

Grand Oral de Sciences Po / List of topics for PSIA

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To fulfil the requirements for the Grand Oral examination you need to:

1. Choose a topic from the list below that you can relate to your 3rd semester or gap year internship or 3rd semester academic exchange and choose the language of your examination (English or French).
2. Prepare a written executive summary (800 words in English or French) related to your topic and experience.
3. Give an oral presentation based on your executive summary on the day of your Grand Oral in the same language as your executive summary, in person, on campus.

The use of force in international affairs

The role of strategy in international affairs

The role of soft power in international affairs

New technologies and international affairs

New technologies and geopolitical risks

Leveraging technology to achieve sustainable development

Contemporary challenges to foreign policy

Contemporary challenges for intelligence AND/OR counterterrorism

Global governance in the 21st century

Global risks in the 21st century

Contemporary challenges in global trade

Contemporary challenges to democracy

Alliances and World Politics

Diplomacy for the 21st century

Diplomacy and War today

Contemporary challenges in multilateralism

Multilateralism and small powers

Contemporary challenges in human rights

Contemporary challenges in humanitarian action

Contemporary challenges for migration

Inequality and social justice

Financing the ecological transition

Social innovation for sustainable development

Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Climate change risks and vulnerabilities

Challenges to environmental AND/OR biodiversity governance

A just ecological transition

Controversies and critiques in international development

International cooperation for economic growth

Partnerships for international development

Energy transition and International Relations

Financing sustainable development

Energy and the politics of decarbonisation

Gender in Development: Policy and Practice

Gender, Globalization and Human Rights

Economic security in the 21st century

Contemporary challenges to Peacebuilding