

# Columbia University - Sciences Po PhD Partnership in Political Science



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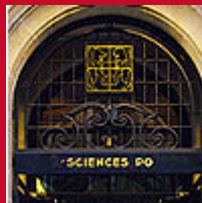




The dual degree PhD program in Political Science between Columbia University and Sciences Po is the first one of its kind between the two institutions. Building on a decade of strong existing collaboration between our two institutions through the Alliance Program, this dual degree furthers our mission to extend our global engagement by supporting the international training and scholarly approach of a new generation of political scientists.

This dual degree program allows students to spend two years at the partner institution, during which students take courses, conduct research, write a dissertation under the direction of a joint Columbia-Sciences Po dissertation committee, and eventually become eligible to receive the PhD degrees of both institutions.

Students will be granted unique opportunities to broaden and deepen their knowledge of their discipline in an international intellectual environment and pursue their doctoral research under the supervision of joint faculty teams of the highest academic quality.



## Eligibility

The program is open to students currently enrolled in the PhD programs of Political Science at Columbia University or Sciences Po. Application are open to students enrolled in the third year of their doctoral studies (i.e., after receipt of the Masters Degree and the first year of PhD studies for Sciences Po students).

## Curriculum

*At the home institution:* In addition to the regular requirements of all PhD students at their home institution, dual degree students who are selected for the program are eligible to leave for the partner institution provided they have completed all additional pre-requirements related to the dual degree track. These pre-requirements include:

- > successful defense their dissertation proposal at the home institution before departure for the host institution,
- > serving as a teaching assistant for two semesters (with exceptions for students who have secured outside funding).

Some course waivers may also apply to dual degree students prior to departure for the host institution.

*At the host institution:* Requirements that dual degree students will need to have met to be eligible to a PhD degree in Political Science from both institutions include:

- > taking four courses at the partner institution, including one field survey course and one course in methodology,
- > passing these courses with honors (for Columbia students at Sciences Po) or passing the qualifying exam in their major field (for Sciences Po students at Columbia),
- > presentation of a research paper to the department of the host institution,
- > defending their dissertation with a joint Columbia – Sciences Po committee, including a 100 page summary of their dissertation in English (for Sciences Po students) or French (for Columbia students).

## Selection Process

The committee at the home institution will rank applications and the committee at the host institution will take the final decision.

## Contacts

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## Links

More information about Columbia University at [www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu)

More information about Sciences Po at [www.sciences-po.fr](http://www.sciences-po.fr)

More information about the Alliance Program available at [www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance)