

## Study German and French Political Science at the KU (integrated Bachelor's degree program)

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Why are the French on strike more often than Germans? And should Germany also get a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council? Why does the French President have more powers than the German Federal President? And how can the reorientation of the German foreign policy after reunification be described: greater continuity or change?

These questions are likely to come up during the course of the Bachelor's degree program in German and French Political Science. Students of this integrated degree program always approach these questions from a common **Franco-German perspective**. They spend time studying both in **Eichstätt** (the first and third years of study) and at the renowned **Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Rennes** (Sciences Po) in France. The program focuses on the subject of Political Science.

During the course of the degree program, students will choose two elective areas and will learn foreign languages and methodologies. The content covered in Eichstätt and Rennes is carefully coordinated and each year group is made up of students from both countries. The degree program and its students are supported by the Franco-German University (*DFH*) in Saarbrücken. The institute also monitors the degree program quality.

Together with the renowned IEP in Paris, its branch in Nancy and seven other institutes in France (Aix-en-Provence, Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Strasbourg, Toulouse), the IEP Rennes is one of the "Sciences Po" institutions. In addition to a sound general education, the degree program also trains students in **synthetic and analytical thinking**. While this methodological training has come to be known as "Méthode Science Po" with increasing popularity, the German university system is characterized by greater leeway when it comes to **tailoring the degree program to the students' individual needs**. The German and French Political Science degree program combines core elements of both degree programs from Rennes and Eichstätt by incorporating the strengths of the respective systems.

The collaboration between Eichstätt and Rennes has numerous advantages:

- **Program structure:** The degree program provides for one preparatory year in the student's home country. From the second year onwards, students will work in a Franco-German year group in Rennes. This allows students to improve their language skills and prepare for their study abroad period both in view of covered topics and methodological approaches. Students take modules such as "Politics in Germany and France", "Academic Writing in a Franco-German Context" or "Intercultural Communication French".
- **Freedom of choice:** Students of this degree program choose two additional subject areas. The KU offers Sociology, Economics or Law and another subject area which can be chosen freely from the range of subject areas offered at the KU. This allows students to define individual specialist areas and also focus on other regions in the world, for example Latin America.
- **Locations:** Both universities have an excellent staff-to-student ratio which provides ideal conditions for an international degree program. Furthermore, the IEP with its seat in the capital of Brittany is an integral part of the dynamic educational landscape. With its

comprehensive cultural offer and opportunities for students, Rennes is among the most popular university cities in the west of France.

- **Alumni Association:** Alumni of this degree program are very active and present in university life. On the occasion of a Franco-German seminar in which students from Rennes and Eichstätt meet every year, former graduates of the program organize a Master's and career forum in order to support their successive generations on their way during the degree programs and into professional life.

Ten students per year are admitted to this integrated degree program at the KU by way of a selection procedure. Study requirements are good language skills in French and one additional modern foreign language, a good performance record and the wish to pursue a career connected to the degree program's main focus. The Franco-German University (*DFH*) provides both non-material and financial support for students who continue their studies with a double degree diploma, the Franco-German Master's degree, after having completed a German Bachelor's degree program. The KU offers students the possibility to complete a first university degree in its Bachelor's program. However, the French equivalent of the German Master's degree, the "Diplôme de l'IEP" will only be successfully completed after five years of study. After completion of this five-year study period, the Franco-German University issues a certificate for successful graduates.

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