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The Journalism School  
Columbia University

# Sciences Po - Columbia Dual Degree in Journalism



Master's Degree in Journalism (Sciences Po)  
Master of Science in Journalism (Columbia University)



## Sciences Po and Columbia: two world class institutions

### Sciences Po at a glance

#### About Sciences Po

Founded in 1872, Sciences Po was originally a private school established to analyze the contemporary world and prepare young people to enter public administration in France.

Today, Sciences Po functions as a highly selective research university. It offers a wide and varied curriculum in the human and social sciences, drawing on academics and experts in such fields as political science, international relations, sociology, law, finance, public affairs and economics. Located in the heart of Paris, Sciences Po is a symbol of excellence and attracts outstanding students from all over the world. Innovation and creativity in research and education have always been driving forces at Sciences Po. Through its multidisciplinary programs, Sciences Po delivers solid methodological training and provides students with the tools to deal with complex issues.

Sciences Po has over 7,500 students, one third of whom are international. Sciences Po's academic offerings are enriched by 9 research centers and one of the richest humanities and social sciences libraries in continental Europe. For more information visit: [www.sciences-po.fr](http://www.sciences-po.fr)

#### About the Sciences Po School of Journalism

The Sciences Po School of Journalism is an integral part of France's top-tier university system. It offers a two-year master's program, combining practical journalism training with advanced academic instruction in the social sciences. In the face of recent technological changes and globalization, the school has two goals. The first is to educate future journalists

to analyze and understand the complex world they will report on, in a field where precision, analytical rigor, and intellectual integrity are indispensable. The second is to cover crucial information and events that have decisive roles in society.

### Columbia at a glance

#### About Columbia University

A leading academic and research university, Columbia continually seeks to advance the frontiers of knowledge and to foster a campus community deeply engaged in understanding and addressing the complex global issues of our time. Columbia's extensive public service initiatives, cultural collaborations, and community partnerships help define the University's underlying values and mission to educate students to be both leading scholars and informed, engaged citizens. Founded in 1754 as King's College, Columbia University in the City of New York is the fifth oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. For more information, visit [www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu)

#### About the Graduate School of Journalism

For almost a century, the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism has been preparing journalists with a program that stresses academic rigor, ethics, journalistic inquiry, and professional practice. Founded with a gift from Joseph Pulitzer in 1903, the School offers Master of Science, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees as well as dual degree programs in earth and environmental science, religion, business, international and public affairs and law.

## An internationally recognized program in journalism

**B**uilding on the complementary approaches of two prestigious institutions with rich and diverse academic traditions, the Journalism School at Sciences Po and the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism are combining their strengths to offer a Dual Degree program in Journalism.

Columbia and Sciences Po believe students will benefit greatly from a program that enables them to study in two hubs of journalism: New York City and Paris. This partnership reflects the global nature of journalism in the 21st century, offering students top-tier training from both an American and a European perspective. It provides mastery of journalistic techniques, bilingual training, and the opportunity to develop a career with a unique international perspective.

Students spend a year each in New York and Paris and receive master's degrees in Journalism from both Columbia University and Sciences Po.

The students enrolled in the Dual Degree program will spend their first year acquiring core skills either at Sciences Po or at Columbia. During the second year, they will be enrolled in the master's program at their host school across the Atlantic.

### Program overview

The two-year, full-time dual master's degree program in Journalism is taught in French at Sciences Po and in English at Columbia. The program offers a wide range of courses



which blend work in the social sciences (e.g. International Relations, Economics, European Studies, Political History) with professional skills (TV, radio, multimedia, print).

The program is highly selective. Up to 10 students will be selected each year, 5 from each institution. Only students enrolled in one of the journalism programs at Columbia or Sciences Po will be able to apply to the dual program. Columbia students will be invited during the academic year to apply for a second degree, which will be conferred by Sciences Po after two semesters of study and internship in Paris. Students at Sciences Po apply to Columbia during their first year. Each school will use its normal admission process. There will be a representative from each partner school participating in the final selection process. Students will pay regular tuition rates at each institution. After two years of study, and provided that the appropriate credits have been completed at both institutions, Sciences Po students will receive both the Sciences Po and the Columbia University master's degrees in Journalism. Columbia graduates will receive the Sciences Po degree once they've completed their work there.

The faculty members in both programs are internationally renowned academics and journalists. At Columbia and Sciences Po, dual degree students will benefit from two exceptionally stimulating intellectual environments as well as community networks and opportunities on both sides of the Atlantic. The students participating in the program will have access to all facilities normally offered to students at each university, including libraries, computer networks, career services, sports facilities, and student associations and cultural life.

**Proficiency both in French and in English is required to participate in this program**

**Students may start the program in Paris or in New York.**

## Sciences Po-Columbia track

### Year 1 at the Sciences Po Journalism School

At Sciences Po, students enroll fulltime at the journalism school and complete the first year of their two-year program in Paris. Students choose from a wide range of courses both in the social sciences (e.g. International Relations, Economics, European Studies, Political History) as well as professional skills (TV, radio, multimedia, print).

#### Core courses

Students have to complete some requirements of the master's program core curriculum and a selection of workshops in order to obtain their degree, including:

First-year courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Editorial staff meeting courses</li> <li>. Lecture courses on political life, justice, economics, etc.</li> <li>. Professional workshops (TV, print journalism, digital journalism, radio)</li> <li>. Workshops: news agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>writing skills, writing in English, Anglo-Saxon journalistic standards</li> <li>. Diction lessons</li> <li>. Master classes with personalities from the media world</li> </ul>

#### Languages

Students must enroll in at least one foreign language class (other than their native language) at Sciences Po. All dual degree students satisfy this requirement by showing proficiency in French and studying in Paris during their first year. Any second language classes taken at the intermediate level can count as elective.

#### Assessment

Students will have to complete at least 50 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits during their year at Sciences Po. Students who do not complete the required credits over the year will be asked to take extra courses to fulfill the requirements.

#### Degree

Students will receive Sciences Po's master's degree in Journalism after completing two years of studies and all requirements at both institutions.

#### Academic calendar

The academic year at the Sciences Po Journalism School runs from September through February (2 seven-week modules) and from February through the end of May (2 seven week-modules). Students must attend the three-week September orientation program.

#### Year 2 at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

Sciences Po students who are admitted to Columbia will enroll in the Journalism School's cornerstone Master of Science program.

To graduate, M.S. students must complete all required courses and pass Reporting & Writing I, the Master's Project, Advanced Reporting & Writing Seminar and Media Workshop. Full-time students complete their requirements as follows:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Reporting &amp; Writing I</li> <li>. Elective</li> <li>. Master's Project</li> <li>. Critical Issues in Journalism</li> <li>. Journalism, the Law and Society</li> <li>. Skills Elective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Advanced Reporting &amp; Writing Seminar</li> <li>. Media Workshop</li> <li>. Master's Project</li> <li>. Elective</li> </ul>



## Columbia-Sciences Po track

### Year 1 at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

Students enroll in the full-time Master of Science program. To graduate, M.S. students must complete all required courses and pass Reporting & Writing I, the Master's Project, Advanced Reporting & Writing Seminar and Media Workshop. Full-time students complete their requirements as follows:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Reporting &amp; Writing I</li> <li>. Elective</li> <li>. Master's Project</li> <li>. Critical Issues in Journalism</li> <li>. Journalism, the Law and Society</li> <li>. Skills Elective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Advanced Reporting &amp; Writing Seminar</li> <li>. Media Workshop</li> <li>. Master's Project</li> <li>. Elective</li> </ul>

### Year 2 at the Sciences Po Journalism School

Columbia students will be invited during the academic year to apply for a second master's degree, to be conferred by Sciences Po after two semesters of study and an internship in Paris.

#### Academic Program

Columbia Journalism School students enroll fulltime at Sciences Po and complete the master's program within one year instead of two. Students must complete some requirements of the core curriculum and have a choice of first and second year courses. They complete a customized academic program, including coursework in such areas as international affairs, French and European history, economics and social

First-year courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Editorial staff meeting courses</li> <li>. Lecture courses on political life, justice, economics, etc.</li> <li>. Professional workshops (TV, print journalism, digital journalism, radio)</li> <li>. Workshops: news agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>writing skills, writing in English, Anglo-Saxon journalistic standards</li> <li>. Diction lessons</li> <li>. Master classes with personalities from the media world</li> </ul>

#### Second-year courses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Concentration courses (print journalism, radio or television)</li> <li>. Interview procedures and presentation</li> <li>. Writing workshops</li> <li>. Reporting and investigation courses</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Specific workshops (multimedia writing; immigration: a comparative perspective - France/United States; narrative writing; blog workshop about the French suburbs)</li> </ul> |
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dynamics, as well as a part-time internship with a Paris-based news or media organizations. Sciences Po's journalism school oversees the internship placements.

#### Foreign languages

Students can take an elective foreign language course.

#### Internship

Students spending Year 2 at Sciences Po are required to complete either an 8-month credit-bearing internship or two 4-month internships at a Paris-based news organization during their period of study.

Students will receive an internship contract ("convention de stage") from Sciences Po's career services office that will certify their professional activity. They may receive compensation for their internships, which will be determined on a case-by-case basis with the employer.

#### Assessment

Students must successfully complete their courses and internship during the academic year at Sciences Po to obtain their master's degree. Students who fail to complete the minimum credit and course requirements will be asked to complete them during an additional semester at Sciences Po.

#### Academic calendar

The academic year at the Sciences Po Journalism School typically runs from September to February (2 seven-week modules) and from February to the end of May (2 seven week-modules).

Dual degree students can participate and the orientation program offered in September.

## How to apply ?

Applicants who would like to spend the first year at Columbia and the second year at Sciences Po must be enrolled in the M.S. program at the Columbia Journalism School in order to be considered. Applicants who would like to spend the first year at Sciences Po and the second year

at Columbia must be enrolled at the Sciences Po Journalism School and apply to Columbia during their academic year. Up to 10 students each year, five from each school, will be selected. All dual degree applicants are selected by a joint committee from each institution.



## Calendar

The first group of 10 (5 from each school) students will be selected during the 2008-2009 academic year and will begin their studies in the fall 2009.

## Eligibility

Applicants should:

- Hold an undergraduate diploma (minimum 6 semesters) or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, irrespective of their area of studies, university or country of origin.
- Demonstrate an excellent proficiency in French and English by taking one of the following tests:

– **Sciences Po requirement for non-native French speakers:** Level 5 on the Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF) (500 points), which is administered by the French Ministry of Education or Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) for French. Applicants must submit scores from one of these tests or provide a French Baccalauréat or any other diploma in French demonstrating a good level of French<sup>(1)</sup>;

– **Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism requirement for non-native English speakers:** Either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required. Required TOEFL scores are 650 on the paper-based test, 280 on the computer-based test, or 114 on the Internet-based test. Information about registering for the TOEFL is available at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). Alternatively, a score of 8.5 on the IELTS is required.

Information about registering for the IELTS is available at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

## Application process

### Year 1 in Paris, Year 2 in New York

Sciences Po journalism students should apply for the dual degree program through the Columbia Journalism School's admission process. The on-line application will be available on October 1 at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=col-jour>. All applications must be submitted online by November 17 and all supporting documents must be received by December 1.

### Year 1 in New York, Year 2 in Paris

Online admissions for Sciences Po will open in October 2008 (see [www.sciences-po.fr](http://www.sciences-po.fr))

All applications must be submitted by December 8, 2008. Students who wish to apply for the Eiffel scholarship have to submit their application by November 17, 2008.

## Application procedure

Applications will be reviewed mid-December by a joint Admissions Board comprised of representatives from Columbia and Sciences Po. Successful applicants will be notified by email and on the universities' websites at the beginning of January.

*NB: This application is specific to the dual degree program and is not transferable to other programs at either institution. Students who wish to be considered for admission to other Columbia or Sciences Po programs must fulfill all relevant application requirements for those programs.*

# Cost of attendance

## Tuition and fees

Students must pay the tuition fees applicable in the host institution. Here is a tentative budget for the two years of the program.

### Sciences Po

#### Tuition and fees at Sciences Po

- Tuition fees for EU citizens in 2007-2008: from 530 to 5,300 € (according to financial situation)
- For non-EU citizens: 5 300 € in 2007-2008
- Social security 189 €
- Mandatory medical examination 4 €

- Additional insurance coverage 300 €
- Total tuition and fees (maximum) 5,793 €

#### Living costs in Paris

- Rent (600 €/month x 9) including utilities 5,400 €
- Food (200 €/month x 9) 1,800 €
- Local Transportation (50 €/month x 9) 450 €
- International Flight 800 €
- Personal Expenses (150 €/month x 9) 1,350 €
- Total living costs 9,800 €

**Estimated cost for the year at Sciences Po: 15 593 €**

For more details: [http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/droits\\_scolaire/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/droits_scolaire/index.htm)

<sup>(1)</sup>If you have been educated in a French speaking high school, you must attach a copy of your high school diploma. List of French-speaking countries: Andorra, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada (Quebec), Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Republic of Guinea, Luxembourg, Mali, Monaco, Niger, Saint Lucia, Senegal, French-speaking Switzerland, Chad, Togo



## Columbia University

### Estimated Full-Time Master of Science Tuition and Fees 2008-2009 — 10 months

– Tuition	\$41,454
– Fees (including Health Service, Standard Medical Insurance, University, Transcript and Tech Fees)	\$3,328
– Living	\$14,400
– Personal	\$3,285
– Books	\$2,000
– Commuting	\$900

**Estimated cost for the year at Columbia: \$65,367**

## Financial aid

Dual degree students are eligible to the same scholarship aid as other students at the institution where they are enrolled.

### Financial aid at Sciences Po

Dual degree students are eligible for the same financial aid as other Sciences Po students during Year 1. Sciences Po offers several fellowship opportunities to French, EU and international students. For a detailed description of financial aid offered at Sciences Po, please go to:

[www.international.sciencespo.fr/practical\\_info/bourses/index\\_fr.html](http://www.international.sciencespo.fr/practical_info/bourses/index_fr.html)

## Contacts and useful links

### At Sciences Po

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#### Useful links:

Sciences Po website  
[www.sciences-po.fr](http://www.sciences-po.fr)

School of Journalism at Sciences Po:  
<http://www.journalisme.sciences-po.fr>

Center for the Americas website  
<http://americancenter.sciences-po.fr>

Information for prospective master's students at Sciences Po:  
*All students:* <http://www.sciences-po.fr>  
*International students:* [http://international.sciences-po.fr/prospectivestudents/graduate/graduate\\_all\\_fr.html](http://international.sciences-po.fr/prospectivestudents/graduate/graduate_all_fr.html)

## Scholarship and financial aid at Columbia

The Graduate School of Journalism School offers approximately \$4.4 million annually in fellowships and scholarships to students who demonstrate excellent academic achievement, financial need and exceptional promise for leading careers in journalism. The Journalism School offers several fellowships that provide significant financial aid (usually at least half-tuition,) as well as numerous scholarship awards. Applicants should apply for Columbia Graduate School of Journalism scholarship aid on-line by February 15, 2009 at:

<https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=col-jour>

Detailed scholarship information may be found at:

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/scholarships>

### External grants and fellowships

For a list of external grants and fellowships for Sciences Po students, please go to:

[http://international.sciences-po.fr/practical\\_info/bourses/index\\_fr.html](http://international.sciences-po.fr/practical_info/bourses/index_fr.html)

For a list of external grants and scholarships for Columbia students, please go to:

[http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/more\\_scholarships](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/more_scholarships)

### At Columbia

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#### Useful links:

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism  
[www.journalism.columbia.edu](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu)

Columbia University website  
[www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu)

Alliance program website  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance/>