The UK's European university

BI-DIPLOME IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Canterbury and Lille

Double degree programme in partnership with Sciences Po Lille
WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS

“The School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent is absolutely delighted to offer the bi-diplôme together with Sciences Po – one of France’s leading universities. Building on the strategic partnership of the two institutions, this is a flagship undergraduate programme and a unique degree in Europe. As a bi-diplôme student, you are an integral member of both communities, experiencing both the discursive and dialogical approach of British social sciences teaching with the rigour and structure of the French system. Our graduates excel across a range of many disciplines in the social sciences and humanities, and are ideally positioned for interdisciplinary work, creative thinking and critical reasoning in their working lives.

“We are particularly proud of our students, who excel both in their academic studies and in their extra-curricular activities. Bi-diplôme students lead many of Kent and Lille’s student activities, such as the Current Affairs Society and the Model United Nations. Once they complete their studies, our graduates secure jobs in leading organisations from the public and the private sector to global companies and the volunteering sector. It is with great pride that we welcome you to both learning communities and begin our journey with you.”

“La double filière présente l’avantage d’offrir une immersion en profondeur et dans la durée (deux ans, parfois davantage) dans une université britannique. La valeur formatrice de cette alternance nous paraît essentielle. Le fait de s’impliquer à part entière dans deux systèmes aussi différents ne peut que renforcer des facultés d’adaptation qui seront un atout précieux dans la vie active. L’insertion professionnelle des anciens étudiants se répartit entre le privé et les secteurs public et associatif.

La valeur de cet investissement, beaucoup plus soutenu qu’un simple stage Erasmus, est sanctionnée par l’attribution d’un double-diplôme qui sera plus facile à faire valoir auprès de recruteurs internationaux, sans oublier l’enrichissement linguistique et culturel qu’il implique. Nous constatons d’ailleurs qu’un nombre important de nos étudiants s’orientent vers des carrières à l’international.

Au-delà des opportunités qu’apporte une double formation, ces orientations traduisent également une appétence et une plus grande ouverture au monde, qui se reflète dans leurs choix de stages. Nombreux sont les étudiants qui rentrent en France avec une pointe de regret et nous disent à quel point ils ont apprécé leur expérience internationale. Leur enthousiasme n’est pas la moindre de nos satisfactions.”
INTRODUCTION

The University of Kent is known as the UK’s European university.

Located within easy reach of mainland Europe, Kent enjoys collaborative partnerships with some of Europe’s most prestigious institutions, such as Sciences Po Lille.

In 2002, working in partnership with this prestigious grande école, we established the Politics and International Relations bi-diplôme. This bilingual programme was the first of its kind offered in the UK and France. It is a stimulating and rewarding programme, which offers both academic challenge, an enlightening cultural experience and the opportunity to acquire the skills you need to be successful in your future career.

The programme is multidisciplinary and features modules in a wide range of areas including political science, international relations theory, economics, law, sociology, and philosophy. For further details of modules see p8.

You spend your first and fourth years studying in Lille, where modules are taught in French, and your second and third years in Canterbury, where modules are taught in English. After successfully completing four years of study, you are awarded the BA (Hons) in Political and International Relations from the University of Kent. To obtain the Diplôme de Sciences Po Lille you must successfully complete a fifth year of study either at Sciences Po Lille or at Kent. If you decide to return to Kent, you can join one of our many Master’s programmes at the end of which, if successful, you will receive both the MA from Kent and the Diplôme de Sciences Po.

Matthieu Moal is in his third year of study on the bi-diplôme

Why did you choose to study the bi-diplôme?

One of the things that appealed to me about the bi-diplôme was that you are granted more than one qualification. If you successfully complete five years on the course with your fifth year at Kent, then you are awarded your undergraduate degree, a Master’s degree, and the Diplôme de Sciences Po.

Also, I was interested in studying abroad for two years, and not just for one year as with similar qualifications at other institutions. And by doing this, you have the opportunity to meet and get to know lots of new people.

What else do you like about the course?

The other thing I liked was that the English system allows you some choice of modules. This meant I could follow my interests – I personally focused on studying the European Union and its policymaking. In the future, I would like to work within the European Union, or in one of its institutions.
10 REASONS FOR CHOOSING THIS PROGRAMME

A unique, integrated double-degree programme
This is the only bilingual programme of its kind, offering you the opportunity to study Politics and International Relations at two prestigious universities, one in the UK and the other in France.

Stimulating, flexible and multidisciplinary curriculum
Our programme is extremely flexible and offers an exceptionally broad module choice, so you can tailor your degree to suit your interests. Modules are taught by political scientists, international relations experts, economists, sociologists, lawyers and philosophers.

International experience and intercultural skills
You experience two academic cultures and live in two European countries. Both universities have a multicultural, cosmopolitan and active student body – offering an exceptionally enriching environment in which to study Politics and International Relations.

You will be simultaneously registered at Kent and at Lille for the whole duration of the programme – a very convenient way to gain study abroad experience and to perfect both your French and your English.

Innovative teaching
Our innovative teaching practices have received national recognition in Britain and France. Teaching prizes and teaching grants include awards by the British International Studies Association (BISA). We use a diverse range of teaching methods from large lectures to small group discussions, simulation exercises and class debates, and make innovative use of technology to foster an active learning environment.

Vibrant intellectual culture
Both Kent and Lille have a vibrant intellectual culture, including internationally leading research, a public speaker programme, specialist seminars and workshops as well as hosting international conferences. Staff and students contribute to the lively discussions.

Our teaching is research-led, which means that you engage with the latest ideas, concepts and findings in political science. Both Kent and Lille host many prominent speakers from the world of politics, policy, diplomacy, the civil service, business, culture and the arts.

A successful future
Our alumni have gone on to work in international organisations, the European Union (EU), the civil service, politics, business, law, culture, the arts, journalism, teaching and research.

Of Politics students who graduated from Kent in 2016, 94% of those who responded to a national survey were in work or further study within six months (DLHE).

Both Kent and Lille provide continuous career advice and focus on employability through a series of seminars (on subjects such as how to write a good CV or how to develop presentation skills). For more details of the careers support Kent offers see: www.kent.ac.uk/employability or for information on Lille’s support, see: www.sciencespo-lille.eu

Supportive and high-quality student experience
We particularly pride ourselves on offering excellent pastoral care and listening to our students to ensure that they are supported throughout their entire student experience.

Excellent internship opportunities
The bi-diplôme programme includes a mandatory internship with a minimum duration of six weeks, which has to be completed before the start of the fourth year at Lille. Past students have had internships with international organisations, NGOs, think-tanks, governments, museums and media across Europe and beyond.
Attractive campus and rich student life

Kent’s campus is built on 300 acres of parkland, just a 25-minute walk from Canterbury city centre. In addition to first-class academic facilities, the campus has its own cinema, theatre and nightclub, as well as excellent sports facilities and many cafés, bars and restaurants.

Lille is a historic city in the heart of Northern France, at a crossroads between London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Cologne. Sciences Po Lille benefits from this strategic location, and student life is extraordinarily rich in terms of external speakers, seminars and student societies.

You can join a myriad of student-led associations at both Kent and Lille, including Model United Nations – a simulation of the United Nations in which past bi-diplôme students have excelled. There are also excellent sports facilities and plenty of other opportunities to make the most of your student life.

Stunning locations

Canterbury and Lille are historic cities, both home to large student populations. The two universities are close to London and Paris respectively, two of Europe’s most exciting metropolitan areas.

Further information

For more details on the academic aspects of the programme, please see the Kent website: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate and search for ‘bi-diplôme’.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of Kent undergraduate students who graduated in 2017, over 95% of those who responded to a national survey were in work or further study within six months (DLHE).
Cursus binational en sciences politiques et sociales

Ce cursus intégré binational est unique et offre aux étudiants recrutés la possibilité de se former dans deux universités prestigieuses, l’une au Royaume-Uni et l’autre en France.

Après validation de leur quatrième année, les étudiants recevront le BA (Hons) en sciences politiques et relations internationales de l’Université du Kent. Au terme des cinq ans de leur cursus, ils se verront décerner un Master et le Diplôme de Sciences Po.

Une formation stimulante, flexible et pluridisciplinaire

La formation proposée est très flexible et offre un vaste choix de cours optionnels, afin que les étudiants puissent choisir en fonction de leurs intérêts.

L’enseignement est dispensé par des spécialistes de diverses disciplines (sciences politiques, relations internationales, sciences économiques, sociologie, droit et philosophie).

Expérience internationale et aptitudes interculturelles

Ce séjour prolongé dans un autre pays européen vous fera découvrir deux cultures universitaires très différentes. Les deux institutions ont une population étudiante multiculturelle, cosmopolite et active. Cette expérience particulièrement enrichissante constitue un atout exceptionnel pour des études de sciences politiques et relations internationales.

Pendant toute la durée du programme, vous serez inscrits simultanément dans les deux institutions, ce qui vous permettra de vous perfectionner aussi bien en anglais qu’en français, sans oublier l’apport culturel précieux que constituent des études prolongées à l’étranger.

Enseignement innovateur


Culture intellectuelle

Sciences Po Lille et l’Université du Kent proposent une offre de formation de haut niveau, qui comprend des séminaires spécialisés et des colloques où interviennent des chercheurs de réputation internationale. Cela donne lieu à des échanges animés entre enseignants et étudiants.

L’enseignement est adossé à la recherche afin que les étudiants puissent se familiariser avec les idées, les concepts et les découvertes les plus récents. De nombreuses personnalités du monde de la politique, de la diplomatie, de la fonction publique, des affaires, de la culture et des arts sont régulièrement invitées à prononcer des conférences.

Débouchés professionnels

Les diplômés de la filière franco-britannique trouvent un emploi dans les six mois qui suivent la fin de leurs études. Ce cursus binational débouche sur des carrières nationales et internationales variées: organisations internationales, institutions européennes, fonction publique, politique, industrie, droit, art et culture, journalisme, enseignement et recherche.

Kent et Sciences Po Lille fournissent une aide à l’insertion professionnelle et organisent des séminaires destinés à améliorer l’employabilité (CV, présentations, etc.)

La qualité de vie de nos étudiants: une priorité

Le suivi personnalisé, l’écoute et le conseil dont bénéficient nos étudiants tout au long de leurs études en cas de problèmes matériels ou psychologiques produisent des résultats qui sont une de nos plus grandes sources de fierté.
Stages: un choix très vaste
La filière franco-britannique comprend un stage obligatoire d’une durée minimale de six semaines. Celui-ci doit être terminé avant le début de la quatrième année à Sciences Po Lille. L’expérience des anciennes promotions de la filière donne un aperçu des nombreuses possibilités de stages, en Europe et dans le monde entier : organisations internationales ou gouvernementales, ONGs, laboratoires d’idées (think tanks), musées, entreprises de médias.

Une offre associative très riche
Au Kent comme à Sciences Po Lille, vous aurez le choix entre de très nombreuses associations étudiantes, parmi lesquelles il faut citer le Model United Nations – une simulation des Nations Unies dans laquelle des étudiants de la filière franco-britannique se sont souvent distingués. Les deux institutions offrent aussi des activités sportives, qui ne sont qu’une des multiples possibilités de profiter de la vie d’étudiant.

Une situation géographique exceptionnelle
Bi-diplôme in Politics and International Relations
Billie Bell is a third-year student on the bi-diplôme

Why did you choose to do the bi-diplôme?
I was visiting Kent on an open day and read about the bi-diplôme in the general brochure. I’d wanted to carry on with the French that I’d been doing since Year 7 but didn’t want to do a degree in French. The bi-diplôme was the best of both worlds – it has allowed me to carry on studying politics but also to continue with my French.

The first year is spent at Sciences Po Lille. What was that like?
It’s a foundation year in social sciences – a basis for the study that follows. There are a lot of contact hours and the workload is quite high. French essay writing methodology is a bit different to the UK. In the UK, you’re given an essay question whereas in France you’re given a subject and, from your knowledge of that subject, you find a pertinent question which has to be structured in a certain way. That does help your reflection later on in your studies, but it was a bit of a challenge to master.

How did your French improve over the year?
By the end of the year in Lille I was speaking more naturally. My written French improved a lot, particularly as I was having to express quite complex ideas in my essays.

What have been the highlights of your second and third years at Kent?
One of the modules I’ve taken is on east European politics. Through a partnership with the Belarusian state university in Minsk, a group of politics and international relations students were able to visit Minsk last April. Then, through Erasmus+, the students from Belarus are on a term-long exchange to Kent. Also, last year one of my pieces was published in the student politics journal. It was nice to get that recognition.

How are you supported in your studies at Kent?
Each module convener has set office hours if you want to see them, and they’re relatively quick at replying to emails. There’s also a skills hub manned by PhD students, who can help with study skills, and the School has its own careers officer. The School supports students particularly well.

What extra events does the School of Politics and International Relations run?
The School has a weekly open forum where staff members or invited guests speak on a topic then take questions. We have a guest speaker programme that attracts prominent people in the field, and academic members of staff give lectures about their books or papers. Our academic staff are very active outside of their teaching, so it’s nice to be able to engage with that.

How have you changed since you started the bi-diplôme?
if you want a First on the bi-diplôme you have to be more critical than just learning facts and applying them, so I’ve definitely improved in terms of my academic rigour. My public speaking has improved through involvement with the Model United Nations. I’m definitely more confident travelling about by myself and I’ve become more independent.

What do you want to do in the future?
I’d like to join the British Diplomatic Service through the fast stream. The chance to see the world appeals to me, and as a diplomat I’d be able to continue with my language studies. In Lille I picked up Arabic along with my French; now I’ve become more interested in eastern Europe and central Asia I’d like to learn Russian.

What advice would you give to someone about to start the bi-diplôme?
The first year at Sciences Po Lille can seem tough because of the number of classes you have. But it’s tough for a reason: to give you skills such as critical thought and essay writing.

It gives you a solid grounding for the second and third years, which are less about knowing the facts and more about exploring those facts for yourself. There are some good things to do in Lille, like sports societies and the model UN. Don’t be afraid to take some time off!
Below we outline the structure of the Politics and International Relations bi-diplôme programme.

Module information
The modules listed below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly.

For further details, see www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate and search for 'bi-diplôme'.

To read a full description of the modules listed, go to: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules and search by the module code.

The programme is multidisciplinary and features a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules focus on: political science, international relations theory, comparative politics, history, political economy, sociology, law and philosophy.

Optional modules cover topics including: domestic and foreign policy, the EU, US politics, Russia, Japan, China, international security, terrorism, human rights, and democracy.

Stage 1/1ère année
Programme d’étude en première année à Sciences Po Lille:
• Institutions Politiques
• Économie et Société
• Histoire (L’Europe au XIXe siècle)

Stages 2 and 3/2ème and 3ème années
You spend your second and third years studying in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent, where the teaching is in English. You take compulsory modules in politics and international relations. Example modules may include:
• International Organisation: The UN System (PO555)
• Modern Political Thought (PO623)
• Political Research and Analysis (PO657).

You also select further optional modules from the School of Politics and International Relations as well as ‘wild modules’ in either economics, law or philosophy. You have the option of writing an undergraduate dissertation.

Stages 4 and 5/4ème et 5ème années
Cycle master en quatrième et cinquième années à Sciences Po Lille, est organisé autour de trois spécialités.

Les étudiants sont admis dans une spécialité après examen de leur dossier de candidature. Trois majeures sont proposées dans le cadre de chaque spécialité:
• Affaires publiques et gestion des bien communs
  - Soit majeure Développement soutenable
  - Soit majeure Métiers de l’action publique
  - Soit majeure Partenariats public-privé.
• Carrières européennes et internationales
  - Soit majeure Affaires européennes
  - Soit majeure Conflits et développement
  - Soit majeure Stratégie, intelligence et gestion des risques.
• Stratégie et communication des organisations
  - Soit majeure Commerce et finance internationale
  - Soit majeure Communication publique et corporate
  - Soit majeure Management des institutions culturelles.

D’autres options sont proposées aux étudiants de Sciences Po Lille en quatrième et cinquième années, y compris deux doubles diplômes, l’un en partenariat avec une école de commerce (Audencia à Nantes), l’autre avec l’École Supérieure de Journalisme à Lille.
How to apply
Successful applicants need to have a track record of high academic achievement, command of both English and French, some knowledge of a third language and to demonstrate strong motivation for the programme.

Applicants whose main school leaving qualification is – or will be by the start date of the programme – the standard French Baccalauréat obtained at an institution either in France or abroad, with the exceptions detailed below, must submit their application to Sciences Po Lille and sit the entrance exams. All other applicants submit their application to Kent, via UCAS, the UK university admissions service (UCAS code L291).

Applicants who possess or are expected to possess the French Baccalauréat from the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle in London or the British or American version of the Option International du Baccalauréat (OIB) may submit their application either to Sciences Po Lille or to Kent, via UCAS. For all candidates, only one application may be submitted.

Application deadline
Applications to Kent via UCAS should be submitted by the deadline of 15 January each calendar year.

Selection process at Kent
The selection process at Kent consists of:
• a one-hour essay in English and a one-hour essay in French, answering a question from a choice of two. The essays test candidates’ suitability for a social science programme as well as their ability to express themselves effectively in both languages. These essays are equally weighted to give a composite mark for the written part.
• a 20-minute interview in English and French with interviewing panels composed of staff from both institutions, testing candidates’ ability to develop arguments in the fields of political and international relations, including current affairs.

The mark for the written part and the mark for the interview are then equally weighted to give a final mark. All applicants who are deemed to be able to perform adequately on the programme receive a conditional offer of a place from the University of Kent. Admission is dependent on the applicant getting the appropriate A level/IB results.

Kent holds written tests and interviews twice during the spring term, typically towards the end of February and the end of March. Attendance on the allocated date is mandatory. No offer will be made to applicants who fail to attend on the allocated test day.

Offer level and entry tariff
• ABB in 3 A levels (required subject: A Level French grade A)
• IB Diploma 34 points or
• IB Diploma with 16 points at Higher (or equivalent qualifications)
• French Bac: 13 (OIB variant 12.5)

Please note that you can only join this programme in the first year and that no transfers in from other BA programmes or other French degrees (including other Sciences Po Lille degrees) are possible.
MODALITÉS DE CANDIDATURE

Dépôt de candidature
Les candidats retenus doivent faire preuve d’excellents résultats scolaires, avoir une très bonne connaissance du français et de l’anglais, quelques notions d’une autre langue vivante et manifester une forte motivation pour ce cursus.

Les candidats en provenance d’un établissement français et/ou titulaires du baccalauréat français déposeront leur candidature obligatoirement à Sciences Po Lille et se présenteront aux épreuves organisées à Lille. Tous les autres candidats déposeront leur candidature via le système d’admission UCAS (code de programme L291) et accompliront les formalités d’admission à l’Université du Kent (voir ci-dessous).

Les candidats en provenance du Lycée Charles-de-Gaulle de Londres, ainsi que ceux qui préparent ou ont obtenu la version britannique de l’Option Internationale du Baccalauréat, pourront déposer leur candidature dans l’établissement de leur choix, soit à l’Université du Kent, soit à l’IEP de Lille. Pour tous les candidats, ne peut être déposée qu’une seule candidature.

Délai de dépôt de candidature
Le dépôt de candidature auprès de Sciences Po Lille. Veuillez consulter le site web : www.sciencespo-lille.eu

Procédure d’admission à Sciences Po Lille
Après l’inscription (chaque année au cours de janvier et mars), les candidats seront invités à se présenter à l’examen d’entrée (généralement au mois d’avril). L’examen d’entrée est organisé sur une journée et comporte trois épreuves :
• une épreuve écrite d’histoire (programme : Le monde depuis 1945) (durée : 2h, 17h30-19h30, coefficient 2).

A l’issue des épreuves écrites d’admissibilité, les candidats déclarés admissibles par le jury seront convoqués à un oral en langue anglaise (généralement début juin). Cet oral est destiné à évaluer le niveau d’anglais, mais également la réactivité du candidat et son interaction avec le jury (composé de professeurs venant des deux universités partenaires), ainsi qu’une connaissance minimale de l’actualité mondiale et de la société britannique.
FEES, FINANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition fees
As this publication went to press, bi-diplôme fees for UK/EU entrants in the 2018/19 academic year were priced as follows:
- Stage One: £1,385
- Stages Two and Three: £9,250 per year
- Stage Four: £1,385

Fees for entrants in 2019/20 have not yet been published. For more information on fees for both home/EU and international students, search for 'bi-diplôme' at:
www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Student finance and scholarships
Students from England and the European Union may be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England (SFE). The loan is paid directly to the University of Kent from SFE, each term, in instalments. You may also be eligible for a maintenance loan for living costs. There are separate arrangements for students from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Both Kent and Sciences Po Lille offer bursaries to students who are in financial need in order to help them pay the fees. Those who receive bursaries in their first year from Sciences Po Lille will also receive bursaries in their second and third years from Kent.

For details of all scholarships and bursaries available at the University of Kent, please see:
www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding

For more information on financial support, please see:
www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding

FRAIS DE SCOLARITÉ, FINANCEMENT ET BOURSSES

Frais de scolarité
Actuellement les frais de scolarité pour la double filière franco-britannique pour 2018/19 sont comme suit:
- La première année: £1,385
- La deuxième et la troisième année: £9,250 par année
- La quatrième année: £1,385

Pour toutes les informations continuellement actualisées, veuillez consulter www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Financement des frais de scolarité et bourses
Tous les étudiants citoyens d’un des pays membres de l’Union européenne peuvent emprunter l’équivalent des frais de scolarité auprès de Student Finance England qui verse la somme à l’Université du Kent chaque trimestre.

Le Kent et Sciences Po Lille accordent des remises sur les frais d’inscription à certains étudiants sous conditions de ressources.

Ceux qui recevront des bourses en première année de Sciences Po Lille continueront de recevoir des bourses en deuxième et troisième année du Kent.
VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

Come along for an Open Day or an Applicant Day and see for yourself what it is like to be a student at Kent.

Open Days
Kent runs Open Days during the summer and autumn. These provide an excellent opportunity for you to discover what it is like to live and study at the University. You can meet academic staff and current students, find out about our courses and attend subject displays, workshops and informal lectures. We also offer tours around the campus to view our sports facilities, the library, and University accommodation. For further information and details of how to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Applicant Days
If you apply to study at Kent and we offer you a place (or invite you to attend an interview), you will usually be sent an invitation to one of our Applicant Days. You can book to attend through your online Kent Applicant Portal. The Applicant Day includes presentations in your subject area, guided tours of the campus, including University accommodation, and the opportunity to speak with both academic staff and with current students about your chosen subject. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/visit

Informal visits
You are also welcome to make an informal visit to our campuses at any time. The University runs tours of the Canterbury and Medway campuses throughout the year for anyone who is unable to attend an Open Day or Applicant Day. It may also be possible to arrange meetings with academic staff, although we cannot guarantee this. For more details and to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Alternatively, you can follow our online audio tour on campus using your smartphone, or explore the tour from home. You can also download a self-guided tour leaflet. For more information, see: www.kent.ac.uk/informal

More information
If you would like more information on Kent’s courses, facilities and services, please contact us on T: +44 (0)1227 768896 www.kent.ac.uk

Visiting Sciences Po Lille
For more information, see www.sciencespo-lille.eu
CONTACT DETAILS

For further information about the application process and all Kent-related issues, please contact polirugadmissions@kent.ac.uk

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