Through this year-long, study abroad program, you will earn a Masters in Economic Law with a specialization in Global Governance from the elite Institut d’Études Politique de Paris (Sciences Po) in Paris.

Program Description

The Masters in Economic Law program provides you with a comprehensive theoretical and practical approach to legal issues in a global context. This program is ideal if you aspire to work in law firms in the field of international litigation, in arbitration practice, in international institutions such as the WTO, as an in-house legal adviser to multinational groups (particularly in compliance departments), or as a human rights advocate. This one-year program —open to students from Sciences Po, several elite North American law schools, and other European institutions — is enriched by interaction between students from different countries with differing aspirations and cultural backgrounds. Two students from Penn Carey Law are nominated annually for this program.

French language fluency is required. Applicants must provide proof of TCF minimum score 500, DELF/DALF minimum score C1, or other documentation of advanced level proficiency.

Curriculum

Your core classes in the Masters in Economic Law relate to advanced private and economic international law, international commercial and investment arbitration, and human rights, development, and corporate social responsibility. You may then choose electives that focus either on global business and economic law, litigation and arbitration, or accountability, development, and human rights.

Classes are conducted in both French and English. Penn Carey Law students participating in this program must possess a high level of French proficiency, and complete at least two courses at Sciences Po in French.

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Credits at Sciences Po

Prior to your departure, you must ensure you have completed the necessary upper-level semester hours to meet your JD degree requirements. Joint degree students receive 27 credits for the Sciences Po program during their 3L year.

Sample of Courses

- Droit International Privé Européen de l’économie
- Droit International Public
- Principes Fondamentaux du Système Juridique Français
- Arbitrage Commercial International
- Globalisation et Pluralisme Juridique
- La Responsabilité Sociale des Entreprises
- Legal Aspects of International Finance
- EU Competition Law
- Secured Transactions
- International Economic Negotiation
- M&A in Emerging Countries

Grading and Evaluation

Academic performance is assessed by various methods, including written exams, oral presentations, and papers. The French grading system employs a scale of 1 to 20, with 20 being the maximum, and 10 being the minimal passing grade. All classes at Sciences Po must be taken for a grade (i.e., not pass/fail) but will not be factored into your Penn Carey Law GPA.

Academic Calendar

Although the program dates vary from year to year, the Sciences Po academic term generally begins in early September with a fall exam timetable and winter break similar to Penn Carey Law. Spring break typically falls in late February, with spring exams in May.

Students who complete the Masters in Economic Law are eligible to participate in Penn Carey Law graduation ceremonies.

Recent Penn Carey Law Students

Max Hulme (2015-2016)
Cost of Living
Estimates for living expenses in Paris are provided on the Sciences Po website.

Visa Information
If you are admitted to the program, you will need to apply for a visa; however, before doing so, you must register with Campus France. The registration process can take some time and must be completed before a visa application can be completed.

Health and Safety
You must register for compulsory, government-mandated health coverage. This coverage guarantees you basic, comprehensive health care coverage for the entirety of your stay in France.

Please review the Health and Safety information available on the Penn Global Support Services website. Details on Travel Warnings, if relevant, are posted under International Travel Guidance.

Disability Access and Special Needs
Sciences Po endeavors to provide an accessible program to students with special needs.

Housing Information
Sciences Po does not directly arrange housing, but offers a special service that assists and advises students with finding accommodation and provides a list of contacts to make housing-seeking easier. Housing information for the area can be found online.