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## FACTS ABOUT THE LAW SCHOOL

- **400 students** in 2011
  - **2 Masters, 150 seminar-courses, 1 PhD program**
  - **16 tenured professors, 6 associate professors, 28 visiting professors, and more than 200 adjunct professors**
  - international students account for more than **40%** of the student body
  - **16 prestigious partner universities**
  - **15%** of the candidates admitted by competitive examination to the French National School for the Judiciary come from SPLS
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Sciences Po Law School aims at educating law professionals of a very high caliber, capable of adjusting and evolving in a professional world that is constantly changing.

Our ambition: to recruit students from all horizons holding degrees of higher education. Our challenge: to teach them law, through an interactive pedagogical method that develops their critical mind and their creativity. It will give them the opportunity not only to join the Bar, but also to contribute to the business world, the economic regulation agencies or the Judiciary.

Some of the students will choose to follow their curriculum within a PhD program that relies on an international academic network of excellence. It promotes research in the fields of economic law, globalization, changes in public action, or theories of law and justice.

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm in fostering this original project and developing research in law that is open to the world.



*“Today, much of our law, seemingly purely national, goes back to European law thus requiring lawyers to grasp how legal reasoning works in different legal systems. The times of closed, purely national legal education are definitely over – and the Law School will certainly contribute to sending lawyers into the world who have been trained to understand the continental legal tradition as well as incorporate its anglo-american counterpart.”*

KATJA LANGENBUCHER,  
VISITING PROFESSOR AT SCIENCES PO,  
Professor at the Goethe University of Frankfurt  
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*“ With the founding of the Gide Loyrette Nouel Chair, our law firm is pleased to be involved in the promotion of innovation in legal studies and in enhancing SPLS’ excellence and international outlook. The foreign visiting professors invited by the Chair will introduce students to different legal cultures to prepare them better for the challenges of globalisation. This represents a major asset for SPLS’ students.”*

CHRISTOPHE ECK, MANAGING PARTNER,  
GIDE LOYRETTE NOUEL.  
Gide Loyrette Nouel is a privileged partner  
of SPLS.



*“ Nowadays, the practice of business law requires not solely outstanding technical knowledge, but also to know a lot about economics, to have reasoning abilities, to be adaptable and open-minded. SPLS’ curriculum develops and fosters these skills and thus perfectly provides to the needs of companies and of the law firms which advise them. ”*

JEAN-PIERRE GRANDJEAN, LAWYER,  
CLIFFORD CHANCE  
Clifford Chance is a privileged partner of SPLS.

“If you’re a law student, you should enjoy arguing. Lawyers are in the business of persuasion. Law students should acquire skills in the art of persuasion. Lawyers and law students should also have a broader outlook: don’t read things that concern the law exclusively - read good novels, good biographies, and histories”



RUTH BADER GINSBURG,  
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States,  
Sciences Po, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2009

Law is one of the five fundamental disciplines on which the educational project of Sciences Po is based, along with political science, sociology, history and economics. Students first encounter legal education during the Bachelor at Sciences Po. Training in law can then be pursued through the specialized curricula of the Law School which offers two Masters in “**Judicial and Legal Professions**” and “**Economic Law**” as well as a **PhD program** proposed in the Sciences Po Doctoral School.

### Students from diverse academic backgrounds

The Law School welcomes students holding Bachelor degrees from Sciences Po or from other previous training: engineers, students in literature or students with degrees in law acquired in the university setting. Students having studied in France will take an entrance examination; students having studied abroad shall be admitted on the basis of their application.

**The School offers all candidates a comprehensive and balanced training in law which ensures a continuum in their education in reference to their previous curriculum**

### Versatile law professionals appreciated by recruiters

Graduated students from Sciences Po Law School are in a position to be important **actors of the legal world**. Some take the competitive examination to enter the National School for the Judiciary or the Bar exam. **More than half of them join the best law firms that believe in the excellence of our students by offering them scholarships, internships and jobs.**

The “**Law job fair**”, openhouse for professionals, organized every year at Sciences Po, welcomes around forty law firms and companies. This event, geared towards fostering interviews and direct interaction between professionals and students, gives the opportunity to determine the needs of recruiters. For young, qualified law professionals, it is an important step in their career path.



## A program tailored for the professional world

### Theoretical and practical courses

The courses are taught by tenured law professors and expert practitioners who share not only the essential knowledge to practice law, but also their experience.

### An interactive pedagogy

**Teaching in small groups** facilitates exchange between students. This leads them to **develop a strategic thought process** by tackling issues from a global point of view and not only according to one specific field of law.

### Inventiveness and ingenuity

During their internships and professional life, students will have to show inventiveness and ingenuity. These two qualities are necessary in order for them to efficiently answer the questions they will encounter. That is why the program is across the board, delving into different disciplines of law.

### Team work

Team work is strongly encouraged through the completion of a **“joint project”**. This first experience of project management can take various paths: participation in a moot court (European Law Moot Court, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot) or legal writing, etc. This “joint project” is another way for the students and professionals to meet.

## A global education

**Like every Sciences Po student, students of the Law School will have to be bilingual (French/English) and possess basic knowledge of a third language.**

In a globalized world, the Law School strongly promotes **international curriculum**. The program already consists of numerous courses in English. The faculty includes guest professors who come from various continents and multiple legal traditions.

## An education grounded in research

Sciences Po Law School's PhD Program offers an **outstanding curriculum** to master and doctoral students who wish to carry out research in law and pursue **academic careers**. Insofar as this program is **voluntarily open to a limited number of students**, it enables a better supervision of their research and provides access to the most **favourable working conditions**. This program is fostered by a small but active and open-minded scientific community and relies on an elaborate network of **foreign professors**, and on strong and frequent collaborations with **prestigious partner universities**.

## THE LAW SCHOOL AND GLOBALIZATION

- An English track from the first year of the Master's program to the PhD level
- SPLS offers a wide-range of semester exchange with universities throughout the world :  
UC Berkeley Law School,  
Columbia Law School,  
Cornell Law School,  
Goethe University-Frankfurt,  
Harvard Law school,  
Keio Law School,  
Kyoto Faculty of Law,  
Northwestern University Law School,  
the Tsinghua School of Law,  
the University of Turin Faculty of Law,  
and the Faculty of Law of University of Sao Paulo
- Students from 44 countries

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