



SCIENCES PO – COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S SIPA

DUAL MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Master's in International Affairs
Master's in International Business
Sciences Po Paris**

**Master's in International Affairs
School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)
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SCIENCES PO AND SIPA: TWO WORLD CLASS INSTITUTIONS



SciencesPo. 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 and 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 13 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

For more than 60 years, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs has been empowering leaders to serve the global public interest. Through rigorous social science research and hands-on practice, SIPA's graduates and faculty work to improve social services, advocate for human rights, strengthen markets, protect the environment, and secure peace in their home communities and around the world.

The world's most global public policy school, SIPA draws its strengths both locally and internationally from the resources of New York City, from New York-based Columbia University and its expanding reach worldwide, and from SIPA's network of 14,000 graduates working and living in more than 150 countries. Half of SIPA's present student body hails from outside the United States, calling 100 other countries "home."

SIPA students enroll in one of the traditional two-year programs, in our executive program in public administration, or in one of several dual-degree programs with other Columbia Schools or with international schools such as the FGV-EAESP, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Sciences Po Paris. From Wall Street to Harlem, from City Hall to the United Nations, and from environmental science to Latin American studies, SIPA continues its leadership in shaping 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 the 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 Schools 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 100 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 varied 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.



"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. Finally, there are worse places to live than Paris and New York!"- Fredrik Wesslau, '03, UN Mission in Kosovo.

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: between 15 and 20 students will be selected each year from applicants 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 Master's degrees from both Sciences Po and SIPA.

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 during the duration of the program, and as alumni, 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 either the **Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA)** or the **Master's in Finance and Strategy (MFS)**.

The following **specializations** were offered during the academic year 2010-2011:

- Master Sécurité internationale
- Master Politique économique internationale
- Master Management public international
- Master Environnement, développement durable et risques
- Master Finance et stratégie / International Business

For more information:

- Paris School of International Affairs
<http://master.sciences-po.fr/fr/content/master-affaires-internationales>
- Master Finance and Strategy
<http://master.sciences-po.fr/fr/content/finance-strategie>

Requisites for the Master's program

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

- Paris School of International Affairs
<http://master.sciences-po.fr/fr/content/master-affaires-internationales>
- Master Finance and Strategy
<http://master.sciences-po.fr/fr/content/finance-strategie>

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 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.

Degree

Students will receive Sciences Po's Master's degree in International Affairs or Finance and strategy 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 2010-2011 academic calendar at Sciences Po ran from the beginning of September to mid-January (fall semester) and from the end of January to the end of May (spring semester). Dual degree students may attend the "Welcome Program" at Sciences Po before the beginning of courses.

For more information about the academic calendar:

<http://admissions.sciences-po.fr/en/calendars>

For more information about the Welcome Program:

<http://www.international.sciences-po.fr/en/welcome-program>

YEAR 2 AT SIPA

Policy Concentrations

All students choose **one** concentration consisting of 5 courses and a workshop: a policy field in which they wish to focus their studies at SIPA.

- [Economic and Political Development](#) (EPD)
- [Energy and Environment](#) (EE)
- [Human Rights](#) (HR)
- [International Finance and Economic Policy](#) (IFEP)
- [International Security Policy](#) (ISP)
- [Urban and Social Policy](#) (USP)

Specializations

All students also choose **one** specialization consisting of 3 courses: a skill or area of specialized knowledge to pair with their policy concentration.

- [Regional Specialization: Africa, East Asia, East Central Europe, Europe, Latin America, The Middle East, Russia, Southern Asia, United States](#)
- [Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis](#) (APEA)
- [Applied Science](#) (AS)
- [International Conflict Resolution](#) (ICRS)
- [International Media, Advocacy and Communications](#) (IMAC)
- [International Organizations](#) (IO)
- [Management](#)

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 PSIA or MFS. Most of these requirements will be satisfied through courses taken during their first year of study at Sciences Po.

More information about the core curriculum:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree_programs/mia/curriculum.html

Internship

Students must complete an internship consisting of a minimum of 120 hours of work any time during their 2 years of study of the summer in between.

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.

More information: <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.

Assessment

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits during their year at SIPA, and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above. 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://registrar.columbia.edu/academic-calendar/3>

HOW TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY

Each year, between 15 to 20 students will be selected worldwide to be part of the SIPA/Sciences Po dual degree. Applicants do not have to be enrolled at SIPA or at Sciences Po to apply to the dual degree program.

Applicants need to:

- Hold an undergraduate diploma, irrespective of their area of studies, university or country of origin.
- Demonstrate an excellent proficiency in French and in English.

ALL selected applicants will spend their first academic year at Sciences Po (2011-2012) and their second academic year at SIPA (2012-2013).

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.

Successful applicants will be notified by email and mail.

For more information about the language requirements: <http://admissions.sciences-po.fr/en/node/229>

- 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

Online admissions open in October. All application materials must be submitted online by **February 2nd 2011**. Applications will be reviewed by a joint Admissions Board comprised of representatives from SIPA and Sciences Po.

More information: <http://admissions.sciences-po.fr/>

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 in 2010-2011 (€)

- PSIA/MFS tuition fees
 - For students whose tax residence is in the European Union: from 0 to 12 500 € (depending on total declared income)
 - For students whose tax residence is not in the European Union: 12 500 €
- For more details: <http://admissions.sciences-po.fr/en/financial-tuition>
- Social security (mandatory for students between 20-28 years old): 200 €
- Mandatory medical examination for students registering for the first time in a French higher education institution: 4 €
- It is recommended for students to get extra insurance coverage (*mutuelle*): 300 €

= Total tuition and fees (maximum): 13 004 €

Living cost in Paris in 2010-2011

- Rent: (600 €/month x 9) including utilities: 5 400 €
- Food: (200€/month x 9): 1 800 €
- Local Transportation (50/month x 9): 450 €
- Personal Expenses (100/month x 9): 900 €

= Total living cost: 8 550 €

ESTIMATED COST FOR YEAR 1: 21 554 €

Year 2: Tuition, fees and living costs

Tuition and fees at SIPA in 2010-2011 (US\$)

Tuition International Affairs	39,842
Medical Insurance	1,706
Health Service	804
University Facilities	926
Computer Lab	320
Transcript Fee	95
International Student Fee	100
Student Activity	100
Total Tuition & Fees	43,893

Living Cost

Room/Board	15,322
Books	1,500
Personal	3,469
Transportation	900
Loan Origination Fees	2,796
Total Living Cost	23,987
COST OF ATTENDANCE	67,880

Students will be asked to pay for social security in France during their second year at SIPA in order to be registered as a Sciences Po student throughout the program.

ESTIMATED COST FOR YEAR 2: 67,880 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.

More information: 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.

More information: 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: <http://www.americas.sciences-po.fr> 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, Fulbright program, Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, Interschool Fellowship Competition...), please go to: <http://formation.sciences-po.fr/fr/bourses-aides-financieres>
http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/financial_aid/external_grants.pdf

- The BNP Paribas scholarship

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 Finance only)
- The Ecole Polytechnique-Columbia University Master in Mathematics of Finance

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

CONTACTS AND USEFUL LINKS

AT SCIENCES PO

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Useful links

Sciences Po
<http://www.sciences-po.fr/portail/>

Center for the Americas
<http://www.americas.sciences-po.fr>

Admissions
<http://admissions.sciences-po.fr/>

Information for prospective Master' students:
http://international.sciences-po.fr/prospectivestudents/graduate/graduate_all_fr.html

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Master of International affairs:
http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree_programs/mia/index.html

Information for prospective students:
http://sipa.columbia.edu/prospective_students/index.html