

The Joint 5-year BA/MA Program

Program Description

International mobility and an overseas experience have become invaluable assets for all young graduates starting a career. Building on a decade of a strong partnership between the two schools, the “Columbia University/Barnard College - Sciences Po 5-year BA/MA Program” allows selected undergraduate students from Columbia University to pursue an intensive transatlantic program in Public and International Affairs and obtain the Diplôme from Sciences Po. The Program includes three years of study at Columbia and two years of study in Paris, at Sciences-Po. Upon completion of the joint program, students obtain both the Bachelor’s Degree awarded by Columbia University and the Master’s Degree awarded by Sciences Po, otherwise known as “Le Diplôme”.

This joint program, referred to as the 5-year BA/MA program, is aimed principally at students specializing in the social sciences and public and international affairs who would like to develop their intellectual and professional capabilities from a cross-cultural and transatlantic perspective. It is also open to students interested in academic and research-oriented careers. This dual training and double credential offers unique access to Europe, the Francophone world, and to the field of international and public affairs in general.

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- Please contact Sciences Po representative and SIPA professor Vanessa Scherrer (vcs2002@columbia.edu) with specific questions about the Sciences Po curricula.
 - For application questions, please contact Lindsey Schram (ls2553@columbia.edu) in the Office of Global Programs.

Eligibility

The BA/MA Program is open to students at Columbia College, the School of General Studies and Barnard College in all majors and specializations, as long as the joint selection committee determines that they have the appropriate prerequisites for admission.

Candidates need to meet the following minimum criteria by the end of their junior year to be considered for admission to the Program:

- A record of strong academic performance
- Completion of at least 3 years of college level French
- Completion of all College Core requirements
- Completion of a concentration (for Barnard students: almost all major requirements before the senior year)
- Completion of 92/93 points

General Studies students should meet with the GS advisor for study abroad to determine if they meet GS eligibility requirements for this program. Barnard students should meet with the Dean of Study Abroad at Barnard.

Application and Admission Process and Timeline

Students first apply to the joint BA/MA Program during the second semester of their sophomore year. Applications are available through the Office of Global Programs at Columbia.

A joint selection committee composed of representatives from both universities decides upon the pre-admission to the Program. The application process includes a review of the applicant's academic file, BA/MA application, and an interview with the jury in both English and French. The selection committee may make final admission to the BA/MA Program contingent on maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the junior year, attaining a minimum level of French language, or meeting program-specific prerequisites by the end of the junior year. French proficiency is assessed by the French Department at CU or Barnard (for the selection in the sophomore year), in coordination with Sciences Po. Students must also pass the DALF C2 exam before the spring of their junior year in order to be fully admitted to the program. Instructions about this exam will be given during the interview.

Final admission to the program is granted in the spring of the junior year after candidates are interviewed a second time by the selection committee. During this second interview, it is expected that students will be able to demonstrate that they have met any conditions outlined by the committee and that they now meet all prerequisites for their chosen Master's program at Sciences Po. Upon final acceptance by the committee, students must complete an online application for admission to Sciences Po during the spring of their junior

year. They apply according to the standard Sciences Po admissions process and schedule, although at a reduced fee of 50 Euros. They will receive their letter of admission at the same time as other international students applying to Sciences Po which will usually be late in the spring semester of their junior year.

Application Timeline

Semester	Activity
<i>Sophomore Fall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial advising
<i>Sophomore Spring</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application submission to Columbia Office of Global Programs • Review of student academic record, BA/MA application by selection committee • Initial interview by selection committee • Provisional admission for qualified candidates • Advising by selection committee about what needs to be completed in junior year
<i>Junior Fall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take DALF exam and continue required coursework • Students submit current transcript and schedule for committee review. • CC students submit Study Abroad Clearance
<i>Junior Spring</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second selection committee interview • Finalizing of admission • Completion of online application at Sciences Po • Letter of admission received by student

Program Curriculum

Junior year: Students admitted to the BA/MA program spend their junior year at CU/Barnard. They carefully choose their courses in agreement with their adviser, in line with the major they pursue at CU/Barnard and in line with the prerequisites they need for admission to their chosen Master's program at Sciences Po.

NOTE: All students must adhere to the study abroad guidelines set by their school. In general, this means that all students should take a French course during the spring semester of their junior year.

Senior year: During their senior year students remain enrolled at CU/Barnard but study at Sciences Po as Master's students in their first year. As Columbia-enrolled students, they continue to pay CU/Barnard tuition and to receive Financial Aid. They do not pay tuition at Sciences Po.

During the month of September and early October, students are required to attend the 2 week intensive orientation program offered by Sciences Po for international students. The cost of the orientation is covered by CU/Barnard, but students are responsible for paying for housing during this period. The credits earned at Sciences Po during the senior year are transferred back to CU/Barnard according to CU/Barnard rules. BA/MA students are expected to obtain their Bachelor's degree at the end of their senior year.

NOTE: While at Sciences Po, some curriculum requirements may apply to graduate from Columbia. For instance, Barnard political science majors should fulfill their senior thesis requirement at Sciences Po.

Final year: During their second year at Sciences Po, students are not enrolled at CU anymore; they carry on their course of studies at Sciences Po towards the Master's degree as any other regularly registered Sciences Po student. They pay Sciences Po tuition.

Main areas of concentration in the “Master de Sciences Po” available to BA/MA students

Please find below a list of Master's programs for the current year, as of February 2010. Sciences Po may update this list on a yearly basis if needed.

Mention Affaires publiques

Mention Affaires internationales

Mention Carrières judiciaires et juridiques

Mention Droit économique

Mention Marketing et Etudes, Ecole de la Communication

Mention Finance et stratégie

Mention Gestion des ressources humaines

Mention Stratégies territoriales et urbaines

Mention Management de la culture et des médias

Mention Affaires Européennes

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