



SORBONNE
UNIVERSITY
ABU DHABI

Double Bachelor in Philosophy and Sociology



The Double Bachelor in Philosophy and Sociology is an exclusive three-year degree taught in French, that offers students the opportunity to work in a wide range of fields.

The curriculum combines the two majors (Philosophy and Sociology) with minors in social sciences, such as Political Science, Economics, Geopolitics, International Relations, Public Policy and History, in a path called Politics and Society. It gives students the opportunity to thoroughly and rigorously learn about ethics, politics and social phenomena through the perspectives of philosophy and social sciences.

The major in Philosophy emphasises epistemological questions regarding the conditions of scientific objectivity and the way social sciences differ from natural sciences. It explores moral and political issues including classic topics such as justice, democracy, freedom, equality and social pact, and theory of action (rational choice theory). It allows students to question the theoretical foundations of key political, economical and social issues.

The major in Sociology emphasises the link between sociological theory and empirical research as well as the methodological issues underlying social scientific research, introducing students to the methods of social science survey. It focuses on the political and social changes in contemporary societies within the context of globalisation, such as migrations, urban phenomena or social and cultural inequalities.

This double curriculum provides students with a deep and comprehensive understanding of the functioning of contemporary societies, and challenges them to think critically about key sociological and philosophical issues.

A mandatory language course offers students the opportunity to add an extra language to their skills. These language choices include Arabic, English, German, Italian, Chinese or Spanish.

The programme faculty are all internationally renowned professors whose teaching methodology goes beyond the traditional forms of teaching to ensure a balanced and well-rounded learning experience. Personalised tutoring is also available for students to enjoy a more individual learning experience.

The curriculum follows the European ECTS system and the degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris.

First Year

- Western and Islamic concepts of Philosophy
- Foundations of reasoning and critical thinking
- Theory of knowledge
- Introduction to ethics
- Ethics and sociology of tolerance
- Foundations of social theory
- Sociology of migrations and inter-ethnic relations
- Qualitative methods of sociology
- Statistics
- Political science
- Economics
- History of the contemporary world

Second Year

- Philosophy in the ancient world
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of environment
- Quantitative methods of sociology
- Minds and computers: how do we think?
- Social stratification, equality and inequality
- Economy and society
- Art and society
- Public policy
- Geopolitics

Third Year

- European thought on modernity
- Contemporary philosophy
- Thinking science and technology
- Political philosophy
- Theories of justice
- Comparative philosophy between the East and West
- Rational choice theory
- Political sociology
- Social structures of Gulf countries
- Urban sociology: the organisation of cities
- Social science



Admission requirements

To be eligible for this Bachelor's degree, students must have the following:

- French Baccalaureate with a minimum final average of 12/20 or High School Diploma with a minimum 80% average (or equivalent)*.
- French Aptitude Certificate: minimum score of B2 level (accepted certificates: DU issued by Sorbonne University, DELF, TEF, TCF and SELFEE). Students with a French Baccalaureate are exempted from the language proficiency exam**.

*Students not meeting this requirement may be accepted following a review of high school subject results, supporting exams scores and a student's personal statement.

**Students not meeting the required French Aptitude Certificate will be admitted conditionally in the programme, subject to passing a Foundation Programme in the French Language (French Intensive Course).

Career prospects

The degree prepares students for careers in governmental and non-governmental organisations, polling agencies, market research and statistics companies, diplomatic services, journalism and communication, secondary and higher education, consulting as well as human resources.

This curriculum offers access to numerous Masters' programmes worldwide in the fields of international relations, public policy, international affairs, law, human resources, communication, journalism, sociology and philosophy. Students can also pursue their studies at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi by applying to the Master in Applied Sociological Research.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 3 years)

AED 215,100 (approximately US\$ 58,615)

Scholarship options*:

- Emirati citizens receive the H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan scholarship grant covering tuition fees for the programme and a foundation year (if any).
- For non-Emirati students, academic excellence scholarships are offered, covering up to 75% of the tuition fee.

*Conditions apply

Visit our website for more information.

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).

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