



# **Sciences Po - SIPA Dual Degree in International Affairs**

*Master in International Affairs (Sciences Po)  
Master in International Affairs (SIPA, Columbia)*

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## SCIENCES PO AND SIPA: TWO WORLD CLASS INSTITUTIONS



### SCIENCES PO AT A GLANCE

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 top-level research university in the social sciences, offering a wide and varied curriculum, drawing on academics and experts in such fields as political science, international relations, sociology, law, and economics. Scholars as well as professionals from the business world and public administration comprise Sciences Po's distinguished faculty.

Located in the heart of Paris, Sciences Po is a symbol of excellence and attracts outstanding students from all over the world. With more than 300 partner universities worldwide and 30% of international students, Sciences Po has become a truly international institution.

Innovation and creativity in research and education have always been a driving force at Sciences Po. Through its multidisciplinary programs, Sciences Po delivers a solid methodological training and provides students with the tools to deal with complexity. Besides, Sciences Po's education constantly encourages bold intellectual attitudes and mutual respect and consideration.

Among the 12 professional Master's programs, the Master of International Affairs gathers a very diverse student body, in terms of academic as well as cultural backgrounds, with more than 50% international students.

The Master offers several dual degree programs in international affairs with prestigious academic partners such as SIPA-Columbia (NYC, USA), the LSE (London, UK), the Bocconi (Milan, Italy), MGIMO (Moscow, Russia).



### SIPA AT A GLANCE

The world's most global public policy school, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs provides its students with the skills and knowledge to pursue distinguished careers in government, business, media, non-profit organizations, NGOs, and international organizations.

Its faculty, students, and alumni are committed to enhancing the public good—providing social services, supporting human rights, building markets, protecting the environment, and resolving conflicts.

SIPA students are an extraordinary group from a variety of backgrounds, who are united by their energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to making a difference in the world.

Today half of SIPA's nearly 1,200 students are international, coming from one hundred countries.

They are enrolled either in one of the traditional two-year programs, or in one of several other programs, such as dual degree programs with international schools, including the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).

From Wall Street to Harlem, from City Hall to the United Nations, and from environmental science to Latin American studies, SIPA continues to build on and contribute to the policies and practices that shape global communities.

## A HIGH STANDARD PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Sciences Po and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) share the conviction that the best education for future policy experts and senior decision-makers in international affairs is the product of the combination of a solid multidisciplinary base in social sciences and an in-depth specialization.

Building on the complementary approaches of two prestigious institutions with rich and diverse academic traditions, Sciences Po and SIPA, both members of the Association of Professional School of International Affairs (APSIA), decided in 2000 to combine their strengths and offer a dual Master's degree program in International Affairs.

Since 2000, more than 80 students have graduated from the Sciences Po/SIPA dual degree in International Affairs. Dual degree alumni are currently working in Paris, New York, London, Geneva, Copenhagen, Pristina or Sao Paulo, within institutions as various as Goldman Sachs, the World Bank, Doctors without Borders, the European Commission, Air France or Bloomberg LP.

### **In 2008, SIPA and Sciences Po launched a redesigned Dual Master's degree program in International Affairs open to all candidates worldwide.**



**Fredrik Wesslau, '03**

Strategic policy unit mission in Kosovo. *Finally, there are worse places to live than Paris and New York!*" UN

*"The dual degree was for me an intense experience in two wonderfully exciting intellectual settings. I greatly appreciated the flexibility of the programme. There was scope to venture beyond my specialisation in international organisations and take classes such as film studies and urban history.*

*What makes this degree exceptional however are the students. I don't think I'll ever again be surrounded by such a large group of dedicated and fascinating individuals, who have all realised that life is short and there's much to be done before it's over.*

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Dual Master's degree program in International Affairs is a two-year full time Master's Program, taught in both French and English. Spanning a wide range of disciplines, this program offers core courses in international relations, economics, and management and a large number of concentrations.

The curriculum blends international relations expertise and professional skills courses. It is designed to offer advanced education in the area of international affairs and to give students the opportunity to develop a top-level career in the private, public or non-profit sectors.

The Dual Master's degree program in International Affairs is a highly selective program: only 15 students will be selected each year, among applications received worldwide. All students will spend their first year at Sciences Po, and their second year at

SIPA. After two years of study, and provided credits have been completed in both institutions, students will receive both Sciences Po and SIPA Master's degree of International Affairs.

The faculty involved in this program is comprised of internationally renowned academics and practitioners. By joining both the Columbia and Sciences Po communities, dual degree students will be able to benefit from the exceptionally stimulating intellectual environment of both institutions, and to extend their networks and opportunities to both sides of the Atlantic.

They will be able to benefit from all resources and services (libraries, events, career services etc.) of both institutions during the full time of the program.

## YEAR 1 AT SCIENCES PO

**During the first year of the Dual Degree, students join one of the five tracks of Sciences Po's Master of International Affairs or Master in Finance and Strategy:**

- Politique Economique Internationale (MIA)
- Sécurité Internationale (MIA)
- Environnement, Développement Durable et Risques (MIA)
- Management Public International (MIA)
- International Business (MFS)

Each student will meet with the MIA academic advisor at Sciences Po before classes start in order to discuss his/her first-year curriculum. Some changes will be made within each of these tracks to allow students to be best prepared for the concentration they have chosen at SIPA.

For more information about these tracks:

[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/mentions/affaires\\_internationales/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/mentions/affaires_internationales/index.htm)  
[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/mentions/enseignements\\_finance/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/mentions/enseignements_finance/index.htm)

### Core courses

Students with sufficient background in economics HAVE TO take either "Guerre et paix" or "Sociologie des relations internationales" AND "Economie" over their year at Sciences Po (one class each semester).

Students with no background in economics HAVE TO take "Initiation à l'économie" AND "Guerre et paix" or "Sociologie des relations internationales" during the first semester, AND "Economie" during the second semester.

ALL students will have to take "Méthodes quantitatives". For detailed descriptions of core courses at Sciences Po: [http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/tronc\\_commun.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/tronc_commun.htm)

### Courses and electives

Students have to complete required courses and electives related to their chosen track.

For detailed descriptions of courses within each track:

[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/mentions/affaires\\_internationales/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/mentions/affaires_internationales/index.htm)  
[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/mentions/enseignements\\_finance/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/mentions/enseignements_finance/index.htm)

### Languages

All students (except native speakers and students coming from a French or English-speaking higher education institution) must take a language test in French and/or English at Sciences Po. If they do not reach the required level in French and/or English, they must take an advanced French and/or an English class at Sciences Po. They also have the option to take a foreign language class other than French or English.

### Assessment

Students will have to complete at least 50 ECTS credits during their year at Sciences Po. Students who will not complete the required number of credits over the year will be asked to take extra courses in order to fulfil credit requirements.

### Degree

Students will receive Sciences Po's Master's degree of international affairs after completing their two years of studies and all requirements at the two institutions. A specific concentration can appear on their Master's degree according to the courses completed at SIPA.

### Academic calendar

The academic year at Sciences Po typically runs from October to February and from March to June (two 14-week semesters). Dual degree students have to attend the "Orientation Program" at Sciences Po from the beginning of September until the start of classes in early October. For more information about the academic calendar: <http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/calendriers.htm>

## YEAR 2 AT SIPA

Students can either follow one of the six policy concentration options:

- Economic and Political Development (EPD)
- Energy and Environment (EEP)
- Human Rights (HR)
- International Finance and Economic Policy (IFEP)
- International Security Policy (ISP)
- Urban and Social Policy

<http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/index.html>

Students also choose one specialization to pair with their concentration:

- Advanced Policy And Economic Analysis
- Applied Science
- Communications and Media
- International Organization
- Management
- Regional Specialization: Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, The Middle East, Russia, Eurasia and Eastern Europe, Southern Asia, United States

### Core curriculum

Students have to complete all requirements of the core curriculum of the MIA in addition to the core requirements of the Sciences Po MIA. Most of these requirements will be satisfied through courses taken during their first year of study at Sciences Po.

[http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree\\_programs/mia/curriculum.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree_programs/mia/curriculum.html)

### Courses and electives

Students have to choose courses and electives in order to complete their chosen concentration. Students should be aware that most SIPA concentrations have prerequisites that should be completed during the first year at Sciences Po. Students who do not complete the concentration prerequisites during the first year will have a difficult time fulfilling all requirements for a concentration in their second year. Students can enrol in a limited number of classes in all Columbia departments, including the Business and Law schools and the School of Public Health.

<http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/courses/index.html>

### Foreign languages

All dual degree students automatically meet their language proficiency requirement by their admission into the program. Any language courses taken at the intermediate level can count as electives.

### Internship

Students are required to complete at least one internship during their period of study, either at Sciences Po or SIPA, or during the summer in between. The internship must be at least 120 hours, and will be credited by SIPA.

### Assessment

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits during their year at SIPA. Students failing to complete the number of credits and other requirements will be asked to take extra courses to fulfil their requirements by remaining an extra semester at Columbia.

### Degree

Students will receive the Master's degree in International Affairs from SIPA after completing their two years of studies and all their requirements at the two institutions.

### Academic calendar

The academic year at SIPA typically runs from September to December and from January to May.

For more details: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/registrar/docs/students/academic-calendar/index.html>

## HOW TO APPLY?

15 students each year will be selected worldwide to be part of the SIPA/Sciences Po MIA dual degree. Applicants do not have to be enrolled at SIPA or at Sciences Po to apply to the dual degree program.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

- Hold an undergraduate diploma (6 semesters) or the equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree, irrespective of their area of studies, university or country of origin.
- Demonstrate an excellent proficiency in French and English.

For non native speakers:

-Level 5 at the TCF (500 points) or DALF (C1 or C2) for French. Students must take one of these tests for their application to the dual degree, or provide a French *Baccalauréat* or any other diploma in French demonstrating a good level of French;

*If you have been educated in a French speaking high school, you must attach a copy of your high school diploma. List of states considered French speaking : Andorre, Belgique, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Canada (francophone : Québec), Centrafrique, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinée, Luxembourg, Mali, Monaco, Niger, Sainte Lucie, Sénégal, Suisse francophone, Tchad, Togo.*

-260 (or 100) TOEFL or IELTS 7, or any other diploma demonstrating an excellent proficiency in English.

- Students applying for this dual degree program typically have prior professional experience (jobs or internships), an academic background in economics and/or social sciences, and quantitative skills.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates should apply through the Sciences Po online international admissions process. To apply online, please go to: <http://sciencespo.topapply.com> Online admissions open in October. All completed application materials must be submitted online by **February 1st 2009**. Applications will be reviewed by a joint Admissions Board comprised of representatives from SIPA and Sciences Po.

Successful applicants will be notified by email and mail.

ALL selected applicants will spend their first academic year at Sciences Po (2009-2010) and their second academic year at SIPA (2010-2011).

*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 SIPA or Sciences Po programs must fulfil all relevant application requirements for those programs.*

## COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL AID

### TUITION AND FEES

Students must pay the tuition fees applicable in their host institution (Sciences Po for Year 1 and SIPA for Year 2). Here is a tentative budget for the two years of the program.

#### Year 1: Tuition, fees and living costs

##### Tuition and fees at Sciences Po

- MIA tuition for EU citizens in 2008-2009: from 530 to 5,300€ in (according to financial situation)  
For non-EU citizens: 5,300€ in 2008-2009 For more details:  
[www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/droits\\_scolaire\\_gb](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/droits_scolaire_gb)
  - Social security (mandatory for students between 20-28 years old): 195€
  - Mandatory medical examination for students registering for the first time in a French higher education institution: 4€
  - It is recommended (but optional) for students to get extra insurance coverage (*mutuelle*): 300 €
- = Total tuition and fees (maximum): 5,800€

##### Living cost 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 cost: 9,800 €

ESTIMATED COST FOR YEAR 1: 15,600 €

#### Year 2: Tuition, fees and living costs

##### Tuition and fees at SIPA - US\$

	Fall 2008	Spring 2009	Total
Tuition	18,382	18,382	36,764
Medical Insurance	591	907	1,498
Health Services Fee	387	387	774
University Facilities Fee	288	288	576
Computer Fee	155	155	310
Other Fees	180	85	265
Total Tuition and Fees	19,983	20,204	40,187
Total Living Cost in NYC	9,408	11,573	20,981

ESTIMATED COST FOR YEAR 2: 61,168 US\$

## FINANCIAL AID

Dual degree students are eligible to the same financial aid as other students in the institution where they are enrolled (at Sciences Po for Year 1, and at SIPA for Year 2) .

However, financial aid at Sciences Po and SIPA is limited and WILL NOT cover the total cost of the dual degree program. Students are therefore strongly encouraged to also look for external grants and fellowships.

### Year 1: Financial aid at Sciences Po

Students are eligible for the same financial aid as other Sciences Po students during Year 1. Sciences Po offers a wide range of merit-based and need-based scholarships to French, EU and international students.

For a detailed description of all financial aid offered at Sciences Po, please go to:  
[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/aide\\_sociale/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/inscriptions/aide_sociale/index.htm)

### Year 2: Financial aid at SIPA

SIPA has a limited amount of funding available for dual degree students. Students should consider every option available in order to fully budget for their studies at SIPA, including taking out private loans as well as government-sponsored ones.

For more information about financial aid at SIPA:

[http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources\\_services/financial\\_aid/index.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/financial_aid/index.html)

### Important information about student loans

In order to apply for student loans, students have a variety of options: French citizens are eligible for French-based loans; US citizens may take out American federal loans from either SIPA or Sciences Po but not both; international students may take out private loans by contacting SIPA financial aid. For more information: [www.centredesameriques.com](http://www.centredesameriques.com) and <http://sipa.columbia.edu>

Under no circumstances may the student take out loans on behalf of both institutions.

### Funding available for the Sciences Po/SIPA dual degree program

#### Grants and fellowships

For an indicative list of possible grants and fellowships (such as Boutmy or Eiffel Scholarships, Fullbright program, Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, Interschool Fellowship Competition...), 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)  
[http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources\\_services/financial\\_aid/external\\_grants.pdf](http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/financial_aid/external_grants.pdf)

#### The BNP Paribas scholarship

The Alliance Program was launched in 2002 as a joint venture between Columbia University, Sciences Po, the Ecole Polytechnique and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. Its mission is to foster French and American cultural understanding, by supporting scientific and technological exchanges in higher education.

The Alliance Program-BNP Paribas scholarships are dedicated to support students from Columbia University, Sciences Po and the Ecole Polytechnique pursuing the following master degree programs in finance:

- Sciences Po-SIPA Master in International Affairs (with a concentration in International Business only)
- The Ecole Polytechnique-Columbia University Master in Mathematics of Finance

For more information: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance/>

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#### Useful links:

Sciences Po website

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

Center for the Americas' website

[www.centredesameriques.fr](http://www.centredesameriques.fr)

Master of International Affairs at Sciences Po:

[http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master\\_scpo/mentions/affaires\\_internationales/index.htm](http://www.sciences-po.fr/formation/master_scpo/mentions/affaires_internationales/index.htm)

Information for prospective Master 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)

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SIPA website

<http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/>

Master of International affairs at SIPA:

[http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree\\_programs/mia/index.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree_programs/mia/index.html)

Information for prospective students at SIPA:

[http://sipa.columbia.edu/prospective\\_students/index.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/prospective_students/index.html)

Alliance program website

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance/>