



## DUAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN GLOBAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT





## ABOUT SCIENCES PO

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**Sciences Po** is an international research university, both selective and open to the world. It ranks among the finest institutions in humanities and social sciences. **The Urban School** is one of the seven schools at Sciences Po and is training professionals who will imagine, lead, and manage the future transformation of cities. It is renowned for its emphasis on urban governance, comparative political economy, and urban policy analysis. The Urban School is committed to an interdisciplinary social science approach (politics, sociology, economics, law, history, urban planning, and geography) to urban transformation in the climate crisis, smart cities, housing, public space, infrastructure, and mobility.

## ABOUT THE TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**The School of Habitat Studies** of the **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)**, of which four centres are involved in this dual degree (Urban Policy and Governance, Climate Change and Environmental Studies, Water Policy and Governance, Regulatory Policy and Governance), is a premier institution for the social sciences in India. It offers rigorous training in urban development, including social policy, sustainability, water, sanitation, mitigating inequality, and regional development. The TISS ethos is deeply committed to social and environmental justice, on-the-ground field training, and policy work.

*“Graduates of this double degree will be uniquely placed to analyse different urban contexts, to propose novel solutions to urban problems, and to have an interdisciplinary foundation in urban policy and governance.”*

Sukriti Issar, Academic Director of the Governing the Large Metropolis (GLM) Master Programme



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

**The Urban School of Sciences Po** (Paris) and the **School of Habitat Studies of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences** (TISS, Mumbai), two highly rated institutions in Urban Studies worldwide, partner in the dual master's degree in Global Urban Development, which provides cutting-edge interdisciplinary training in urban governance and urban policy. This collaboration leverages the strengths of both universities to offer students an enriching experience of professionalisation and hands-on training in two dynamic global cities: Paris in the first year and Mumbai in the second year.

This unique program grants a dual degree in urban development with training in India and Europe in the time usually taken to achieve just one degree. It offers the extraordinary opportunity to be trained in two of the world's most dynamic metropolitan areas, each a vast laboratory for urbanism and sharing many of the key challenges of cities today. As Greater Paris and Greater Mumbai have radically different spatial forms, geographies, and histories, the cities provide an ideal site for students who want to acquire skills in global comparative urbanism and urban governance and understand how urban policy is implemented in different contexts.

Students in the program will acquire the fundamental knowledge, skills, and experience to:

- Develop a vocabulary for analysing urban policy and governance.
- Understand the action logic and urban governance of the world's largest metropolitan areas, analysing different spatial forms, geographies, and histories through a comparative approach while being anchored in two dynamic cities (Greater Paris and Greater Mumbai), which serve as real laboratories for territorial public policies.
- Design and implement innovative public policies at local, national, and international levels, combining social and environmental justice.
- Critically understand the drivers, processes, and complex outcomes of urbanisation and urban development trajectories in India.
- Link theory and practice through an immersive, applied pedagogy that provides both conceptual foundations and hands-on professional experiences.

# PROGRAMME CONTENT

## FIRST YEAR

The first year takes place in Paris, where students follow the curriculum of the Master Governing the Large Metropolis (GLM) at The Urban School of Sciences Po. The GLM programme equips students to address the critical challenges of rapid global urbanisation. It offers comprehensive training in the governance of fast-growing metropolitan areas with a focus on emerging countries, addressing key issues such as infrastructure, mobility, water, electricity, health, and social services.

The first year is divided into two semesters:

- **Semester 1** provides an interdisciplinary foundation with courses covering public policy, urban planning, housing, and training in social research methods. During this semester, students enhance their academic and professional writing abilities, work collaboratively on group projects, and strengthen public speaking skills.
- **Semester 2** focuses on practical experience, including a study trip and core courses in law, economics, and statistics. Students also explore regional specialisations, offering in-depth knowledge of urban governance in various global contexts such as Africa, China, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

Throughout the year, students engage in group projects and a learning expedition, where they work individually and as part of a team in real-world professional situations. This professional immersion spans diverse sectors, such as urban planning, urban services, transport, real estate, housing, sustainable development, and smart cities.



## SECOND YEAR

The second year of the dual master's programme takes place at the School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai. This year builds on the theoretical and policymaking knowledge acquired in Paris, applying it to India's intricate and contested urban development processes. The programme emphasises an innovative pedagogy based on learning from practice, enabling students to engage directly with complex urban transformations.

Led by the Centre for Urban Policy and Governance, TISS is a leading institution in generating knowledge about urbanisation, particularly from the perspective of the low- and middle-income countries. This Centre is supported by three specialised centres focusing on environment and climate change, water policy and governance, and regulation. Such interdisciplinary collaboration ensures that students receive rigorous training in essential areas, including urban development and policy, climate and sustainability, water and sanitation, and regulatory instruments.

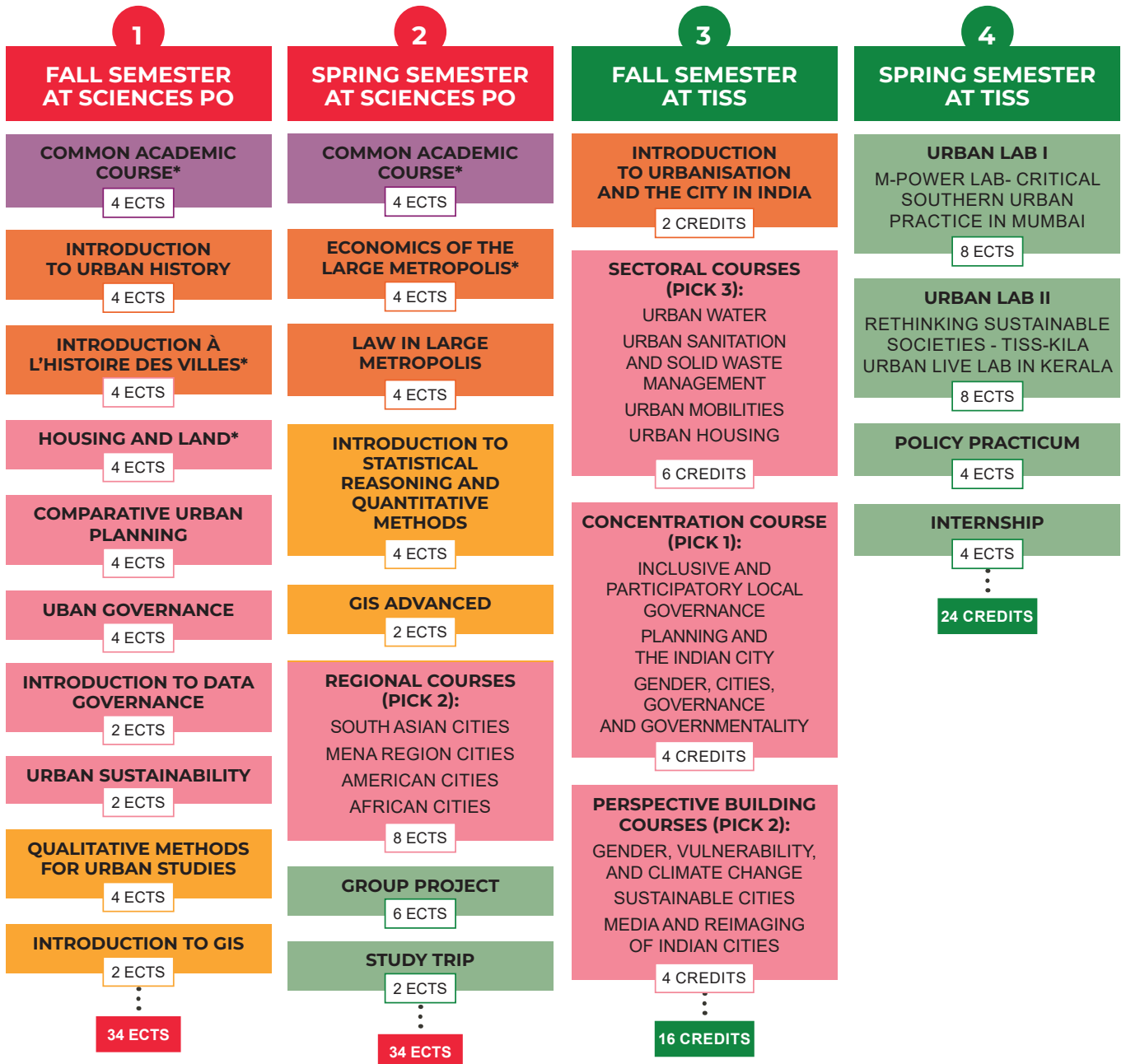
Through hands-on fieldwork and a policy practicum, students deepen their understanding of urban governance in diverse contexts. They develop the capacity to navigate the situated and often messy realities of urban growth while using practical experiences to inform more effective theorising and policymaking. The programme promotes sustainable, participatory, democratic, and equitable approaches to urban development, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to link theory with empirical insights drawn from the ground.

TISS's ethos, deeply rooted in social and environmental justice, reflects the combination of academic learning with hands-on field training and policy work, providing students with the practical experience necessary to tackle today's pressing urban challenges.





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The courses marked with\* are fundamental. A passing grade (at least 10 out of 20) is required in these courses to obtain your Master's Degree.

Note: Curriculum plans evolve every year to address various needs and developments.

# LOCATION

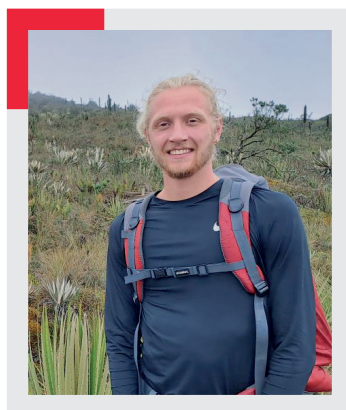
## PARIS CAMPUS: A HUB OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

Located in the heart of the French capital, in the neighbourhood of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, and close to the Louvre Museum, the Seine, and the Luxembourg Gardens, the Paris Campus is Sciences Po's historic birthplace, where the institution was founded in 1872. Since January 2022, the new Saint Thomas campus has welcomed students and researchers in a 150,000 sq ft site in the heart of the city.



### LIFE ON CAMPUS

The Paris campus offers a dynamic environment for students with over 300 clubs and associations spanning culture, education, solidarity, and debate. More than 2,000 events enrich student life, including sports competitions, festivals, public speaking contests, seminars, and exhibitions. The campus also hosts numerous conferences with leaders from politics, business, and academia, fostering a space for intellectual exchange and reflection.



*"I realised that to study or work in a place, you need to be able to engage intellectually and emotionally with the reality of a city, a region, or a country. Following this logic, I was convinced that the dual degree would allow me to immerse myself once again in a different context, broadening my understanding of the urban world."*

Nils Lagrève, double-diploma student  
in Global Urban Development

## MUMBAI CAMPUSES: VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE SPACES

TISS operates across two campuses in Mumbai: The Main Campus and the Malti and Jal A.D. Naoroji Campus Annexe, both located in the Deonar neighbourhood of Northeastern Greater Mumbai. The Main Campus houses most of the academic Schools and Centers, while the Naoroji Campus focuses on specialised activities. Together, these campuses form a lively and inclusive environment dedicated to academic and personal development.

### LIFE ON CAMPUS

The TISS Students' Affairs Office ensures student well-being, offering various services, from counselling to physical activities like yoga and gym facilities. Students participate in numerous cultural events, including the Spic-Macay music festival and the 'TISS Cultural Fest–Quintessence,' a much-loved annual tradition. The campus also hosts friendly sports events, with the Annual Sports Day being a highlight for students, staff, and faculty alike, fostering a strong sense of community.



# VALIDATION AND DEGREE

Students are registered for two years at both universities and can access Sciences Po and TISS student services. Students must validate coursework under the requirements of the university at which they are studying each year.

- 60 ECTS credits during the year at Sciences Po
- The equivalent of 60 credits during the year at TISS

To earn the dual degree, students must validate the two years of study in both universities.

Providing all course requirements have been met, students will graduate after two years with two Master's degrees, one granted by Sciences Po Paris and the other by TISS Mumbai.



## PLEASE REVIEW

- [the eligibility criteria](#)
- [the selection criteria](#)



## PLEASE CHECK

1. [the language requirements](#)
2. [the required supporting documents](#)
3. [the specific deadlines](#)

Candidates apply directly on [the Sciences Po website](#).

Applicants are selected based only on the strength of their applications. A jury with members from both universities makes the final admissions decision.

# ADMISSIONS

This dual degree program is open to candidates worldwide. It is intended for aspiring urban professionals interested in public or private sector careers with a Bachelor's degree in social science (economics, law, politics, social policy, anthropology, sociology, geography, history...), engineering, architecture, natural science, and more.



## TUITION AND FEES

Students pay their fees:

- [To Sciences Po for Year 1](#)
- \* Fees at Sciences Po may differ depending on nationality, tax household location and other criteria from €0 to €19,670. You can calculate your tuition fees [online](#).
- To TISS for Year 2 – 600,000 INR (for Indian Students)

To find out about possible funding, consult [the grants offered by Sciences Po](#) and also:

- [France excellence Charpak Master Scholarship](#)
- [R D Sethna Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Scholarships](#)



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