MASTER GEOGRAPHY
SPACES, SOCIETIES AND TERRITORIES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS credits)

ACQUIRED SKILLS

- Understand the major issues driving research in geography and more generally in social sciences and adopt a position as to the social value of research when dealing with the challenges of the world today.
- Understand with a common sense approach the specific issues facing local authorities, public and private planning institutions, NGOs and intergovernmental organisations in the fields of cities and towns, the environment, sustainable development, discrimination, diversity, gender, governance and social inclusion.
- Be able to interlink levels, stakeholder rationales and points of view to demarcate, understand, explain and clarify territorial issues of social engineering and development.
- Use mixed methodologies combining audiovisual, observation and collection of personal accounts.
- Conduct a piece of research from start to finish, from the definition of the subject and hypothesis-forming to its publication, including collecting quantitative data, building up qualitative empirical material, conducting surveys, putting together a bibliography and analysis.
- Develop investigative expertise in the field in French and in a foreign language.
- Write a research thesis or an internship report.
- Join a professional body and conduct a project in it.
- Draft a summary analysis, a scientific article in French and in English, a research programme as part of a tender bid.
- Organise a collaborative piece of research.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Continuation of studies: PhD

Employment opportunities:
- Higher education teacher
- Researcher, Project manager in a NGO, association or planning department
- Project manager or research officer in territory development
- Official representative for public institutions (local authorities, ministries, intergovernmental organisations)
- GIS, mapping, territorial development project manager
- Senior manager in the civil service

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

The SST Master's degree course is part of a growing niche, that of social, political and cultural geography. Bolstered by the combination of teacher-researchers from the UPEC and the UPEM, its originality lies in the fact that it provides perspectives on both formerly industrialised spaces and on spaces in transition or under development and that it offers an overall consideration, on many different levels, of the socio-spatial transformations resulting from globalisation, as well as their environmental aspect. In doing so, our training programme goes beyond the traditional boundaries between urban and rural spaces, and rich and poor countries, to give students the keys for reflecting on the spatial manifestations of the processes of exclusion, marginalisation and domination on different levels and in different contexts. Therefore, our Master's degree course is likely to maintain a strong identity through key words such as inequality, territory, socio-spatial justice, mobility, issues of power and domination, which we can clarify on https://u-pem.fr/formations/745
STUDY PROGRAM

YEAR 1, SEMESTER 1.

Unit 1 Fundamental instruction (ECTS : 16) The spatial dimension of societies (ECTS : 4) - Spaces and policies (ECTS : 4) - Social issues and the environment (ECTS : 4) - Workshop (ECTS : 4)
Unit 2 Methods and tools (ECTS : 6) - Methodological supervision 1 (ECTS : 3) - Language (ECTS : 3)
Unit 3 Cross-curricular and pre-professionalisation options (2 options which the student chooses from the range of partner training programmes (UPE, ENS) (ECTS : 8) - Option 1 (ECTS : 4) - Option 2 (ECTS : 4)

YEAR 1, SEMESTER 2.

Unit 4 Methods and tools (2) (ECTS : 6) - Methodological supervision 2 (ECTS : 3) - Maps and graphical representations (ECTS : 3)
Unit 5 Thesis or internship (ECTS : 24) - Thesis or internship (ECTS : 24)

YEAR 2, SEMESTER 3.

Unit 1 Fundamental instruction (ECTS : 20) - Space, gender and sexuality (ECTS : 5) - Space, inequality and discrimination (ECTS : 5) - The city and social transformations (ECTS : 5) - Contemporary debates and issues in geographical research (ECTS : 5)
Unit 2 Methods and tools (3) 6 ECTS (ECTS : 4) - Methodological supervision 3 (ECTS : 2) - Written and verbal scientific communication in English (ECTS : 2)
Unit 3 Cross-curricular and pre-professionalisation options (2 options which the student chooses from Unit 1 (must include the Workshop) of M1 if he has not taken this M1; OR 6 ECTS for option chosen from the range of partner training programmes at the UPE (ECTS : 6) - Option 1 (ECTS : 3) - Option 2 (ECTS : 3)

YEAR 2, SEMESTER 4.

Unit 4 Methods and tools (4) (ECTS : 6) - Methodological supervision 4 (ECTS : 2) - Maps and graphical representations intensive workshop (ECTS : 4)
Unit 5 Thesis or internship (ECTS : 24) - Thesis or internship (ECTS : 24)