INFORMATION FOR INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS 2019-2020

Sciences Po and the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Cambridge established an academic exchange programme in 2014. Cambridge and Sciences Po have an Erasmus agreement which forms part of the CAMPO exchange.

PhD students whose research would benefit from spending a period of time at Cambridge are encouraged to apply for this scheme. The fixed time period for this visit is three months. Visiting students should arrange their stay so that it coincides with the teaching terms in Cambridge.

All students who intend on coming to Cambridge as Erasmus students for study mobility must follow the deadlines and requirements of the University’s Erasmus processes. These are detailed on the following webpages: http://www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/information-incoming-students

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for funding through the Erasmus programme, a valid Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement in the relevant subject area is required. The current Erasmus agreement between Cambridge and SciencesPO is for Politics and International Studies, therefore only students whose research is in this area can be accepted as Erasmus students.

Language requirement

All students who are non-native speakers of English are required to sit an online English assessment as part of their application. This will be arranged by the International Student Team and the Erasmus team at Sciences Po. Students are exempt from taking the assessment if they already have one of the following qualifications which must have been obtained in the last two years:

- IELTS: a minimum overall grade of 7.5, with 7.0 in each element
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: at grade A
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: at grade A or B
- TOEFL iBT Certificate with a minimum overall score of 100, with at least 25 in each element

Entry dates

The duration of an Erasmus placement to Cambridge for the Campo scheme is 3 months. Students are required to come to Cambridge within term times. Please see here for University term dates.
ECTS credits

Although Cambridge does not operate a credit system, the University agrees the following ECTS equivalences:
  - Following one term (3 months) full workload for a PhD student = 20 ECTS credits

College

All incoming Erasmus students are required to be fully matriculated members of a College. The International Student Office handles the process of placing all students in Colleges. The process of securing a College can be lengthy. Please note that due to extremely limited places, it is not possible for students to choose their College.

College membership is usually offered alongside accommodation for Erasmus students. If it is not possible to find College accommodation, or if students prefer to find their own place to live, they can use the University’s Accommodation Service. If students will be living in private accommodation they will still be required to have College Membership.

Fees

In accordance with the Erasmus charter the University does not charge tuition fees to incoming Erasmus students. Incoming Erasmus students will be charged for accommodation fees and other expenses. Whilst students will not be charged fees for tuition during their time at Cambridge, the cost of living in the city may be higher than their home university. We have estimated that students should allow £9,100 a year for living costs. Please note that students may be asked for financial guarantees to cover accommodation costs.

Learning Agreement

A Learning Agreement lists the courses that students intend on following for their period as an Erasmus student at Cambridge. PhD students for POLIS should list the area of research they will be following on their Learning Agreement.

Application

Please contact Aurélien Krejbich aurelien.krejbich@sciencespo.fr for guidance on how to complete Erasmus application at Science Po

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