is therefore based on seminars focused on research questions in the aforementioned areas of public policy at different levels, as well as on role-playing and practical exercises that enable students to put their academic knowledge into practice: long-term internships (starting in March), tutor-led group projects corresponding to requests from public policy stakeholders, study trips, participation in the Universities of Mayors of Western Paris, role-playing, writing memos, speeches, and press releases, etc. The emphasis on professionalization is accompanied by an ambition to provide training through and for research, in conjunction with the Printemps laboratory (CNRS) to which this master's program is affiliated, on the analysis of changes in public action in the territories, in a context of state restructuring, redistribution of authority and responsibilities between levels of government, the growing role of private actors in public action, and the renewal of public action instruments. Students interested in research can write a thesis on these topics and possibly continue with a PHD.

Débouchés

Career prospects

Project officer sustainable development
Consulting
Local Administration
Political adviser
Adviser in communication
Project Manager
Head of a territorial department
Research professions
Head of mission / projects

Further Study Opportunities

PhD

Calendar

Start of programme (indicative date)
08/09/2026
End of programme (indicative date)
29/01/2027
Admission

Admission Route

Political Science
Social sciences

Capacity

Available Places

27

Target Audience and Entry Requirements

The Master 2 in Politics and Local Public Policy is primarily open to students who have completed the Master 1 in Multi-Level Public Policy, specializing in public and local affairs, as part of a dual degree program with Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

Période(s) de candidature

Inception Platform

From 05/05/2026 to 10/06/2026

Supporting documents

Compulsory supporting documents

Motivation letter.

All transcripts of the years / semesters validated since the high school diploma at the date of application.

Curriculum Vitae.

Additional supporting documents

VAP file (obligatory for all persons requesting a valuation of the assets to enter the diploma).

Supporting documents :
- Residence permit stating the country of residence of the first country
- Or receipt of request stating the country of first asylum
- Or document from the UNHCR granting refugee status
- Or receipt of refugee status request delivered in France
- Or residence permit stating the refugee status delivered in France
- Or document stating subsidiary protection in France or abroad
- Or document stating temporary protection in France or abroad.

Programme

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class
Public Policy Evaluation	2	Semester 1	14					
Charger le détail								
Globalisation, europeanization and territories	3	Semester 1	24					
Charger le détail								
Territorial policy tools	3	Semester 1	20					
Charger le détail								
Political sociology of the policy process	3	Semester 1	20					
Charger le détail								

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class
Political communication	3	Semester 1	24					
Charger le détail								
Practices of Lobbying	3	Semester 1	24					
Charger le détail								

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Participatory democracy and concertation	3	Semester 1	24						
Charger le détail									
Study trip	2	Semester 1	14						
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Local governments and governance	5	Semester 1	30						
Charger le détail									

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Parliamentary law	3	Semester 1	20						
Charger le détail									
Environmental issues in local public policies	3	Semester 1	20						
Charger le détail									

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class	dist lea co
Serious games for professional practice	5	Semester 2	20						
Charger le détail									
Collective projects	10	Semester 2	20						
Charger le détail									

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class	dist lea co

Preparation of the local government service entrance exam	15	Semester 2

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Research thesis	15	Semester 2

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Professional internship	15	Semester 2

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Teaching Location(s)

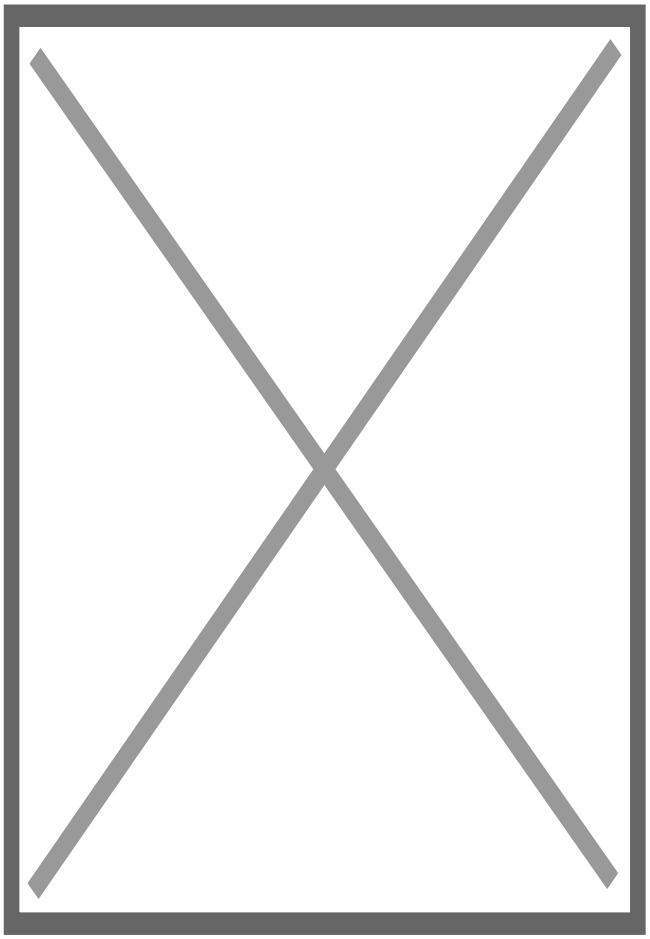
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Academic Partner(s)

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