

PACIFIC POLITICAL SCIENCE MASTERCLASS 2026

The stakes of sovereignty: perspectives on the Pacific region from New Caledonia

Nouméa, University of New Caledonia | 22–27 June 2026

Join an intensive international masterclass organised by the University of New Caledonia at the heart of the Pacific and explore one of the region's most strategic issues: sovereignty, governance, and regional cooperation. During the week, students will be invited to engage with the key issues regarding the Pacific region from a New Caledonian and local perspective.

THE EXPERIENCE

- High-level lectures and expert discussions
- Practical insights from regional decision-makers
- Visits of institutions
- Workshops on Indigenous Peoples' rights, climate governance, diplomacy, and security
- Team projects

THE OUTCOMES

- Strengthen your analytical and leadership skills
- Build an international Pacific network
- Gain first-hand insight into New Caledonia's unique political context
- Experience a dynamic academic and cultural environment

CULTURAL IMMERSION

The program includes French courses, cultural events, the celebration of Kanak heritage and cultural diversity of the Pacific

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mornings: Academic courses and expert-led sessions

Afternoons: Visits of institutions and meetings with key regional experts and institutions

Evenings: Networking, cultural events, and group study time

Lecturers from :



KEY ACADEMIC TOPICS

Throughout the week, participants will explore:

- The historical, cultural, and political context of New Caledonia
- Indigenous rights and knowledge protection
- Land and maritime resources
- Climate change and environmental governance
- Defence and border protection
- Regional diplomacy and international relations
- Pacific strategies and geopolitics

VISITS OF INSTITUTIONS

- High Commission of the French Republic in New Caledonia
- French Permanent Secretariat for the Pacific
- Government of New Caledonia
- Congress of New Caledonia
- Armed Forces of New Caledonia
- Economic, Social, and Environmental Council
- Customary Senate
- Pacific Community head office
- EU Institutions



Shape the Future of the Pacific

Study, Connect, and Lead

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Who is it for ?

Advanced students, young professionals, diplomats, and leaders from the Pacific Region with a strong interest in political and regional affairs

How to apply

Apply online here



From Feb. 15 to March 25
Successful applicants
announced on March 31



Fees

The tuition fee is 830 AUD for payments received until April 15

The tuition fee is 1165 AUD for payments received after April 15

What's included

Courses and expert-led sessions
Visits and professional meetings
Accommodation (up to 7 nights campus)
Local transport
Meals during visits

What's not included

International airfares
Meals will be provided at organised events only

Academic recognition & funding

Awards 5 ECTS credits for eligible students
Eligible for the New Colombo Plan Scholarship if combined with the French Immersion Campus stay



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