

## **STUDY AT THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**MASTER'S PROGRAMMES IN  
ENGLISH IN LILLE, FRANCE**

**MASTER IN GLOBAL AND  
EUROPEAN POLITICS**

**MASTER IN FOOD POLITICS**

**MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL  
SECURITY POLICY**



# Lille

1 hour 30 from London  
1 hour from Paris  
30 minutes from Brussels

## Welcome to ESPOL, the European School of Political and Social Sciences.

Located in Lille, France, ESPOL offers a range of advanced interdisciplinary master's programmes in political and social sciences, taught in English. Our study programmes are designed to help you understand and create solutions for some of today's most pressing global challenges. A stone's throw away from the European political hotspots, Brussels, London and Paris, and part of Lille Catholic University, France's biggest private university, ESPOL attracts an intellectually vibrant community of European and international students.

Whether you are interested in Global and European Politics, in Food Politics, or in International Security Policy, our programmes are organised around interactive courses in small groups, bridging theory and practice, and emphasising policy and decision-making from the local to the global level. Our career development modules, intensive language training, and compulsory professional internships pave the way for successful future academic and professional careers.

Our students are supervised by an experienced multilingual team of professors, who worked and have been trained at the world's best universities. They work in close partnership with scholars, policy-makers, and practitioners from leading international organisations, universities and companies across the world, who regularly intervene as external speakers and invited lecturers in our courses.

At ESPOL we are committed to providing world-leading education, based on the latest developments in the political and social sciences. We train the political and societal actors of tomorrow's global transformations.

We look forward to welcoming you!

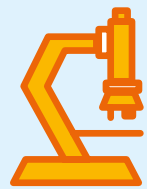


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# Lille Catholic University



9  
research  
centers



30,000  
students

80  
student societies



200  
undergraduate  
and Master's  
programmes



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Faculties      Schools

+ 130,000  
students

Why  
study  
in Lille?

36%  
of the population  
is under 25

At the heart  
of Europe





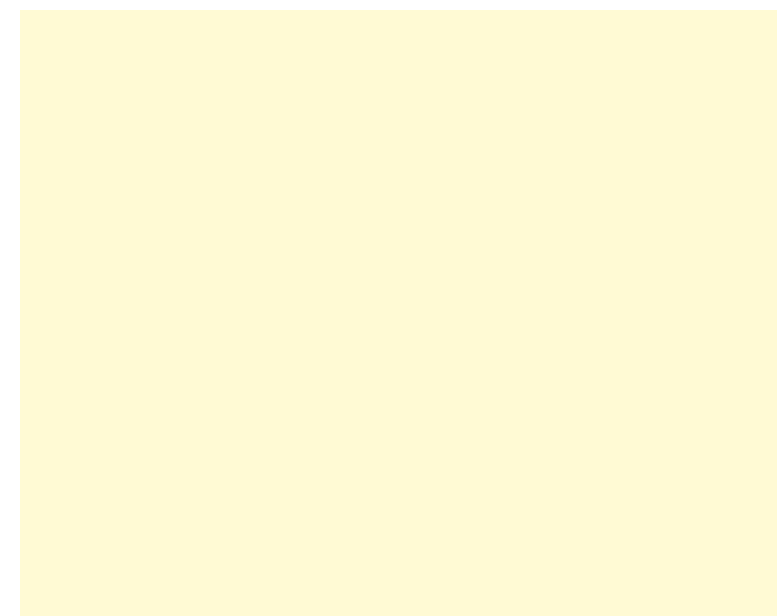
# Master in Global and European Politics

Politics for the world  
of tomorrow

The master's programme in Global and European Politics is an advanced postgraduate programme focussing on the political, economic, social-ecological and cultural processes regulating contemporary societies in a globalised world. The global and regional levels are the stages at which major political challenges play out: migrations, transnational armed conflicts, environmental degradation and climate change, organized criminality, global inequalities or poverty among others.

Understanding today's world therefore means analysing the multi-level interaction between public (States, international organizations, etc.) and private actors (companies, networks, NGOs, etc.). These interactions are places of constant struggle for the redefinition of the rules of the game of world politics.

This programme in Global and European Politics provides students with a thorough knowledge of the formal and informal rules of global and European politics and conflicts that shape it, but also the necessary know-how and the conceptual tools to understand, analyse and act on the world of tomorrow. Drawing on the latest developments in International Relations, Comparative Politics, Economic Governance, and Global History, among others, as well as in-depth methodological training, career development, and intensive language modules, the study programme prepares students in developing innovative policies for the public and private sector, at local, national, and international level, to govern societies in rapidly changing world.



## Semester 1

### Core courses

- International Relations
- Comparative Politics

### Research courses

- Introduction to Research & Epistemology
- Statistics and the Political Sociology of Quantification

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development course

## Semester 2\*

### Core courses

- European Governance
- Global Economic Governance

### Research courses

- Research Methodology
- Academic Writing Workshop

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development course

## Semester 3

### Core courses

- International Development
- Global History

- + Master dissertation
- + Intensive languages modules

## Semester 4

### Core courses

- Ethics and International Relations
- Politics of International Law

- +2 optional courses
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 professional internship

## Optional courses

In semester 1, 2 and 4, you will be able to further tailor your programme to your interests by choosing from a broad offer of optional courses, such as:

- Global Environmental Politics
- Sovereignty and the State in International Relations
- Global Food Politics
- Theories of security and contemporary challenges
- Digital Democracy
- World Political Organization
- European Food & Agricultural Policy
- Armed conflicts and peacemaking
- Cyber Security

\* The second semester can also be completed in one of our numerous partner universities across the world.



# Master in Food Politics

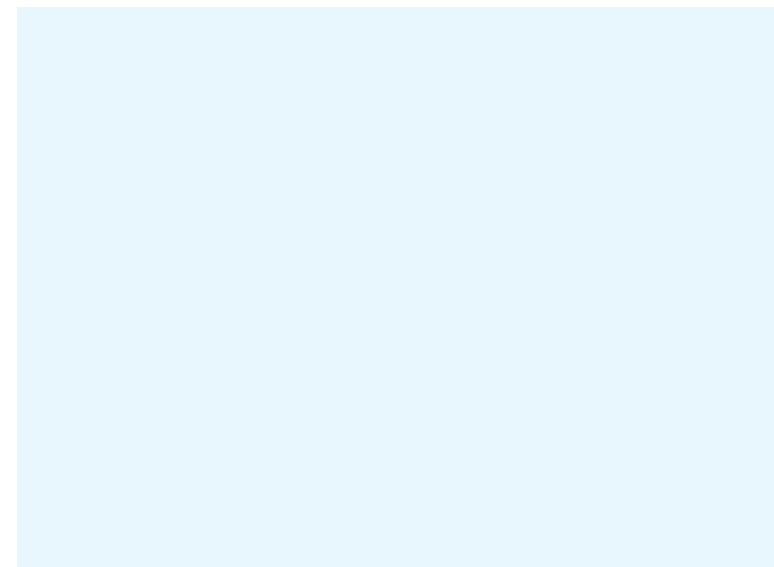
The politics of food and agriculture

Food and agriculture are fields in which major global challenges arise. In 2050, the world's population is projected to rise to 10 billion people; and they all need to eat. Questions related to the organisation and regulation of our agri-food system are inherently political. They include the production, distribution, accessibility, and consumption of food, as well as issues related to public health, sustainability, animal welfare, poverty, science and technology, and trade.

The master's programme in Food Politics examines the ways in which public authorities (regional bodies, nation states, European institutions, UN agencies) and private actors (individuals, farming communities and organisations, transnational businesses, researchers, NGOs, etc.) shape and transform the agri-food system. While the production of food is initiated at local level, its distribution and consumption often have global implications. Understanding, analysing and acting upon these implications is key to steer, govern and transform our food system in the future

Because these questions require to cross political and technical knowledge, the master's programme in Food Politics is organised in close collaboration with practitioners. It includes a partnership with ISA Lille, the renowned agronomy institute of Lille Catholic University; numerous interventions from agri-food professionals; and field trips to regional farms, food-related policy events, key food fairs such as the Paris International Agricultural Show, and food markets such as the Rungis Market, the biggest wholesale food market in the world.

This programme will enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to master and design complex and innovative food policy solutions, and to occupy key professional positions in public and private organisations.



## Semester 1

### Core courses

- Agriculture and Rural Politics
- European Food & Agricultural Policy

### Research courses

- Introduction to Research & Epistemology
- Statistics and the Political Sociology of Quantification

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development module

## Semester 2\*

### Core courses

- Global Environmental Politics
- Global Food Politics

### Research courses

- Research Methodology
- Academic Writing Workshop

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development module

## Semester 3

### Core courses

- Food and Sustainable Development: A project course
- Food, Agriculture and the Environment

- + Master dissertation
- + Intensive languages modules

## Semester 4

### Core courses

- Food Controversies
- Food Economics and Trade

- +2 optional courses
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 professional internship

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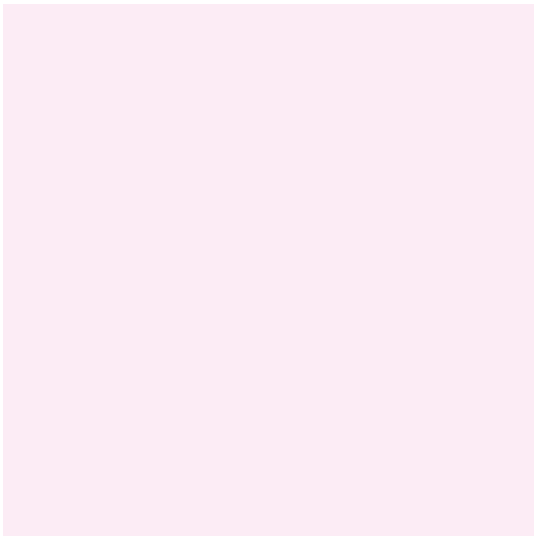
- International Relations
- Comparative Politics
- Global Economic Governance
- International Development
- Global History
- Digital Democracy
- Sovereignty and the State in International Relations
- World Political Organisation

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# Master in International Security Policy

The politics of international conflicts



In addition to being an absolute priority for governments across the world, security seems to have colonized our language as much as our everyday lives. Not a day goes by without politicians and media outlets mentioning yet another ‘security issue’. The master’s programme in International Security asks what this tells us about our contemporary world, and whether our world has really become more dangerous and uncertain than before.

At the intersection of international relations studies, security and defence studies, political theory, sociology and history, this programme provides a deep understanding of what security and international security could look like in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world. It does so by analysing the role of different actors in addressing and shaping international security issues, which go beyond the single framework of action of States. The programme also seeks to provide students with the necessary critical skills for understanding and addressing the social-political mechanisms driving transnational armed conflicts, violence and global uncertainty.

This programme of International Security will enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to diagnose security problems and design security policy solutions, and to occupy key professional positions in national administrations as well as international and non-governmental organizations. Students will not only benefit from the academic environment of the School, but also from the practical knowledge of security practitioners and experts within various seminars such as a joint seminar with the French Army Command (based in Lille) and the research seminars co-organized with the Collaborative Observatory on Terrorism, Antiterrorism and Violence (OCTAV).

## Semester 1

### Core courses

- Theories of Security & Contemporary Challenges
- Armed Conflicts and Peacemaking

### Research courses

- Introduction to Research & Epistemology
- Statistics and the Political Sociology of Quantification

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development course

## Semester 2\*

### Core courses

- War, Terrorism and Violence
- Cyber Security

### Research courses

- Research Methodology
- Academic Writing Workshop

- +1 optional course
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 career development course

## Semester 3

### Core courses

- Defence Policy in Practice
- International Relations

- + Master dissertation
- + Intensive languages modules

## Semester 4

### Core courses

- Sovereignty and the State in International Relations
- World Political Organisation

- +2 optional courses
- + Intensive languages modules
- +1 professional internship

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# ESPOL Highlights

## ESPOL study trips: experience the regulation (and consequences) of global politics yourself

Several field courses will be organized during your stay at ESPOL. During the first year, a 3-4 day trip will take you to Geneva, Switzerland, where you will have the opportunity to meet policy-makers from many agencies of the United Nations and international NGOs. In the second year, we will take you to the heart of European policy-making: Brussels, Belgium, where we will be visiting different European institutions. Finally, students in the Master of Food Politics track will benefit from additional study trips, including Rungis International Market, the largest wholesale market in the world, the Paris International Agricultural Show, as well as farm visits and local food initiatives.

## Learning from the best: ESPOL-LAB conferences and seminars

ESPOL does not only provide students with courses, but also with an exciting intellectual life: your professors are also researchers whose work benefit students. Conferences and seminars organized by ESPOL-LAB, the research lab at ESPOL, are available to our Master's students. For a glimpse into our research activities, have a look at the research section on our website: <https://espol-lille.eu/research/>

## Beyond the classroom: professional training courses and internships

Courses at ESPOL take you beyond the classroom by providing practical tools necessary for a rapid insertion into the professional world (career development modules, management, media training, etc.). Committed to supporting its students finding their way after graduation, the ESPOL Master's programmes are designed to help students get the best skills and career options. Different workshops and meetings with professionals are organized.

The Masters' last semester (2nd Year) involves a 3 month-long internship. As interns, ESPOL Master's students held different positions, such as a project officer at the EU Delegation to the United Nations and others International Organizations in Geneva in the Migration-Humanitarian affairs, campaign manager with Foodwatch France, international development officer at the French Union for Renewable Energy, or as a project assistant for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification among others. You may find all the details about internships on our website: [www.espol-lille.eu/en/career/](http://www.espol-lille.eu/en/career/)

## Everyday life matters too: ESPOL's vibrant international community

ESPOL bachelor and master's students are happy to welcome many international students every year, either in exchange or enrolled in our various programmes. ESPOL students are also eager to organize themselves and participate in the life of the community: different associations (sport, entertainment, politics, environment, etc) will help students fill their days, should they need to!

## A commitment towards the environment: a "zero paper" experiment

The ESPOL master's programmes have been selected to take part in a «zero-paper» experiment. Lille Catholic University will gradually reduce waste of used paper and encourage the use of electronic devices and cloud sharing practices.



The multidisciplinary and multilingual dimension of this degree reinforced my foreign language skills while providing me with conceptual and theoretical tools that have sharpened my ability to understand contemporary international issues and enable me to conduct in-depth analysis. On the strength of these skills, I joined the UNDSS (UN) office in Panama, where I am doing a training course as a junior analyst on the Latin America and Caribbean zone. After my under graduate education and working professionally I decided that the next logical step in my career would be to study in a world class institution such as ESPOL that offers not only diverse international perspectives but also provides a highly respected education.

**Martin BRUN**  
**ALUMNI Master in international security policy**





# Your university life



## Accommodation

The university's accommodation service, the Association d'Entraide Universitaire (AEU), gives students access to a range of 21 university residences, with over 1,200 rooms (prices ranging from €205 to €420 per month).

For more information:  
AEU reception at 47 bd Vauban  
59000 Lille

**Tel: +33 (0)3 20 15 97 70**  
**[www.aeu.asso.fr](http://www.aeu.asso.fr)**



## Financial aid

Master's students can apply for a scholarship once they are accepted to join ESPOL. If you fulfil the eligibility criteria, you will be automatically considered. For more information please contact: [espol@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:espol@univ-catholille.fr)

**+33 (0)3 20 13 40 80**



## An administration at your disposal

A team of 8 people is on hand to help you to get your new student life off to a good start; it will remain by your side throughout your studies at ESPOL



## Tuition fees

Tuition fees at ESPOL vary according to the following criteria: household income; household composition; and a needs-based evaluation index.

**Tuition fees for the Master's programmes range from 2885€ to 9500€.**

You can get an estimate of your tuition fees on the following website:

**[https:// simulationscolarite.univ-catholille.fr](https://simulationscolarite.univ-catholille.fr)**



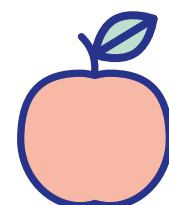
## Healthcare

The University clinic, the Centre Polyvalent de Santé Universitaire (CPSU), is open all week and provides consultations in general practice and gynaecology, nursing care, sophrology workshops and psychological counselling.



## Sport

A gymnasium is reserved for students of the Lille Catholic University or associated schools. It is open 6 days a week, programming various group activities as well as providing free access to the gym and its equipment.



## Catering

A university restaurant is open for lunch and dinner in the heart of the campus. It offers a variety of healthy menus at affordable prices



Having worked for 12 years I always hoped to return to university. The ESPOL's master specialisation in Food Policy did fulfill my wish. The course is developed to examine food using a comprehensive multi-dimensional framework: how food concerns individual choices, community development, world politics and global sustainability. It did not only provide a unique opportunity to refresh my theoretical knowledge, but also became a great source of inspiration for making changes, albeit small, to my diet for instance. And the visit to Rungis Market, as well as some international organisations and community initiatives in Brussels and Geneva were just thought provoking! I would definitely recommend this master programme at ESPOL to young graduates and mature students, who would like to further their studies in a friendly and international environment!

**Joanne WONG,**  
**ALUMNI Master in food politics**





# Admission and contact

## How to apply?

1. Choose your preferred Master programme\*
2. Review the eligibility and admission criteria
3. Create your account on <https://espaceadmission.univ-catholille.fr/>
4. Select your preferred program on the admission platform
5. Take a language test (or provide results from a recent test; see below)
6. Ask your former professors for reference letters
7. Upload the requested documents to the admission platform
8. Submit your application through the admission platform

\*It is possible to apply for several master’s programmes



## When to apply?

**EU procedure: Applications will be reviewed in rounds, 4 times a year**

2019 rounds	Call opening	Call closing	Eligibility & Evaluation	Interviews	Results
Round 1	1 Feb	28 Feb (23h59 CET)	1 March to 29 March	1 April to 30 April	30 April
Round 2	1 March	31 March (23h59 CEST)	1 April to 30 April	2 May to 29 May	29 May
Round 3	1 April	30 April (23h59 CEST)	2 May to 31 May	1 June to 28 June	28 June
Round 4	1 May	31 May (23h59 CEST)	1 June to 30 June	1 July to 31 July	31 July

## International/non-EU procedure

- Fall/Before 15 December: Deadline for Eiffel scholarship
- 31 March 2019: admissions of non-EU applicants through Campus France

## What to submit?

**To be eligible for admission, students are required to submit:**

- An undergraduate level degree (180 ECTS or equivalent). In principle, the ESPOL master is open to all disciplinary backgrounds but previous courses in political and social sciences will be appreciated. Additional classes can be imposed for students without political science background.
  - A Master level degree for countries in which universities do not award undergraduate qualifications.
- A personal statement in English. Personal statements explain your interest in the study programmes and its aims.
- A CV in English.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions previously attended (including exchange programmes).
- Proof of English language proficiency through one of the following completed tests (proof of registration for a test is not enough):
  - TOEFL – 80 iBT or 550 PBT or 60 PDF
  - IELTS Academic – 6.0
  - PTE Academic – 54
  - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) – grade C.
  - A language test is not required for native English speakers or students with an undergraduate/graduate degree in English.
- Two academic references, in English or French.

Do you have questions or do you need more information?  
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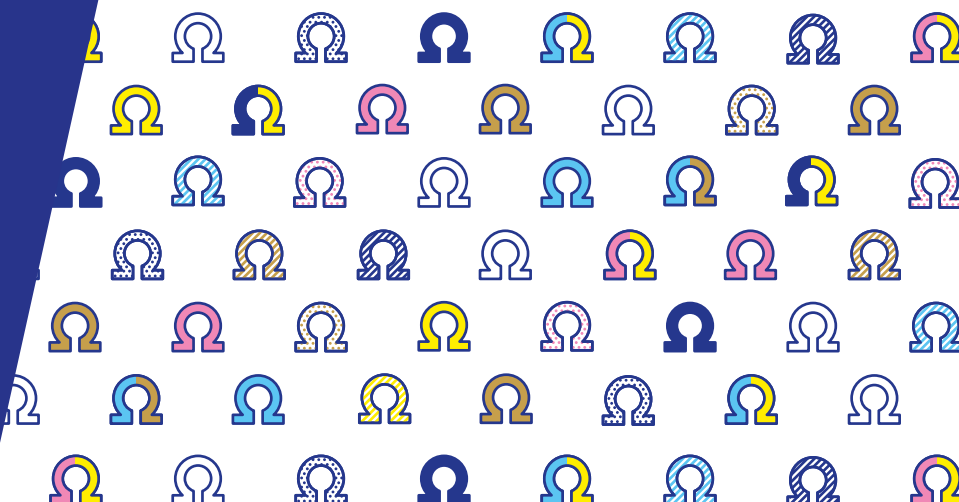




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